

**MINUTES**  
OF THE  
**THIRTY-SIXTH GENERAL CONFERENCE**  
OF THE  
**FREE CHRISTIAN BAPTISTS**  
OF  
**NEW BRUNSWICK,**  
HELD AT  
**SPRINGFIELD, KING'S COUNTY,**  
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**MINUTES AND ANNUAL REPORTS**  
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# MINUTES.

SPRINGFIELD, King's County, }  
July 4th, 1868. }

The thirty sixth Annual Meeting of the Free Christian Baptist General Conference of New Brunswick, met this day, with the Church at Springfield, King's County. In the Conference meeting, which was opened at 10 o'clock, A.M., the presence of the Lord was enjoyed by the people. The attendance was large, and the interest unusually good. Warm hearted, soul stirring exhortations were given by many brethren and sisters who love the Lord and each other. When the time to close came, all appeared to regret that an hour or two more could not be devoted to the delightful exercises of the Conference. These are generally good meetings; but this was more than ordinarily so.

At 2 o'clock, P. M., the Conference was organized. After the Secretary recorded the names of the members of the Conference present, the election of Moderator took place; which was done by ballot, and resulted in the election of Rev. J. T. Parsons, Moderator, and Rev. John Perry, Assistant Moderator.

## Members of General Conference Present:

REV. JOSEPH T. PARSONS, MODERATOR.

REV. JOHN PERRY, ASSISTANT MODERATOR.

REV. C. McMULLIN,

REV. WM. BROWN,

" E. WEYMAN,

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REV. DAVID ORAM.

Delegate from the Maine Central Yearly Meeting of the Free Will Baptists.

REV. SAMUEL McKEOWN.

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{ THOMAS FITZHERBERT,  
WILLIAM McDOUGALL.

SECOND DISTRICT,

WILLIAM WEST.

THIRD DISTRICT,

GEORGE DRAPER.

FOURTH DISTRICT,

{ LEONARD SLIPP,  
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FIFTH DISTRICT,

{ THOMAS O'DONALD,  
GABRIEL VANWART,  
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The Moderator made a few introductory remarks, and called for the Corresponding Secretary's Report; which was read.

## ANNUAL REPORT

*Of the Corresponding Secretary of the F. C. B. General Conference of New Brunswick, for the year ending July 4th, 1868.*

DEAR BRETHREN IN CHRIST—

Another ecclesiastical year has passed, and we are again assembled in an Annual Conference, to review its toils and successes, and to devise plans for enlarged

and aggressive efforts for the future. Many and varied have been the changes of the year; but amidst them all, the Lord has been good to us, and has preserved us from such ravages of death as we passed through the year previous. The lives of all our ministers have been preserved, and the ministry of many of them has been blessed to the salvation of souls. "For this cause, also, thank we God without ceasing." We live in an age of great activities. Energy and progress are amongst its prominent characteristics. Never were natural sciences applied with so great success, and so prolific of good results. Steam and electricity have almost annihilated time and space; and nations which, one century ago, were quite beyond the reach of intercourse and sympathy, have been brought within whispering distance of each other. Thanks be to our God, who is the author of revelation, as well as of science, that progress in the religious world has scarcely been less startling. The tendencies of the age are in favor of a deeper and holier life, and a more active and liberal benevolence; while the bonds of Christian sympathy and co-operation are becoming stronger and stronger. To the friends of Christ, these are cheering harbingers of a brighter day. But while much has been done, vastly more remains to be accomplished—so much so, that it seems but little as yet, after all, has been done. More than eighteen hundred years have elapsed since the Head of the Church gave the commission to His disciples, requiring them to preach the gospel to every creature, and still millions of our fellow-men lie in wickedness and ruin. But the glorious achievements and the many signal triumphs that Christianity has gained, confirm our faith that "the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth," and that it is the one thing needful for the world's proper civilization, and the world's conversion to God. However important we admit other knowledge to be, the knowledge of Christ is all-important. However brightly other lights shine, the brilliancy of the glorious Gospel of Christ eclipses their lustre, and it alone shines transcendently clear. While we hail with delight the increase of wisdom, we remember that "grace and truth came by Jesus Christ," and that no knowledge, wisdom, nor power, but that of Christ and the Gospel, can remove guilt from the sinner's heart, reconcile him to God, and guide his steps heavenward. Here, brethren, we might pause and consider—How far have we been loyal to Christ, true to our professions, and faithful to our opportunities? How much have we done towards the salvation of the souls of our fellow-men? As a denomination, have we cheerfully pursued and steadily advanced in our work? While we are sufficiently conscious of our shortcomings and unfaithfulness to humble us in the dust at the feet of our Master, we have—thanks be to God—some tokens of the Divine favour. He has given us encouragements highly calculated to nerve us on in the glorious mission that lies before us. We have seen some good accomplished. After having enjoyed so much of the blessings of the Gospel in our own souls, and seeing our efforts crowned with success in the salvation of others, shall we now falter? God forbid! In our history, we are in a transition state, and are passing through trials and changes that call for brave and earnest men, who will rally around the standard of the truth, and labor nobly and untiringly for the purity and prosperity of our beloved cause. Brethren, we have a responsible work to perform in our growing country, and never was there greater necessity, on our part, for earnest, prayerful, and self-sacrificing efforts. We must advance. Hesitation now would be fatal. If the means for carrying forward our work are not so efficient or as numerous as we desire, let us do the best we can with what we have. If we seek to render more efficient our present instrumentalities, and earnestly importune the throne of God for assistance, we shall not fail. Our privileges are great, and the service to which the Lord has called us, solemnly important. Our influence as a people is continually increasing; and while these opening doors are multiplying before us, we should remember that our responsibilities are increasing in exact ratio thereto, and that God will help us to perform all the work which He requires from us.

In attempting to give you a synopsis of the labours of our ministry during the year just closed, or to report to you the state of religion in our Churches, I find it difficult—indeed almost impossible—to do so satisfactorily, or with a fullness anything approaching completeness. Nearly all our Districts hold their annual meetings within a few months after the sitting of the General Conference, consequently their reports give an account of a short portion of the year only, leaving me to collect what information I can about the rest of the year

from other sources. From some of the Districts no reports have been received. I may here, however, take the liberty to express a hope that before many more Annual Reports shall have been read in our Conference, this drawback may be remedied. My meagre report shall speak of the several Districts in numerical order.

The *First District* is made up of the Churches farthest up the Saint John river. It extends over a large and flourishing section of the country, but has not received as much labour as the interests of those Churches or the wishes of the people required. Those fields are white already for harvest, and we trust the bold Lord has given us on the hearts of the people, may never become weaker. From the Salmon River in Victoria County, to Peel, in Carleton Co., we have thirteen Churches. Of their membership we have no statistics, but know several of them are small. Only a few of these Churches have had regular or pastoral care during the year. Several brethren have visited them, and some labour has been expended by the Home Mission Society. The Church at Perth experienced some revival under the labours of Rev. A. B. Marsh. The Churches at Andover and the Bishop Neighborhood were strengthened and enlarged under the labours of Rev. J. Shaw, and the brethren Mills and Briggs. Elder McMullin was blessed in his labours in the lower part of the parish of Andover, in Victoria County. A number of souls were converted, and a Church of twenty members organized. A small Church was also organized by Elder McMullin at the Tobique Narrows.

The *Second District* extends from Peel down to the town of Woodstock, and includes twenty-five Churches—one of which was received at the time of the last Annual Meeting. This is a large and influential District. Several of our ministers live and labour amongst its Churches. The Woodstock and Upper Woodstock Churches have had constant pastoral oversight from the Rev. J. T. Parsons. A good interest has been sustained, and several additions have been made during the year. Two of the Wakefield Churches have had the faithful labours and care of the Rev. J. Noble. These are amongst our largest country Churches, and are with regularity maintaining the ordinances of the Gospel, and doing good. The Churches at Presque Isle and Williamstown have been blessed with the ministry of the Rev. G. W. McDonald, and have had a year of prosperity. Others of these Churches have been strengthened, and have had accessions, under the labours of Elders G. W. Orser, C. McMullin, the brethren Mills, and others. Knowlesville, Beckagumac, Peel, and Seventh Tier Churches enjoyed revivals, and were much built up, under the labours of Elder G. T. Hartley, while under the direction of the Home Mission Society. The Beckagumac and Mouth of Beckagumac Churches were revived, under the missionary labours of Elder Marsh. Quite a large proportion of ministerial labour has been devoted to this District, and we think it gives evidence of life and prosperity.

Nine of these Churches are reported to be in favour of adopting the proposed Circuit System; only six, however, state the amounts they will raise for that purpose. These have pledged \$450. Of the others, a part decided against its adoption, and the remainder gave no expression on the question.

The aggregate membership of nineteen of these Churches is ten hundred and eighty-eight. From the others we have no statistics. At its last yearly session, a resolution was passed, recommending each of its Churches to hold a missionary meeting each year, and to collect money for the Mission cause.

The *Third District* includes the Churches from Woodstock to the city of Fredericton, numbering eighteen. Revivals have been enjoyed by several of these Churches, while with others the cause has been low all the year. The Fredericton Church has been under the pastoral care of Rev. W. Downey, and has sustained preaching and other means of grace throughout the year. The Douglas Church has had the labours of Bro. Joseph McLeod nearly the whole year, and has kept up meetings regularly. At Eel River, a good revival was enjoyed, and a Church organized through the missionary labours of Elder White, assisted by others. This new Church has already engaged in the good work of erecting a house for the worship of God. Several additions were made to the Lower Canterbury Church, under the labours of Bro. White. The Churches in Southampton and Queensbury have had the labours of Elders Connor and Curry, and have been blessed with revivals and accessions. Elder Kinghorn and others have extended care, and preached in different places in

this District. Elder McMullin enjoyed some revival in the Cole's Settlement, in York County, where he organized a Church of twenty members. The missionary labours of Bro. Marsh, on the Nashwaak, have resulted in good to the cause in that place.

Four of these Churches are in favour of adopting the Circuit system; six are opposed to it, and the rest are silent on the question. Two of those which are in favour will give \$480. The aggregate membership of twelve of these Churches is six hundred and sixty-one.

The *Fourth District* extends on down the river as far as Upper Hampstead, and has ten Churches. A number of these Churches have had the care and oversight of pastors. The Rev. J. McKenzie spent a portion of the year with the Church on the North Branch of the Oromocto; and the Rev. T. O. DeWitt about all the year with the Church on the South Branch of the Oromocto, where quite a good revival was experienced during the spring. The Rev. J. E. Reud has laboured under a pastoral engagement with the Upper Hampstead Church a part of his time. The Church at Upper Gagetown has had some care and labour from Elder Pennington, and the Lincoln Church had a visit from Elder Marsh. Elder Babcock laboured several weeks in this District. Visits have been made to others of these Churches, but they have not had as much labour as was desirable or really necessary. We think, however, that this District is advancing. At its last Annual Meeting, nine of its Churches were reported; three of them were in favour of the Circuit system—two of which pledged one hundred dollars each; three were against it, and the others gave no expression. The membership reported is eight hundred and fifty-four.

The *Fifth District* embraces about twenty Churches. Twelve of them reported at the last yearly meeting a membership of seven hundred and fifty-eight. Only six took any action on the Circuit system, and of these but two were for its adoption. They pledged \$143. The Churches on the Washademoak Lake were much strengthened by a good revival under the ministry of Elder Pennington, while under the direction of the Home Mission Society, assisted by Elder Reud. The cause in that section of the country is considerably in advance of its state one year since. Brother Pennington has spent several months of the year thereabouts. The Churches in Kars have prospered under the vigilant care of Elder Vanwart, and are in quite an efficient state.

Hampstead and Greenwich Churches have been under the pastoral care of Elder Reud, whose constant and zealous labours have been much blessed throughout that section of the country. Quite a good season and strengthening additions were experienced in Greenwich. The Churches at Hamilton's Mountain, Hampstead, and Wickham, have each furnished a good house for the worship of God, by which they have evidenced a deep interest in the cause of Christ, and did credit to the denomination. The care and labours of Elder Merritt with a number of the Churches of this District, were appreciated and profitable. Brother T. W. Carpenter has laboured on this District, and at Hamilton's Mountain saw quite a good interest.

The *Sixth District* extends towards the East, and includes all our Churches in that direction as far as Taylor Village, nineteen in number. Some of the most powerful revivals during the year in the whole denomination were experienced within the limits of this District. At Norton, and with the Lower Studholm Church, under the ministry of Elder Perry, an extensive and glorious work of grace was enjoyed. Many were converted to God, and large accessions made to the Church. The Church worshipping in this house has also been favoured with a spiritual rain, and a refreshing season, under the earnest labour of Elder Vanwart. Coverdale and North River Churches have had large additions, as the first of a revival under the labours of Elder Marsh, while under the direction of the Home Mission Society. The first Church in Studholm, and the Snider Mountain Church, has been under the pastoral charge of Elder Perry. A good revival was experienced, and a Church organized, at Belleisle Creek, under the labours of Elder Pennington. The Churches at Upper Sussex, Corn Hill, and Newtown, have had the pastoral labours of Elder French. Elder Dobson has laboured at Coverdale, Steeve's Settlement, and elsewhere on this District. Brother S. Downey laboured with some of the Churches of this District. Some of these Churches, however, have had little or no care, and require help. At Corn Hill, Havelock, a new meeting house has been dedicated to the worship of God. More labour is needed in this section of our denomina-



tional vineyard. We are unable to give correct statistics, or to report fully the action of these Churches in reference to the Circuit system.

The *Seventh District* extends down from the City of Saint John to the Island of Grand Manan, and has nine Churches. Those at Seal Cove and Grand Harbour, have had the oversight and labour of Elder Barnes, and are in a good, active state. Bro. Barnes has toiled long and successfully on that Island of the sea. The Church at North Head has had some Mission labour from Elder Taylor. Elder Babcock has also visited that Island. Brother Taylor has spent several months in faithful care on Campo Bello. The cause on these Islands requires continued care and a faithful ministry. Elder Brown has spent some time on Deer Island. He has extended some care to Welshpool, on Campo Bello, and to White Head. The Churches in Saint John and Carleton have continued under the oversight of their former pastors, Elders Genter and G. A. Hartley, and have sustained the constant ministry of the Word of God and the ordinary means of grace. A good addition was made to the membership in Carleton during the last spring. Elders Babcock and Malloch, ministers of the District, have laboured with encouragement and success in several places.

Three of the Churches of this District have decided in favour of the Circuit system, and have pledged \$375. The others are opposed to its adoption. It has an aggregate membership of eight hundred and three members.

We have not spoken of the Sabbath Schools connected with the Churches in these Districts as we have proceeded, but may now say that a large number of Schools exist, which we believe are increasing in efficiency as well as in numbers. This important branch of labour should be well cultivated. Each Church should have a Sabbath School, even if it be small; and we hopefully trust that all our ministers are, and will continue to be deeply interested in this good work.

During the past year, two brethren have been ordained to the work of the ministry; four new meeting houses have been completed and dedicated to the worship of God, and six hundred and ten persons baptized and added to our Churches.

We are increasing numerically and in influence in our country, and should be ambitious, by the grace of God, to do all the good we can. We need more ministers—men called of God to the sacred work—who, with devotion to the work, would do much good. We need young men of piety, talent, and culture, who feel that the woe of God is upon them if they preach not the Gospel. Many of our Churches should be more active in securing, and more liberal in sustaining, the ministers we now have. To take good care of those now engaged in the work, and to pray to the Lord of the harvest to send more labourers into the field, is an important part of the duty of the Churches in their relationship to the ministry.

Our Mission Societies are continuing their well-begun work. The Foreign Society has, thus far, met all its financial engagements, and its importance and claims are being more felt and acknowledged amongst our people. The Home Society has done good denominational work, but as reports will be heard from both these Societies at their annual meetings next week, I need not speak farther of them now. It is anticipated that something worthy of the existence of the Society, and somewhat adequate to the growing wishes of our people, will be done during this session of our General Conference, by our Educational Society. Of the acts of this Society we hope to be able to say something a year hence.

Brethren, this is our working time. We are now in the field. The Master requires earnestness. In a little while our toils will end. Look up and work on; rest will come, and come soon enough. If faithful, the Lord will, ere long, say *Well done*, and receive us into everlasting habitations. May it be so, for Christ's sake, Amen.

G. A. HARTLEY,

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

Springfield, K. C., July 1868.

The adoption of the Report was moved by the Rev. John Perry, seconded by the Rev. Charles McMullin, and supported by brethren W. E. Pennington, J. E. Reud, E. Weyman, G. W. McDonald, and J. McLeod. The remarks made were timely and encouraging, and produced a good impression. The large additions made during the year had a very encouraging effect. All seemed determined to work for God, and the exercises and spirit of the meeting indicated zeal and hopefulness for the future.

The Rev. David Oram, the Corresponding Delegate from the Free Baptists of Nova Scotia, reported the denomination which he represented. The statistics of this Body remain much as they were reported last year. He spoke of their encouragements as well as of their destitution, and appeared quite hopeful for success in the future. They are much in need of more laborers in their vineyard.

The Rev. Samuel McKeown, Corresponding Delegate from the Maine Central Yearly Meeting of the Free Will Baptists, reported that Body. He gave a very good account of the Institutions and workings of the denomination in general, and spoke of the Yearly Meeting from which he came, in particular. These brethren are progressing, and doing good work for Christ.

Adjourned to meet on Monday morning at 8 o'clock.

### THE SABBATH.

The congregations on the Sabbath day, at the seat of Conference, were immensely large, many more being obliged to remain outside than could get into the House. A prayer meeting was held in the morning, and preaching at ten o'clock by Rev. D. Oram, at three o'clock by Rev. S. McKeown, after which the Lord's Supper was administered; and preaching again at 6½ p. m., by Rev. G. A. Hartley. Other brethren preached at Lower Studholm, Millstream, Norton Station, Bellisle, and several other places. Much blessing was enjoyed during the day, and the truth proclaimed will, doubtless, do good.

MONDAY, July 6th—8 o'clock, A. M.

The Moderator called the meeting to order, and opened with the usual devotional exercises. His remarks, in which he spoke of his new position, and the duties of both the Moderator and the members of the Conference, were pertinent. He asked the co-operation of each member, and expressed a desire to have all the business done speedily, satisfactorily, and with an eye to the good of the denomination and the glory of God.

A nomination Committee, consisting of Elders G. A. Hartley, B. Merritt, and J. Noble, was appointed to nominate Committees to report on the subjects usually reported on.

The following is the Report, which was adopted. The first two Committees are to report at the next session of the General Conference, the others during the present Session:—

ON THE SABBATH—Y. White, G. W. McDonald, G. T. Hartley, J. Shaw, H. Mills, and E. B. Gray.

ON TEMPERANCE—Joseph McLeod, W. Kinghorn, R. French, S. E. Curry, A. Kenney, Solomon Smith, T. O. DeWitt, and A. G. Lounsbury.

ON LICENTIATES—J. Perry, C. McMullin, J. Gunter, A. Taylor, W. E. Pennington, Y. White, E. Weyman, W. Kinghorn, W. Downey, and T. Connor. By special motion G. A. Hartley, B. Merritt, and J. Noble, the nominating Committee, were added.

ON LETTERS—T. Vauwart, T. W. Carpenter, J. N. Barnes, F. Babcock, and W. Peters.

ON FINANCE—T. W. Musgrove, T. O'Donald, J. E. Reud, T. Fitzherbit, and L. Slipp.

BOARD OF MANAGERS—D. W. Clark, Robert McLeod, James Slipp, Robert Slipp, T. W. Carpenter, and G. A. Hartley.

Adjourned to meet at 1½ o'clock, P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION—1½ o'clock, P. M.

Opened with singing and prayer.

## REPORTS.

The Committee on the Sabbath Day reported as follows:—

### THE SABBATH.

In making this Annual Report upon the Sabbath, your Committee does not consider it necessary to go over the ground that has been so frequently and ably explored by Committees who have been appointed from year to year—the result of whose labours are already before you. Nor do we think it important to exhaust the limits of this report, in presenting arguments, or urging reasons, why the sacred observance of the Lord's Day is binding upon the Christian Church. Enough has already been urged, to convince any who, not affected by prejudices arising from selfishness or inclination, are disposed to admit the righteousness of the divine claims in the injunction to "remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy."

Your Committee is proud to believe, that as a denomination, occupying no mean position in our Province, and wielding an important influence, we have in this particular given the trumpet no uncertain sound; we have the sacred observance of God's holy day solemnly inscribed upon the banners under which we fight. But while, as a people, we recognize its binding claims upon us, and would not, for a moment, harbour the thought of deliberately being guilty of its desecration; yet, how frequently through carelessness, apathy, or forgetfulness, are we found violating the letter and spirit of its faithful observance.

God has evidently set this day apart, that his children may have special communion with Himself, unincumbered with care, and secular

employments; they are to sit at his Table, and feast on the riches of His grace. But is it not a fault, that too frequently, the proper preparation for such intercourse is neglected? The significant word "*Remember*," that God has placed as a watchword of preparation for it, is frequently passed over with averted eye, and fails to make that impression evidently intended. Let us render it emphatic, and *Remember* that to push the affairs of a busy week up to the very portals of the Sabbath, with our minds surcharged with the anxieties and perplexities of business, is not the preparation requisite for the enjoyment of the blessings of the sanctuary. Physical and mental exhaustion consequent upon such extra labour, necessarily produces drowsiness and fatigue, that totally unfits for spiritual worship, and renders the otherwise pleasant duties of the sanctuary irksome and heavy.

As God has reserved but one day in seven for Himself, and permitted us the other six to engage in secular pursuits, should we not be as diligent and zealous in labouring for Him on that day, as though the reverse were true, and we were permitted but *one day* to do all our work? Would the best hours of that day be spent in sleep? Would we be lounging on street corners, on hotel stoops, in neighbours' houses, or aimlessly strolling about the fields? Could we find time upon that *single day* to waste upon trashy literature, frivolous amusements, boating, driving, or visiting, mere creature comforts, for killing time? Would not every moment of the time be industriously employed in arduous toil for our own comfort? Let conscience answer. And should we at that tribunal be condemned; let the dictates of common honesty induce us to "render unto Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's, and unto God the things that are God's."

Infidelity, by the evidence of some of its most powerful advocates, despairs of success while the Christian Sabbath is religiously observed. Let us esteem it as one of the bulwarks of our safety, and keep it holy unto the Lord.

We would exhort our brethren in the ministry to faithfulness in practice, example and teaching, in giving prominence to the scrupulous observance of this part of the Divine Law. We would especially enjoin upon our church members, to find their sphere of usefulness within the family, the Sabbath school, or the church, and zealously spend the hours of God's holy day in furthering the interests of his cause.

In conclusion, we congratulate this Conference, feeling assured that it will find a cheerful response from every loyal christian heart, in grateful thanksgiving to Almighty God, that our lot has been cast in a country whose Laws are framed in accordance with the Laws of God, and with whom the inspiration of God's word and reverence for his holy day are recognized as the corner stones in the foundation of their political greatness. And may the time speedily come, when from the snowy regions of the Labrador in the north to the coral islands of the south, from distant India in the east to the rocky mountains of the far west, the moral influence of our country's laws shall be so felt, that the sacred observance of the Lord's day shall be established by statute in every kingdom, empire and state; when the chiming of the bells on Sabbath morn, following the course of the sun from east to west, shall gather its crowds of worshippers in every land—girdling the earth with songs and prayer and praise.

On behalf of Committee,

J. T. PARSONS,

Sec'y. to Committee.



## TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance, appointed at the last General Conference, begs leave to submit the following report:—

We believe, that the Temperance reform is identified with our holy Christianity, and that the professed disciple of Christ, if consistent, must also be a worker in the great Temperance movements of the day. We are afraid that this plain principle of the *Bible* is not properly understood, or if understood, is not practised by all. That there are those who, while they are held as *church members* in good standing, partake of alcoholic liquors as a beverage, is an evident and sorrowful fact. The day has arrived when this should not be, and when this Body should, in the fear of the Most High, as far as it consistently can, send forth an unmistakable appeal to the churches, to purge themselves from *moderate drinkers*.

We would not in the least depreciate the noble efforts that have been, and are being, put forth by the Christian world. Much has been done. The different institutions in our Dominion are doing much in rescuing the fallen. The past year has been one of comparative success, and hundreds have been gathered beneath the folds of the Temperance flag. Notwithstanding all that has been done, there are thousands in the broad road of drunkenness. Shall not we, as a denomination, whom God hath owned and blessed, go from this Annual Conference with stronger determinations to put forth more strenuous efforts—to save the fallen, wretched, and degraded, than ever before? By the blessing of God we can, in the name of our blessed Saviour, elevate many of them into an atmosphere of purity and righteousness.

J. E. REUD,  
Secretary to Committee.

## LETTERS.

Your Committee on Letters respectfully reports that there has been but one letter handed us. This is from the Clerk of the 2d church, Jacksontown, stating that said church expects this General Conference to pay them the sum specified in a resolution passed by General Conference at Coverdale; stating also that they have built a house of worship 52x45 and 16 feet post, and that they intend to open it for Divine service on the 19th of this month. Your Committee, in view of the fact that the 1st church, Jacksontown, did accept and provide for the carrying out of the resolution of Conference above referred to, and have given to the Conference their written obligation for a certain sum of money to be paid to the Conference, to be used for the object stated in the resolution, would recommend that this Conference instruct the Board of Managers, in whose possession the obligation is, to collect the amount and pay over the same to the 2d church, Jacksontown.

THOMAS VANWART,  
Secretary to Committee.

## LICENTIATES.

Your Committee on Licentiates recommends as follows:—

- 1st. That the Conference discontinue the license of Bro. A. Cogswell, because of his doctrines and labors; also discontinue the license of Bro. W. H. Mills, for want of preaching ability.



2nd. That the licenses of Brethren S. Smith, A. G. Lounsbury, E. W. Hartley, Hezekiah Mills, A. Case, E. B. Gray, and T. W. Carpenter, be continued.

3rd. That Bro. John Henderson be recommended to apply to the church, of which he is a member, for a church license.

4th. That Brethren Joseph McLeod and Aaron Kenney be ordained on Wednesday evening of this week.

G. A. HARTLEY,  
Secretary to Committee.

Adjourned to meet at 7 o'clock on Tuesday morning.

TUESDAY MORNING, 7 o'clock.

Opened with singing and prayer.

### SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The statistical report on Sabbath Schools has been purposely delayed, in order that returns from all the Schools might be handed in to me. During the month of April I called the attention of Sabbath School Superintendents to the importance of forwarding returns to your Agent by the first of June. Soon after blank returns were sent to each Elder in the denomination, and to some of the Licentiates, to be handed by them to Superintendents; at the same time a notice was put in the *Intelligencer* to that effect. But, with all the care and trouble taken, I succeeded in procuring returns of but twenty-five schools—a number corresponding exactly with that in my last report. There is reason for believing that we have many more schools in the denomination than what are here reported; for, among the one hundred churches, we must have nearly as many schools. No doubt there are different reasons why more schools are not reported. Some are connected with other denominations, and are known as "union schools;" the Superintendents of others, probably, failed to procure blanks, and hence made no return; others again, it may be, through carelessness, indifference, or neglect, sent forward no report. From all these causes a meagre report must be the result. It is greatly to be regretted that so much apathy exists in this matter, as it is very important that we should know our strength in this department of Christian labor, for, to a very large extent, the Sabbath School is one of the streams by which the Church of Christ is enriched and enlarged.

Of the twenty-five schools, of which returns have been made, four are continued through the whole year, six but five months, and the rest each six months in the year. One school is reported as having been organized this year, and two in 1887.

Most of the schools meet in the forenoon, and but a few in the after part of the day. There are 1480 pupils on the books, giving an average of about sixty pupils to each school—the average attendance being about two-thirds that number. The whole number of teachers in the schools is 157, while the average attendance is 139, making a much higher average than that of the pupils.

The whole number of volumes in the libraries in these schools amounts to 2,984. The largest libraries are those of St. John and Carleton,—the former having 525, while the latter has 550. Speaking

of libraries, I may here remark, that any Sabbath School may become a member of the Society known as the "Sunday School Union," by the payment of one dollar; and through this source books may be obtained much cheaper than in any other way. A depository of the books of this Society has been recently established in St. John.

The returns received reveal one very important, and at the same time, unfavorable feature, namely, the non-attendance of parents at these schools. In twenty-five schools there are reported but 112 parents in attendance, or an average of about four to each school. This is to be regretted, for various reasons, and a remedy should be sought. Financially the reports are more favorable. The whole amount collected during the year, in these schools, is \$283.20; but the most cheering fact brought out in the returns is, that ten teachers and eighty-seven pupils were converted and brought to the Saviour during the past year. This feature alone, in these reports, should encourage all who are engaged in the Sabbath School, to continue faithful, and to labor more and more zealously in this good cause.

In concluding, I may remark that several Superintendents, in their reports, ask for information on the best methods of conducting Sabbath Schools. Could some system be adopted by which the most approved mode of conducting and interesting these schools, great benefit would, I have no doubt, arise therefrom.

I do hope a more lively and decided interest will be taken by this Conference to improve our Sabbath Schools.

E. C. FREEZE,  
Sabbath School Agent.

### FINANCE.

The Finance Committee begs leave to state that we have examined the Books and reports of the Treasurers of the Conference, and of the Board of Managers, and find them correct.

T. W. MUSGROVE,  
Sec'y. to Committee.

### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS.

The Board of Managers has held during the year three meetings. The annual meeting in July last, a second in Saint John in August, and the third this week.

We have endeavored to attend to the business with which the Conference entrusted us, but find that, for some purposes, sufficiently definite provisions are not made in our Act of Incorporation. We recommend to the Conference a consideration of this matter, with a view to getting said Act altered or amended.

The money given us for investment has been safely let on interest; for which we have a mortgage on good land security.

As directed by the Conference last year, we have tried to ascertain how much property the Conference holds, and to examine the titles thereof; and find two separate deeds of a lot of land in the parish of Wakefield, Carleton County, known as the Lower Jacksontown meeting house lot, both registered in Woodstock, July 20, 1855; one deed of a meeting house lot in the parish of Greenwich, King's County, registered in Kingston, August 10, 1855; one deed of a meeting house lot in the 7th tier, Parish of Wakefield, Carleton County, registered in Woodstock.

August 25, 1855; one deed of a meeting house lot in the Parish of St. Mary's, York County, registered in Fredericton, December 20, 1865; one deed of a meeting house lot in the Parish of Kent, Carleton County, registered in Woodstock, June 26, 1867; one grant of a lot of land at the Grand Falls, Victoria County, intended for a meeting house lot.

Beside these, we have a bond signed by several persons in Wakefield, Carleton County.

JULY 1868.

G. A. HARTLEY,

Rec. Secretary Board of Managers.

*The F. C. B. Board of Managers in account with D. W. Clark, Treasurer.*

1867.

July.	To cash on G. R. Boyer's donation of 1866,.....	\$482 92
	" G. W. Boyer's note (part of same donation), on interest, payable July 1, 1868,.....	450 11
	" G. R. Boyer's donation 1867,.....	1000 00
	" Interest on \$1000 from July 12 to Nov. 19, 1868,.....	21 15
1868, May 6.	" Six months' interest on mortgage from G. W. Sherwood, to May 19,.....	30 00
	" Collected on old account,.....	00 70
	" E. S. Flaglor's note, payable Dec. 26, 1868,.....	16 00
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1867.

Aug.	To let Wm. Peters, by order of the Board, for his note, payable July 1, 1868,.....	\$480 00
Nov. 19.	" let G. W. Sherwood, by order of Board, on mortgage for 3 years, at 6 per cent.,.....	1000 00
	" travelling expenses and searching records at Kingston, K. C.,.....	2 45
	" recording Mortgage,.....	4 50
	" postage to Secretary,.....	39
	" paid the Treasurer of Foreign Mission Society, interest on Boyer's donation,.....	25 57
	" paid the Treasurer of Education Society, interest on Boyer's donation,.....	25 57
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		\$1588 48
	Balance in hands,.....	<hr/>
		\$462 40

JULY 1868.

D. W. CLARK, TREASURER.

The Committee appointed to revise the Constitution of the Conference submitted its report. A Constitution and Bye Laws for the Conference, and a Constitution for the District Meetings, with a revised and extended Church Directory, and a re-modelled Church Covenant, were all submitted and adopted section by section, and ordered to be printed in the Minutes of Conference.

Whereas The Elders' Conference did, at a special meeting held in February last, exclude John Wallis from its membership for immoral conduct, we, the Elders' Conference, do hereby recommend this General Conference to exclude him from its membership.

B. MERRITT, Chairman Elders' Conference.

On motion the Conference went into Committee of the Whole. The F. C. Baptist General Conference in Committee of the Whole. Rev. A. Taylor in the Chair.

T. W. Musgrove elected Secretary.

The Chairman read the recommendation from the Elders' Conference.

Whereupon the following resolution was unanimously agreed to, viz. :—

*Resolved*—That this General Conference adopts the recommendation of the Elders' Conference, and does now exclude John Wallis from this General Conference.

THOS. W. MUSGROVE,

Sec'y. Committee of Whole.

*Whereas*—John Wallis was tried, condemned, and excluded for immoral conduct, by the Elders' Conference, and has also been excluded from the General Conference; therefore

*Resolved*—That the church in which he holds his membership, be recommended to exclude him therefrom; and further

*Resolved*—That any F. C. Baptist Church, by receiving his labors, or recognizing him as a minister, shall lay itself liable to the censure of this Conference.

Adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock, P. M.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION—2 o'clock, P. M.

Moderator in the Chair.

Opened with prayer.

A report was submitted from the Committee appointed at the last session of Conference, to investigate certain matters of trial between Elder S. E. Curry and Solomon W. Parent. The report was adopted.

The following document was signed by Solomon W. Parent :—

This is to certify that, inasmuch as I have at any time said any thing derogatory of the character of Rev. S. E. Curry, and especially that which conveyed the idea that he is not a man of truth, I am sorry.

(Signed)

SOLOMON W. PARENT.

*Resolved*—That in the trial between S. E. Curry and Solomon W. Parent, this Conference fully concurs with the Committee in sustaining Bro. Curry, and that this resolution be published in our Minutes.

*Resolved*—That this Conference direct the Corresponding Secretary to write to some churches who have accepted the Circuit system, and inform them that so few churches have accepted the plan, that we cannot supply labor as they desire; and that he state to the church in Grand Manan that there are certain brethren who feel desirous to make them a visit; and that they or any of the churches who have accepted the Circuit plan, by making application to H. M. Society, can be supplied with labor as far as they will furnish the means.



*Resolved*, That the Rev. S. McKeown be approved by this Conference, as by Bye-Laws required, so that if he should come to this Province to labor, he can become a Pastor in connection with our Churches.

*Resolved*, That Elders Taylor and Weyman be Corresponding Delegates to the Free Baptist Conference of Nova Scotia; and that Elders Curry and Vanwart be their substitutes, respectively: also—

*Resolved*, That Elder J. T. Parsons be Corresponding Delegate to the General Conference of the Free Will Baptists in the United States, and that the Rev. William Downey be his substitute.

*Whereas*, The Circuit System has not been received by a sufficient number of Churches to enable the Conference to supply labor satisfactorily; therefore

*Resolved*, That this Conference recommends the Churches requiring labor, to apply to the Home Mission Society, and request them to supply the labor asked for, as far as supplied with the means.

*Resolved*, That the Rev. G. A. Hartley be a committee to apply to the Provincial Legislature, to have our Act of Incorporation amended.

*Resolved*, That a public Sabbath School Meeting be held on the evening of Saturday, during the next Session of our General Conference; and that a committee be appointed in this Conference to prepare a Constitution for a Sunday School Convention, to be submitted at that meeting, when a Convention shall be organized. At this meeting the Sabbath School Agent shall present his report.

The committee appointed consists of—W. Peters, D. W. Clark, and G. A. Hartley.

*Resolved*, That this Conference is greatly indebted to the committee, who has so faithfully and carefully revised our Constitution, and framed a set of Bye-Laws for the government of the Conference, and that we do hereby tender it our sincere thanks.

*Whereas*, The Board of Directors of the F. C. Baptist Educational Society has decided to take some active operations with respect to the establishment of a Denominational School during the ensuing year, therefore

*Resolved*, That this Conference approves of their operations, and gives them their hearty support.

As the new Constitution provides that the Conference shall appoint the Officers of the Benevolent Societies connected with the Denomination, the following brethren were appointed for the several Societies, during the ensuing year:—

#### HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

*President*—B. J. Underhill, Esquire.

*Vice-Presidents*—Revs. A. Taylor, Wm. Kinghorn, and Y. White.

*Cor. Secretary*—Rev. G. A. Hartley.



*Rec. Secretary*—William Peters, Esquire.  
*Treasurer*—D. W. Clark, Esquire.  
*Auditor*—Rev. William Downey.  
*Executive Committee*—D. W. Clark, William Peters, J. E. Reud, John Perry, J. Gunter, J. T. Parsons, and G. A. Hartley.

## FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETY.

*President*—Rev. B. Merritt.  
*Vice-Presidents*—Revs. C. McMullin, J. N. Barnes, and E. Weyman.  
*Cor. Secretary*—Rev. J. Perry.  
*Rec. Secretary*—Rev. G. A. Hartley.  
*Treasurer*—William Peters, Esquire.  
*Auditor*—B. J. Underhill, Esquire.  
*Executive Committee*—William Peters, Robert Slipp, B. Merritt, W. E. Pennington, Israel Atherton, Thomas O. DeWitt, J. Noble, G. T. Hartley, G. W. Boyer, B. J. Underhill, and the Two Secretaries.

## MINISTERS' RELIEF FUND ASSOCIATION.

*President*—Rev. G. A. Hartley.  
*Vice-Presidents*—Rev. B. Merritt, and Rev. Joseph Noble.  
*Rec. Secretary*—William Peters, Esquire.  
*Treasurer*—D. W. Clark, Esquire.  
*Auditor*—Rev. J. E. Reud.  
*Executive Committee*—Revs. William Kinghorn, J. T. Parsons, John Perry, Jacob Gunter, and J. N. Barnes.

Adjourned to meet Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock.

## WEDNESDAY MORNING—8 o'clock, A. M.

*Moderator in the Chair*.  
 Opened with prayer.

*Resolved*, That this General Conference highly approves of the very able and discreet manner in which the *Religious Intelligencer* has been conducted during the past year; and recommends that all our people support and encourage Bro. McLeod in his arduous and useful labors as Editor of our Denominational Organ.

*Resolved*, That Brothers G. A. Hartley and B. J. Underhill be a committee to publish and distribute 2000 copies of the Minutes of this Conference; and that they receive \$12 for that service.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Conference be cheerfully tendered to the kind friends of this community, for their liberal hospitality towards the many guests they have so bountifully and comfortably entertained during this session.

*Resolved*, That the Recording Secretary be paid \$12.00 for his services during this session of Conference; also

*Resolved*, That the Recording Secretary furnish stationery for the use of the Conference, for which the Conference shall pay.

## DISTRICT MEETINGS.

Time and place of holding the District Meetings :

**1ST DISTRICT**—To be held with the Church at Arthurett, V. C., the first Saturday in October 1868. Appointed to attend : E. Sisson, G. W. McDonald, S. E. Curry, and T. O. De Witt.

**2ND DISTRICT**—To be held with the Church at Beckaguimac the last Saturday in September, 1868.

**3RD DISTRICT**—To be held with the Church on the Nashwaak the second Saturday in October, 1868.

**4TH DISTRICT**—To be held with the Church at Rushagornish the third Saturday in October, 1868. Appointed to attend : William Kinghorn and J. N. Barnes.

**5TH DISTRICT**—To be held with the Church at Greenwich the first Saturday in February, 1869.

**6TH DISTRICT**—To be held with the Church on the Millstream, Studholm, the second Saturday in October, 1868.

**7TH DISTRICT**—To be held with the Church at Beaver Harbour the third Saturday in September, 1869.

**Resolved**—That we adjourn to meet with the church at Presque Isle, Carleton County, on the 1st Saturday in October, 1869.

**B. J. UNDERHILL,**

**RECORDING SECRETARY.**

July 8, 1868.

# Free Christian Baptist General Conference in Account with William Peters, Treasurer.

By bal. on hand,		George Padgett,	\$0 24	Mrs. White and	
Aug. 1867,	\$139.88	Charles Boone,	25	daughter,	\$0 44
Rec'd from Mrs.		George Hayward,	57	H. G. Fowler and wife,	50
D. Taylor, sen.,	25	Samuel Craig,	25	T. Woodworth,	25
Chas. E. Huestes,		G. W. Craig,	12	E. J. Easty,	25
Up. Queensbury,	250	Wellington Craig,	18		
G. R. Boyer, bal.		George Craig,	24	Church, Woodstock,	\$2 19
first thousand		Jacob Craig and wife,	50	Church Woodstock,	\$5 00
dollar donation,	54.22	Jerush Craig,	25	E. M. Truesdale and	
		Caroline Estabrook,	29	wife,	50
	\$196.83	W. Hayward and wife,	50	J. R. Hardley and wife,	50
Church, Upper Peel.			\$5 52	L. G. Slipp and wife,	60
W. B. Tompkins		1st Church, Wickham,		E. R. Parsons and wife,	50
and wife,	\$0 50	George Foster,	\$0 25	B. Johnson and wife,	50
J. Boyer and wife,	\$0 50	James White,	25	S. McLeod and wife,	60
		John McCrea,	25	S. L. Churchill and	
	\$1 00	Widow McCrea,	25	wife,	50
Church, Lower Peel.		Robert McCrea,	25	S. Parsons,	25
John Donnelly,	\$0 25	Ann McCrea,	25	C. Churchill,	24
James Rideout,	25	Mary McCrea,	25	G. W. Vanwart,	25
George Tompkins,	50	James Jones,	25	Matthew Davis,	25
Mrs. B. Yerxa,	25	John London,	25	R. Davis, sen.,	25
Mrs. G. Merrithew,	25	Isaiah London, jun.,	25	Mary Ann Davis,	25
	\$1 50	Hugh London,	25	George Bridges,	25
Church, Geary.		Thomas London,	25	J. Bragden,	25
A. Carr and wife,	\$0 50	John London,	25	Bertha Jones,	25
J. Nealy and wife,	50	James M. Duoy,	25	Charlotte Wise,	24
Gertrude Nealy,	25	Alfred J. Brooks,	25	Mrs. E. Baker, jun.,	25
George Smith,	25	Robert Logen,	25	Charles Watson,	25
A. H. Smith and wife,	50	Hamilton Logen,	20	Adelia Johnston,	24
Georgiana Smith,	25	Sarah White,	10		
Wm. A. Smith,	25	George Rice,	25		\$12 07
Ruth Smith,	25	Mary Day,	20	Church, Erb Settlement.	
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E. D. Carr and wife,	50	Rebecca Tucker,	25	W. Eleson,	25
F. Carr and wife,	50	John Foster,	25	D. Robeson,	25
R. Smith and wife,	50	Isaiah London, sen.,	25	Henry Erb, sen.,	25
Rebecca Boon,	25	Rebecca Ann Richards,	25	W. Erb,	60
Abigail J. Smith,	25		\$5 96	Ben. McKinzy, sen.,	30
		Church, Campbell Settlement.			
	\$5 50	John Stairs,	\$0 25		
Church, Beekagumac.		D. Scriver and wife,	50		\$1 85
Wm. Bulyea,	\$0 25	George Draper,	25	Church, Douglas.	
John Bulyea,	25	William Sparring,	20	Darius Jones,	\$0 25
Henry Bulyea,	25	Calvin Stairs,	25	Eleanor Merithew,	30
Louisa Bulyea,	24	David Freeman,	25	George Merithew,	20
G. N. Hayward,	12			Walter Allen,	25
Henry Sewill,	10		\$1 70	John G. McKeen,	25
Jarvis Hayward,	51	Church, Staples Settlement.		Stephen Carlile,	1 00
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Mrs. Geo. Merithew, 20	A. Dow, 25	George Benson, 25
Church, Dutch Valley, \$3 60	Church, Lower Hampstead, \$4 00	Walter Benson, 25
Anson Teaklee, \$0 25	G. Clarke and wife, \$0 50	Mark Daggett, 25
Annie Robinson, 22	Annie J. Clarke, 25	Nancy Wooster, 30
R. Craton, 10	Reed Slipp and wife, 50	Rev. J. N. Barnes, 25
Emily Keirstead, \$0 57	Mary J. Gardiner, 25	Mrs. David Taylor, \$2 62
1st Church, Kara, 50	William G. Rice, 25	Chris. Gaunce and wife, 50
George Ricker, \$0 55	Mrs. Phebe Slipp, 25	Mrs. Chesnut, 25
Mrs. Mary Jones, 25	Alfred E. Slipp, 25	G. L. Good and wife, 50
Seth Erb, sen., and wife, 50	E. W. Slipp and wife, 50	Church, Eel River, 25
Jacob Morrill, 25	B. S. Palmer and wife, 50	Elizabeth Williams, \$0 25
William Erb, 25	Phebe E. Palmer, 25	Alfred Trafton, 25
George Bond, 25	Frances A. Palmer, 25	Abigail Hagerman, 24
Amon Vall, 25	Mrs. C. Vanwart, 25	Elizabeth More, 10
George Erb, 25	Bathia Vanwart, 25	A. B. Cummins, 25
John Downey, 25	Matilda Vanwart, 25	Susan E. Golding, 25
John Odell, 25	John Vanwart, 25	Moses Dow, 25
Thos. Davis and wife, 50	Angus McKay and wife, 50	Dea. J. W. Golding, 25
Joseph Ricker, jun., 25	S. Wood and wife, 50	\$1 84
Calvin Phipps and wife, 50	J. W. Stults and wife, 50	Church, Carpenter Settlement
William Ricker, 25	Isaac S. Vanwart, 25	T. W. Carpenter and wife, \$0 50
Mrs. Clarisa McNaught, 25	G. G. Slipp and wife, 50	Isaac W. Carpenter, 25
Mrs. James Smith, 25	W. Clarke and wife, 48	Mrs. S. Day, 25
Noah Morrill, 25	T. Graham and wife, 50	\$1 00
Seth Douglas, 25	Mrs. Elizabeth Jones, 24	1st Church, Jacksontown, 25
\$5 25	Mrs. Alice Davis, 25	D. Tracy and wife, \$0 50
Church, Dover, 50	B. G. Durigan and wife, 44	Henry Hart, 24
J. Steves and wife, \$0 50	Garrett Vanwart and wife, 50	Clarisa Hart, 24
Mrs. Anny Steves, 25	Mrs. Mary A. Slipp, 25	Wm. Culberson, 59
James Powell, 25	Lydia A. Vanwart, 25	Isaac Miller and wife, 50
Mrs. Stephen Beattie, 24	Daniel Perkins, 25	Rebecca Jane Smith, 24
William McFarlane, 25	Mrs. Margaret Wasson, 25	E. Gross and wife, 50
Miss Carrie Dernier, 24	Elizabeth Worden, 25	Gideon Tracy, 25
\$1 73	James A. Slipp, 25	Mrs. Henry Kimble, 25
Church, Southampton, 50	G. L. Slipp, 25	Widow W. Kimble, 25
Charles Bartelet and wife, \$0 50	James Slipp, Esq., 25	\$5 55
George Clynick, 25	Steph. Smith and wife, 50	Church, Bear Island, 25
Joseph McLeod, 25	Peleg Smith, 25	Edward Parent and wife, \$0 50
John Hartley, 25	Rev. R. Merritt and wife, 50	Samuel Hagerman, 25
D. A. Grant, 25	Rev. J. E. Reud and wife, 50	Mrs. L. Lint, 24
George Brooks, 25	Elizabeth Graham, 25	Mrs. Z. Brown, 24
John Leenentine, 25	\$13 60	Mrs. Martha Lint, 10
Stephen Leenentine, 25	Church, Seal Cove, 25	Sarah E. Lint, 12
Mrs. S. Leenentine, 25	Mrs. Maria Benson, \$0 25	\$1 45
Mrs. J. O. Grant, 25	Mrs. Hannah Miller, 20	
John N. Grant, 25	Walter B. McLauchlan and wife, 50	
Michael Leenentine, 25	Mrs. Oliver Green, 25	
Arthur Dow, 25		



1st Church, Perth.		1st Church, Wakefield.	Thomas Keirstead, \$0 25
Hudnet Larlee and		Widow Birmingham, \$0 25	Alexander Brown, 25
wife, \$0 50		Mrs. Rufus Shaw, 20	
Phebe Bishop, 25		Elijah Gallop and	\$4 00
James Bishop, 25		mother, 48	
William Bishop, 25		Mrs. Z. Birmingham, 25	Church, N. B. Oromocto,
Maria Hallet, 25		Nathaniel Shaw and	Thomas Hart, Esq.,
Barbery Hallet, 25		wife, 50	and family, \$1 00
Emily Ferge, 25		Israel Merritt and wife, 50	Mrs. R. Kelley and
Barnabas Armstrong, 25		Christopher Beckwith, 25	family, 1 00
Mrs. Eliza Larlee, 25		Mrs. C. Somers, 25	David Hartt do., 1 00
	\$2 50	Catherine Phillips, 25	J. Alexander do., 1 00
		Wm. Taylor and wife, 50	Mrs. Phebe A. Scott, 27
2d Church, Perth.		Moses Boyer, Esq., 24	R. Webb, 50
James Inman, \$0 25		Oliver Rideout and	James O. Tracy, 25
John Wright, 23		daughter, 50	Daniel Davis, 24
Mrs. Richard Inman, 25		Amanda C. Kelley, 25	George Tracy, 75
Mrs. Charles Inman, 25		Rich. Holmes, Esq.,	Mrs. Currie, 25
Mrs. Abram Cox, 25		and wife, 50	John Tracy, 25
Mrs. John Wright, 25		Joseph Magee, wife	John Webb, 20
	\$1 50	and mother, 75	John McLary, 25
		Wilford Siprell and	Mrs. John Tracy, 25
		wife, 48	Benjamin Webb, 25
		William Tedlie, 25	John Harris, 25
1st Church, Springfield.		G. W. Boyer, Esq., 50	James McLary, 50
Robert Burnett, \$0 25		and wife, 50	Lemuel Nason, 25
Clara Burnett, 25		Catherine McIntinch, 25	Mrs. D. Duplasy, 25
Mrs. Crofford, 25		Seth McLaughlan, 25	Spafford Tracy, 25
Duglas McLeod, 25		Elijah M. Shaw and	Jerh. Tracy, Jun., 48
Mary McLeod, 25		wife, 50	Charles Tracy, 25
Martha Mercer, 25		Shephard M. Boyer, 25	Jerh. Webb, 25
Mrs. Abner Mercer, 25		James H. Jackson, 25	John E. Boone, 45
Theodore Colpitts, 25		James W. Boyer and	William Creekmore, 32
Dr. Sharp, 25		wife, 50	Joshua Tracy, 25
G. W. Sharp, 25		S. H. Shaw and wife, 50	James Tracy, 25
Mrs. J. Dibble, 25		Mies Annetta Boyer	Joseph Tracy, 30
W. G. Sherwood and		and mother, 50	Charles Mott, 24
wife, 50		Seth Siprell and wife, 50	Thomas Nason, 25
Mrs. J. W. Wiggins		Caroline Orser, 25	Emery Webb, 25
and son, 50		G. R. Boyer and wife, 50	Wm. Oliver Tracy, 25
Abraham Colpitts, 25		Ezekiel M. Siprell and	
Mrs. A. Colpitts, 25		wife, 25	\$12 00
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Mrs. E. Stickney, \$0 25		Geo. Nickerson and	wife, \$0 50
Sarah Stickney, 25		wife, \$0 50	Wm. E. Hoyt, 25
Annie Nicholson, 25		John Nickerson, 25	John Anderson and
John Birmingham		James Nickerson, 25	wife, 40
and wife, 50		Amone Nickerson, 25	Orlow Hoyt and wife, 47
Hiram Tompkins		Hugh Brown, 25	Amelia Buckingham, 25
and wife, 50		John Brown, 25	
Isaiah Birmingham, 25		J. Keith and wife, 50	\$1 87
G. C. Turner, 25		C. M. Hunt and wife, 50	Church, S. B. Oromocto.
Mrs. J. Birmingham, 25		Ellen Jane Hunt, 25	George A. Hoyt, \$0 25
	\$2 50	Lydia Harper, 25	Ralph Seely and wife, 50
		John E. Keith, 25	John C. Seely, 25





James Whitney,	\$0 51	George White,	\$0 25	Rev. G. T. Hartley and	
William Slipp,	50	Jane Walden,	25	wife,	\$0 50
Samuel Walton,	50	Jane Rechen,	25	Daniel Jackson and wife,	50
Phoebe Walton,	25			Aaron Cox and wife,	50
Robert McLean,	50			E. D. Brown,	50
John Dewitt,	25			Tusean Trombley,	50
James York,	50	Church, Eaton Grant,		Elizabeth Clark,	24
William Hart,	50	S. Gallagher,	\$0 25	Joseph Noble,	25
Stephen Shaw,	25	John Thompson,	25	J. W. Brown,	75
		Matilda Hunter,	25	Charles Jackson,	24
				Richard Curry,	25
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Church, Newtown,				Church, Fredericton,	
John Gosline,	\$0 25			Israel Atherton,	\$1 00
Mrs. Clara Gosline,	25	Church, Upper Brighton,	\$0 75	John Atherton, sen.,	43
John H. Wilcox,	25	Charles Rideout and		Hiram Brewer,	25
Mrs. Susan Coates,	25	wife,		J. C. Worden,	25
Mrs. Mary McKenely,	25	Thos. J. C. Sewell	\$0 50	G. F. Atherton,	25
Mrs. Jane Coates,	25	and wife,	50	James Burden,	25
Mrs. Catherine Coates,	25	Geo. Rideout, jun.,	40	G. R. Atherton,	25
		and wife,	40	Mrs. G. R. Atherton,	25
	\$1 78	David Day,	25	Eliza Atherton,	25
Church, Coldstream,		George F. Nevers,	25	Mrs. W. C. Brown,	25
Wm. Crandlemire,	\$0 25	Henry Day,	25	Mrs. Francis Fowler,	25
John N. Foster,	25	Charles Bubar,	25	Collection,	50
Samuel Crandlemire,	25	John Day,	25	Elijah Hawkins,	25
Samuel Foster,	25	Abraham Harmon,	25	Mrs. Joseph George,	25
Sarah Foster,	24	Charles Chase,	25	Mrs. R. Stephenson,	25
Mariah Foster,	25			Mary Lloyd,	25
Margaret Craig,	25			John Ellsworth and wife,	50
Martha Stockney,	12			Asa Colwell,	25
George McDonel,	25			Mrs. Colwell,	25
E. A. Sewell,	20			George Marsh,	25
Marg. A. Stockford,	25			B. Atherton and wife,	1 00
Wm. Foster,	24				\$7 43
	\$2 80			Mrs. James Watson,	24
Church, Tobique River,				Samuel Holder,	25
Joshua Giberson and				Seth McLeod and wife,	50
wife,	\$0 53			J. B. Fenwick and wife,	50
Mrs. Peter McDougle,	25	1st Church, Greenwich,	\$3 10	William Fenwick,	25
Mrs. A. Campbell,	25	J. Connor and wife,	\$0 50	George Grace,	50
Mrs. T. Campbell,	24	George Price,	25	George F. Grace,	50
Wm. McDougle,	24	Z. Connor and wife,	50		
		Adelia Connor,	25	Church, Lower Queensbury,	
		Isaiah Price and	25	William Slipp,	\$0 25
		wife,	50	George Vanwart,	25
		Daniel Jones and	50	William Cliff,	25
		wife,	50	Ann Gunter,	25
		Jane Price,	25		\$1 00
		John Price,	32	Church, Upper Hampstead,	
Joshua Giberson and		Phebe E. Flewelling,	25	J. Gaunce and wife,	\$0 50
wife,	\$0 53	Deborah A. Brundage,	25	Chas. Leonard and wife,	50
Mrs. Peter McDougle,	25	Nathaniel Adams,	25	Mary A. Cameron,	25
Mrs. A. Campbell,	25	Mary A. Flewelling,	25	Emley Cameron,	25
Mrs. T. Campbell,	24	Henry B. Flewelling,	25	David Ebbit and wife,	50
Wm. McDougle,	24	Mrs. Aaron Price,	25	William Fox and wife,	50
		Isaac Guion,	25	Abraham Fox,	25
		Mary Guion,	25	Mrs. Solomon Cameron,	25
		H. H. Cosman,	25	Reuben Fox and wife,	50
Church, Andover,		Elijah Cosman,	25	Lucinda Fox,	25
Frances Tapley,	\$0 25			Wm. Robertson and wife,	50
Eliza Murphy,	25			William J. Peters,	25
				John McAlpine,	25
	\$0 50			Adelaide McAlpine,	25
				Jas. McAlpine and wife,	50
				John McAlpine,	25
				James McAlpine,	25
				Elisha Slipp and wife,	50
Church, Fairfield,				Mrs. George Slipp,	25
Isaac Smith,	\$0 50	Church, Upper Woodstock,		Robert Slipp and wife,	50
W. J. White,	25	George Jackson,	\$0 25	John Slipp and wife,	50
		Mrs. George Jackson,	25	John Fox,	25
		David Phillips and wife,	50	Francis Fox,	25

\$0 50	Hannah Slipp,	\$0 25	Edward Tracey,	\$0 25	Mrs. Martha Fulton,	\$0 25
50	Leonard Slipp and wife,	50	Z. B. Miller,	25	Margery McGrath,	25
50	G. R. Slipp,	25	E. Coseman and wife,	44	H. Mills,	25
50	I. E. Slipp,	25	A. E. Hartley,	25		
24		\$9 50	G. L. Cronkite and wife,	50		\$2 24
25			George Wade,			
75	1st Church, Sussex.		William Wade,			
24	Mr. & Mrs. C. E. Freeze,	\$0 50	Z. Wille,			
25	Mrs. George Wallace,	25	Oram West,			
\$5 23	John M. K. McLeod,	25				
	Bamford Colpitt,	80		\$4 84	Albert Nason,	20
\$1 00	Andrew Philips,	25	Church, Lower Studholm.		Charles Dunham,	10
43	Winslow McLeod,	25	Susan Maria Smith,	\$0 25	Charles E. Huestis,	25
25	Gideon McLeod,	25	William Guilon,	25	James Bryant,	25
25	Mary McLeod,	25	Abigail Guilon,	25	James Thornton,	15
25	Isabel McLeod,	25			A friend,	5
25	Isabel Secord,	25		\$0 75	Martine L. Thornton,	12
25	Aaa Sprague,	25	Church, Andover.		Isabella Kintle,	24
25	Robert McLeod,	50	Anna Burns,	\$0 24	The widow's mite,	1
25	Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Slipp,	50	Francis Twaddle,	24	Bardra Dunham,	10
25	Emma Freeze,	25				\$2 11
25	John Fowler,	25		\$0 48	Church, Caverhill.	
25	Isabel Morton,	25	Church, Bridgewater, Me.		George W. Knox and	
25	Sarah E. Morton,	25	Joseph Smith,	\$0 50	wife,	\$0 50
25	Samuel McCready,	50	Church, Prince William.		C. H. Knox and wife,	50
25	Jacob Hall,	25	William Vanwart,	\$0 30	Alex. Morgan and wife,	50
25	Susan McLeod,	25	Benjamin Cliff,	25	Wm. Wallace & wife,	50
25	Margaret A. Secord,	25	Aaa Smith,	25	John Cunningham,	25
50	Ann Morton,	25	Edward Burden,	25	Mary R. Cunningham,	25
25	Butler Morton,	25			Putnam Jones,	25
25		\$6 80		\$1 05	Thomas Morgan and wife,	50
1 00	Church at Salisbury.		Church, Upper Peel.		Adam Sharp,	25
\$7 43	Ichabod Lewis,	\$0 25	James McIsaac,	\$0 24	Sarah Davis,	25
24	Silas Lewis,	25	Charles Boyer,	25	Mrs. F. Sleep,	25
25	W. Rodgers,	25	Kazia Boyer,	25		\$4 00
50	John Good,	25	Walter B. Tompkins,	20		
25	Bamford Lewis,	20	Catherine Stiles,	24	Church, Carleton.	
50		\$1 20	William Banks,	25	Mrs. Roberts,	\$0 24
50	Church, Dumfries.		Isaiah Lockhart,	25	Mrs. Robert Smith,	25
	John Parent,	\$0 25	Edward Barker,	25	Mrs. James T. Peters,	25
ury.	Henry Holder,	25	Mary Burns,	25	Susie Peters,	25
10 25	John Lawrence,	25	Julia Rideout,	25	George P. Jones,	25
25	John Lounsberry,	25	Elizabeth McIsaac,	24	Mrs. Ellis,	25
25	William Lounsberry,	25	Elizabeth Boyer,	25	Mrs. Porter,	25
25		\$1 25	Maria Hartley,	25	Grace Ellis,	25
1 00	John Henderson,	25	Lois Tompkins,	20	James Earl and wife,	50
ead.	B. Goodspeed & family,	1 00	George Banks,	25	Lydia McAuley,	50
\$0 50	Thos. O'Donnell and wife,	50	Jacob Rideout,	25	Jacob Bacon and wife,	50
50			Lydia Ann Lockhart,	25	Noah Dowdle,	25
50	Church, Butternut Ridge.		Robert Hatheway,	25	John Cullin,	25
25	Thomas Fawcett,	\$0 20	Jacob Bell,	25	Wm. Howard and wife,	50
25	William Preble,	25	Edward Boyer,	25	Miss Carr,	25
50		\$0 45		\$5 32	Mrs. Jones,	25
50	Rev. J. Noble and wife,	50	2d Church, Johnston.		Moses Carleton,	34
25	Church, Tracey's Mills,		Daniel Jenkins & wife,	\$1 00	Matilda Thomas,	30
25	Presquise.		Joel Jenkins,	50	Daniel Ward,	25
50	Allen Hovey,	\$0 24	James Starkey,	\$1 50	O. J. Bradshaw,	25
25	Aaron Hovey,	24		50	Rober Vaughan,	32
25	Charles Steeves,	24	Church, Knoxford.		Seth Chase and wife,	50
25	Mrs. M. Cronkite,	24	John Bartley,	\$0 25	Frances Sprague,	50
25	Mrs. L. Cronkite,	24	Thomas Fulton,	25	D. W. Clark,	1 50
50	John Warrington,	24	Eliphalet Jones,	25	G. A. Hartley,	50
25	James F. Tracey,	25	George Knox,	24	Hugh Jones,	25
25	Ira Wilbur, Junr.,	24	Mrs. Jane Jones,	25	James Fowler,	50
50	Isaac Tracey,	25	Abigail Fulton,	25	Malkiah Sprague,	25
25						\$10 58
50					G. W. McCready,	2 00

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Total amount collected,		\$450 88
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To paid for wrapping paper, twine, and envelopes,	\$0 70	
" Barnes & Co.'s bill for printing Minutes,	56 25	
" Compiling Committee,	12 00	
" Barnes & Co., for circulars,	1 50	
" postage on circulars,	1 12	
" Rev. Wm. Knollin, delegate to Nova Scotia,	11 08	
" Rev. G. A. Hartley, do, do,	5 80	
" Postage,	27	
" Books, &c., for Elders' Conference,	2 35	
" Cor. Secretary's bill for postage and stationery,	2 00	
" Recording Secretary, postage and stationery,	79	
" Recording Secretary, as by vote of Conference,	12 00	
" Board of Managers, balance of G. R. Boyer's first donation,	54 22	
" loss on American currency,	2 75	
Balance on hand,	288 58	
		<u>\$450 88</u>

July 6th, 1888.

WM. PETERS, TREASURER



# CONSTITUTION

OF THE

## Free C. Baptist General Conference of New Brunswick.

(REVISED, JULY 1868.)

ART. 1.—This Association shall be called the "FREE CHRISTIAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK."

ART. 2.—This Conference shall be composed of the ordained Ministers of the denomination; of the Licentiates of the General Conference; Messengers from the District Meetings, and Clerks of the same; the Secretaries and Treasurer of the Conference; the Treasurer of the Board of Managers; and the Sabbath School Agent.

ART. 3.—Any District Meeting composed of F. C. Baptist Churches, may, on application, be received into this Conference, by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

ART. 4.—Each District Meeting belonging to this Conference shall be entitled to a representation, consisting of one delegate, by virtue of its organization, who shall be the standing Clerk of the District; and one additional delegate for every three hundred Church members.

ART. 5.—The Annual Meeting of this Conference shall commence on the first Saturday in October of each year, at such place as shall have been chosen by the preceding Conference, and shall continue its daily sessions until the business of the Conference has been accomplished.

ART. 6.—The meeting held on Saturday morning shall be a social conference, and shall be presided over by the pastor of the Church with which the Conference has convened; or in the absence of the pastor, by the Chairman of the General Conference for the preceding year.

ART. 7.—The Officers of this Conference shall be, a Moderator, and an Assistant Moderator, who shall be elected annually; a Recording Secretary, and an Assistant; a Corresponding Secretary, and a Treasurer, who shall hold office during the pleasure of the Conference.

ART. 8.—The business of the Conference shall be to appoint its own Officers; to appoint the Officers of the F. C. Baptist Foreign Mission Society; of the F. C. Baptist Home Mission Society; of the F. C. Baptist Ministers' Relief Fund Association; and the Officers of any and all other benevolent Societies that may at any time be organized in connection with the Conference; to receive and act upon all communications, requests or appeals that may come from or through the District Meetings connected with the Conference; to appoint its Board of Managers, and such other agents or agencies as may be found necessary for the transaction of the business of the Conference; to deliberate on all such points of doctrine and practice as the welfare of the District Meetings, or of the Churches within the jurisdiction of the Conference may require, and give such decisions thereon as it may believe the Scriptures warrant; to devise any measures not incompatible with the Word of God, or the Bye-Laws of this Conference, that it may consider advantageous to the interests of the cause of Christ.

Art. 9.—This Conference shall make such Bye-Laws and Regulations, not repugnant to this Constitution, as it may think necessary for the government of the Conference.

Art. 10.—This Constitution may be altered or amended at any annual session of the Conference, by a two-thirds vote of the members present; provided that notice of such intended alteration or amendment has been duly given at a previous session, and published in the Minutes.

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BYE LAWS

(ADOPTED, JULY 1868.)

Art. 1.—Each session of the General Conference shall be called to order by the Recording Secretary, if present, or in his absence, by the oldest minister present.

Art. 2.—Each session and each sitting of the Conference shall be opened and closed with prayer.

Art. 3.—Twelve ordained Elders and six Messengers from District Meetings shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of the Conference. A less number may adjourn.

Art. 4.—The business session of this Conference shall commence on the first Saturday in October of each year, at the hour of two o'clock, p. m., and shall be presided over by the Moderator of the preceding year, or by the next preceding Moderator present, until after the election of the new Moderator.

Art. 5.—The election of a Moderator and an Assistant Moderator shall take place in the first session on Monday.

Art. 6.—Each ordained Minister present shall be eligible to the Moderatorship, and each member of Conference present shall have the right to vote. The voting shall be done by ballot; and the Recording Secretary shall count the votes, and declare the candidate, who has the largest number, to be Moderator elect for the ensuing year, and the candidate who has the next greatest number, to be Assistant Moderator.

Art. 7.—It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside over the sessions of the Conference, to preserve order, to appoint the time of opening all the meetings, conduct all business before the Conference to a speedy and proper issue, and perform such other official acts as the Conference may direct by its bye-laws and votes.

Art. 8.—The Assistant Moderator shall take the place of the Moderator when he may be absent, or at his request.

Art. 9.—It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep a true and faithful record of all the business transacted in each sitting, and furnish a copy of the same for publication when required.

Art. 10.—It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to conduct the official correspondence of the Conference, and to prepare an annual report of the state of religion in the churches, and read it in the first business session of the Conference.

Art. 11.—It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all moneys forwarded or paid to him for the Conference, to pay to the order of the Conference such sums as may be required, as long as there are funds in the Treasury; and to render at each annual meeting a just and proper account of all money received and paid, including from whom received and to whom paid.

Art. 12.—In the event of the death or permanent removal of any officer of this Conference, during the interim between its annual sessions, any two of its officers, with the concurrence of six Elders of the Conference, can appoint some one to fill the vacancy, who shall discharge the functions of the office until the next annual meeting, when the Conference shall confirm the appointment, or make another.

Art. 13.—The Moderator shall associate with himself two or more Elders, whose names he shall announce before the Conference, who shall be a Committee to regulate the time and place of meetings for worship during the Session, and after consultation with the brethren, appoint ministers to preach on the Sabbath, and at other times, if necessary.

Art. 14.—All letters addressed to the Conference shall be examined by the Moderator and the Secretaries, and if by them they be considered proper to be brought before the Conference, they shall be distinctly read in Conference before being referred to a Committee.

Art. 15.—All the ordained ministers belonging to the denomination are required to attend each General Conference; and any Elder failing to do so, subjects himself to the censure of the Conference, unless satisfactory evidence of detention be given, or he be excused by a vote of the Conference.

Art. 16.—The Conference has the power to prescribe the limits of the several Districts.

Art. 17.—Each church in the denomination is required to recognize the acts of the Conference, and govern itself accordingly.

Art. 18.—It shall be the duty of all members of the Conference, to be present at the time appointed for each daily session; and any one wishing to retire shall first obtain leave of the Moderator. No member shall leave the Conference before its close without obtaining permission from Conference.

Art. 19.—No debate shall be allowed on any motion except it be submitted in writing, and seconded by a member of Conference.

Art. 20.—No person shall be allowed to speak longer than ten minutes at any one time, nor more than twice on any subject, without leave of Conference.

Art. 21.—Any member wishing to speak in Conference shall rise and address the Moderator, who shall recognize him by announcing his name before he shall proceed to speak.

Art. 22.—The Conference shall sit with open doors, except when it shall go into Committees of the Whole.

Art. 23.—The Conference may hold correspondence, by delegate, or otherwise, with other religious bodies as it may deem advisable.

Art. 24.—Any person not a member of the Conference, may take part in its discussions by obtaining permission from the Conference.

Art. 25.—All motions, before being voted upon, shall be distinctly read before the Conference.

Art. 26.—No motion shall be considered carried without a two-thirds vote.

Art. 27.—A reconsideration of any motion that has been passed, can be moved and seconded by those members only who voted in the majority. Moreover, such reconsideration can be moved, only when there are as many members present as when the resolution passed; and if carried, the question will stand as it was before the decision, and will be open for discussion, amendment, adoption, or rejection.

ART. 28.—No member should decline voting on any question unless excused by the Conference, and silent members shall be considered as acquiescing with the majority.

ART. 29.—If more than one member rise to speak at the same time, the one who is most distant from the Moderator's Chair shall speak first.

ART. 30.—It shall be the duty of every member of the Conference to see that its By-laws are strictly observed; and any wilful violation of them shall be liable to receive the censure of the Conference.

ART. 31.—At each annual session of the Conference Standing Committees shall be appointed on such subjects as the following:—Education, Sabbath Schools, Temperance, and observance of the Sabbath. These Committees are to submit written reports to the next session of the Conference after their appointment. Committees on Finance, Correspondence, Appeals, and Special Committees, can be appointed to report at the same session at such time as the Conference shall determine.

ART. 32.—Any agent or agents, Committee or Committees, appointed for any special object or objects by this Conference, shall render a written report of such labour to the Conference.

ART. 33.—All F. C. B. Churches are expected to pay annually a sum equal to twenty-five cents for each member into the General Conference fund; and it shall be the duty of the deacons of the said Churches to see to collecting and forwarding the same to the Treasurer of the Conference, prior to each annual meeting.

#### BOARD OF MANAGERS.

ART. 34.—The Conference shall, at each annual session, appoint a Board of MANAGERS, consisting of six members of F. C. Baptist Churches, who shall be its general agent, and who shall have the control and management of all property and business of the Conference, not assigned by it to any special agent. The tenure of office by members of the Board shall continue for one year, or until a new Board be appointed.

ART. 35.—The Board of Managers shall appoint from its own members a Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Chairman shall preside over all meetings of the Board; the Secretary shall keep a true and faithful record of its meetings and business; the Treasurer shall take charge of all funds, titles of property, and papers of all kinds, entrusted to the Board by the Conference, and keep a faithful account thereof, and render the same to each annual session of the General Conference.

ART. 36.—The Treasurer's endorsement of notes of hand, or his receipt for money received as interest on notes or mortgages, or for any payments whatever, made to the Board of Managers, for the Conference, shall be valid. He shall pay to the order of the Board all such sums as may be required, so long as there are funds in the Treasury. When requested so to do by the Board or by the General Conference, the Treasurer shall deliver all funds, papers and property of any kind, belonging to the Conference, which may be in his possession, to such person as he may be directed.

ART. 37.—The Board of Managers shall hold its regular annual meeting for the transaction of business, at the time and place of holding the annual session of the General Conference. Three members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business: a less number may adjourn.

ART. 38.—The Chairman of the Board may call special meetings at any time, by giving two weeks notice thereof in the *Religious Intelligencer*.

ART. 39.—The Board shall have authority to appoint such agents or agencies for the current year, for the transaction of any business under its control, as it may think necessary, and shall pay a reasonable sum for such service.



ART. 40.—All Leases, Deeds, Mortgages, Conveyances, Bonds, Contracts, or other written Documents, executed under the sanction of the Board of Managers, and having the seal of the Conference affixed, together with the signatures of the Moderator and the Recording Secretary, shall be considered valid.

ART. 41.—The Board of Managers can empower its Chairman to sign all Notes of Hand drawn in the form prescribed, which Notes shall be considered valid.

ART. 42.—The following shall be the form of all Notes of Hand signed by the Chairman of the Board for the Conference:—

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after date, the F. C. Baptist General Conference of New Brunswick promises to pay to the order of \_\_\_\_\_ the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ value received.

Chairman Board of Managers.

ART. 43.—The Board shall have power to make any additional rules for its own regulation, that it may think necessary; provided always that such rules shall not be contrary to the Constitution or any Bye-Law of the General Conference.

#### LICENTIATES.

ART. 44.—There shall be in connection with the Denomination three distinct classes of Licenses, distinguished as Church Licenses, Licenses by District Meetings, and Licenses by the General Conference.

ART. 45.—Any brother in good standing with a church in the Denomination, professing to be called of God to the work of the ministry, may receive from the church, by a two-thirds vote of its male members at any regular meeting, a *Church License*, to preach or improve his gift as the Lord willeth. But in no case shall a Church grant a License without the concurrence of its Pastor, or in case of not having a Pastor, of an ordained Elder belonging to the Conference, who shall examine the candidate in doctrine and ability to teach, and be satisfied that he has a good moral character.

ART. 46.—Church Licenses shall be presented to the first session of the District Meeting to which the Church granting such License belongs, or to the first session thereafter in which it may be practicable, when the Licentiate shall be examined, and if approved by a four-fifths vote, shall receive a *District Meeting License*, and become a member of the District Meeting. Such License, unless revoked by the District Meeting, shall be renewed annually until presented to the General Conference.

ART. 47.—It shall be in the power of a District Meeting to continue Licentiate on their Church Licenses during its pleasure, and in case of disapproval, to recommend the Church to revoke such License.

ART. 48.—District Meeting Licenses shall be presented to the first meeting of the Licentiate Committee, after the date thereof, or to the first session, when it may be practicable, when the Licentiate shall be examined, and reported to the Conference; and if approved by a four-fifth vote of the Conference, shall receive a *General Conference License*, and become a member of the Conference, with all the privileges thereof, except that of voting on questions touching the ordination of ministers. Such License shall be renewed annually, as long as the Conference shall be satisfied with the labours and standing of the Licentiate, or until it shall decide to ordain him.

ART. 49.—It shall be in the power of the General Conference to continue on his License—a District Meeting Licentiate—during its pleasure; and if it does not approve thereof, to recommend the District Meeting to revoke the License.

ART. 50.—No candidate who has at any time had a License revoked, can be

Licensed by a District Meeting, or by the General Conference, until he shall have obtained a License from the Church to which he belongs.

ART. 51.—No Licentiate has the authority to administer the ordinances of baptism or the Lord's Supper, or to receive members into Churches by the hand of fellowship.

ART. 52.—Before any brother, who uses tobacco, can be Licensed or ordained in the denomination, the body applied to shall request the candidate to abandon its use; but in case it be considered necessary to his health, as a matter of expediency, a License may be granted, or ordination allowed, by a four-fifths vote.

ART. 53.—A Licentiate Committee, consisting of not less than seven Elders, shall be appointed each year by the Elders' Conference of F. C. Baptists, on the Friday before the day of the sitting of the General Conference.

ART. 54.—It shall be the duty of the Licentiate Committee to examine all Licensates who may come before it, in soundness of doctrine, ability to teach, literary and general qualifications for the work of the ministry, and to report on each case to the Conference. The report should be submitted as early in the session as practicable.

ART. 55.—No minister can be a member of the Conference, or can hold the pastorate of any of its Churches, unless he be a member of some Church connected with the Conference.

ART. 56.—No Church shall receive to its membership a minister who has been ordained by any other denomination, until he shall have been approved by a unanimous vote of the Conference. It shall be in the power of the Conference to acknowledge such ordination, or to ordain the minister according to its own forms, as it may deem best. No minister who has been excluded from the Conference can hold the pastorate of a Church in the Conference; and any Church opening its house, or receiving such excluded minister, shall be liable to the censure of the General Conference.

ART. 57.—The right of ordination is vested in the General Conference only; and all ordination services shall be held, at the time and place of holding the Annual Session of the Conference.

ART. 58.—A Church, having an accusation to prefer against an Elder or a Licentiate, during the time between the sessions of the Conference, can, by having an especial session of the Elders' Conference called, bring such charge before that body. In such case, the Elders' Conference shall have power to investigate, and act thereupon; and if, in its judgment, such action be required, can exclude the accused from its own membership, and suspend him from exercising the functions of an Elder until the next session of the General Conference, and then make such recommendations to the General Conference as it may think the case and the cause demands. All such special Elders' Conferences shall be held, and the labour continued and ended with the Church which called the meeting.

ART. 59.—Churches, in securing land property on which to erect meeting-houses, or for other Church purposes, shall be particular in seeing that the conveyance, or title thereof be made legally, according to an Act of the Provincial Legislature, "to incorporate certain bodies connected with the Free Baptist Church in New Brunswick." (See Act of Incorporation.)

ART. 60.—The Recording Secretary of the Conference shall, on application, furnish blank deeds and forms of power to incorporate, with such instructions as may be necessary.

ART. 61.—The Conference shall have the authority to discipline, and if it should be found necessary for the good of the denomination, to exclude any District Meeting connected with it; but it shall have no power to reverse the

decision of a District meeting, Church or any other religious body, nor to interfere with its internal or local affairs, except when appealed to for help. In such case the decision of the Conference shall be final.

ART. 62.—Trials, or business of magnitude that may come before a District meeting, by a two-thirds vote of that body, can be referred to the Conference for decision; but no such matters can be introduced into Conference unless they have been before a District meeting. Churches who may be aggrieved by the decision of a District meeting, may have a hearing in the Conference.

### SPECIAL GENERAL CONFERENCE.

ART. 63.—A Special Session of the General Conference may be called when considered necessary, by the Moderator, with the concurrence of five Elders, by giving three weeks notice thereof in the *Religious Intelligencer*.

ART. 64.—All who were members of the preceding Annual Conference shall be members of the Special Conference, except in case that any of the District meetings shall have appointed messengers for the next Annual Session, when the newly appointed messengers shall be members of the Special Conference as well as of the Regular Annual Meeting.

ART. 65.—All the Bye-Laws, Rules and Regulations of this Conference that conflict with the Revised Constitution or the Bye-Laws of this Session, are hereby rescinded.

ART. 66.—These Bye-Laws may be extended, or amended, at any Annual Session of the General Conference by a unanimous vote of the members present, or by a two-thirds vote, if notice of such intended change shall have been given and recorded at a previous Session.

### CONSTITUTION OF DISTRICT MEETINGS.

ART. 1.—Each District Meeting shall be composed of the Ordained Ministers, and the General Conference and District Meeting Licentiates, who reside within its limits, or who may be engaged to labour with any of its Churches, and two Delegates from each Church belonging to the District, with a Clerk and Treasurer who shall be chosen by the meeting itself. When there are not as many as three Elders belonging to a District, the Conference may appoint as many to attend its annual meeting as may be thought necessary, who shall be members *ex officio*.

ART. 2.—Each District shall hold an Annual Meeting for the transaction of business, at any time which it may itself appoint, between the first of June and the last of September in each year, if at all practicable. If any Minister who belongs to the District, or who shall have been appointed by the Conference to attend, shall fail to do so, without a justifiable cause, he shall be liable to the censure of the meeting.

ART. 3.—The officers of each District Meeting shall be a Chairman, who shall be elected annually, a Clerk and a Treasurer, who shall hold office during the pleasure of the District.

ART. 4.—Two Ordained Ministers and six delegates from Churches shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business: a less number may adjourn.

ART. 5.—Any properly organized F. C. Baptist Church, on application, can be received into Fellowship with a District Meeting by a two-thirds vote.

ART. 6.—Each Church belonging to the District, shall have a representation in the Annual Meeting, consisting of two Delegates.

ART. 7.—Certificates of the appointments of Delegates, written Reports and Statistics of the Churches, shall be read in the first business Session. Each District meeting shall send Lay Delegates to the General Conference,—one by virtue of its organization, who shall be its standing Clerk, and an additional one for every three hundred members in the District. These Delegates shall be chosen by a two-thirds vote of the meeting, and by the clerk be furnished with a copy of the record of their appointment, which shall be by them given to the Recording Secretary of the General Conference.

ART. 8.—The Clerk of each District Meeting shall furnish the Recording Secretary of the General Conference with a statistical report of the Churches, and the Corresponding Secretary with a report of the business done, and of the state of religion in the Churches connected with the District, as early as the last of September in each year.

ART. 9.—The business of a District Meeting shall be confined within its own limits. It shall attend to all trials and other matters which may be referred to it by the Churches of which it is composed, but it shall not establish any rules or transact any business that shall interfere with any other Churches or Districts. It may recommend to the General Conference, for action, any rule or measure which it may think would advance the interests of any other District, or be profitable to the Denomination. It can also refer any trials of importance to the General Conference for decision, or can make appeals to the Conference for counsel or help as it may be needed, by its own two-thirds vote. It shall have power for causes to discipline, and if it be found necessary, to set aside any Church connected with it; but it shall not have power to reverse the action or decision of any Church except in cases of appeal. Appeals must be made as provided for in the Church Directory.

ART. 10.—District meetings shall hear any parties, who have been disciplined by a Church, who may desire to appeal thereto; and if it thinks the action of the Church has been unscriptural or unconstitutional, it shall give such advice, or make such recommendations to the Church as it may think the case requires, but it shall not have power to reverse the decision of a Church.

ART. 11.—Each District meeting shall exercise a superintendence and care over all the Churches within its jurisdiction.

ART. 12.—The Bye-Laws of the General Conference, as far as applicable, shall govern the District meetings. Any additional rules, not repugnant to the Constitution or Bye-Laws, which may be necessary, may be made by the District meetings themselves.

ART. 13.—This Constitution may be altered or amended at any time by the General Conference.



## CHURCH COVENANT.

Having been brought, as we humbly trust, by Divine grace, to embrace the Lord Jesus Christ, and to accept Him as our Saviour, and believing that the interest of His Kingdom requires our united efforts, we do therefore give ourselves up to Him, and agree with each other to walk in Him, with brotherly love, seeking our duty to God, to one another, and to the world: and in view of these we adopt the following as our Church Covenant:—

- 1.—We will exercise a mutual care, as members one of another—striving to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace—to promote the growth, of the whole body in Christian knowledge, holiness and comfort: and to labor together by prayer, precept and example, for the salvation of sinners.
- 2.—We will contribute of our substance for the support of a faithful Ministry among us, and the other necessary means of grace, and will be benevolent to the needy, especially to the poor of our own Church.
- 3.—We will, as constantly as we can, attend upon the public worship of God, and the stated meetings of the Church. In every Conference meeting we attend we will report ourselves to the Church, and will labor for its prosperity and up-building in its most holy faith, and will not forsake her in adversity, but will bear each other's burdens, and so fulfil the Law of Christ.
- 4.—We will maintain secret and family devotion, and religiously instruct those under our care, and cordially co-operate with those who minister to us in holy things, and will esteem them highly for their works' sake.
- 5.—We will not traffic in, nor use intoxicating drinks, as a beverage ourselves, nor furnish them for persons in our employment, except for medicinal, mechanical or chemical purposes.
- 6.—We will sustain the benevolent enterprises of the day, such as Missions Bible Societies, Sabbath Schools, Moral Reform, and all others, which, in the use of holy means, tend to the glory of God, and the welfare of men.
- 7.—We agree that we will love all those who love, our Lord Jesus Christ; that we will avoid all vain extravagance and sinful conformity to the world, and will abstain from all sinful amusements, as theatres, circuses, dances, gambling, &c.; and will refrain from all unchaste and profane conversation, and from reading wicked and corrupting publications. We will walk circumspectly towards those who are without, that the cause of God may not be reproached on our account.
- 8.—We will attend to the ordinance of the Lord's Supper as we may have opportunity, or as it may be administered by those over us in the Lord. We will frequently exhort, and if occasion requires, admonish each other, according to Matthew xviii., in the spirit of meekness.
- 9.—We agree to the annexed directory of principles and rules, as guiding to our faith in doctrine, and our practice in matters of church government. And, finally, we commit ourselves to God and to the Word of His grace; and may the God of peace, who brought again from the dead, our Lord Jesus Christ, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do His will; building us up also upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner-stone, in whom the whole building, fitly framed together, groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord, that we may be builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.—Amen.

## CHURCH DIRECTORY.

### I.—DENOMINATION.

This Church shall be known as the Free Christian Baptist Church of—  
in connection with the F. C. B. General Conference of New Brunswick.

### II.—DOCTRINES.

The leading doctrines held by this Church are those set forth in the Treatise of Faith of the F. C. Baptists of New Brunswick.

### III.—OFFICERS.

The Officers of the Church shall be—

1st. A *Pastor*, who shall be in regular standing with the General Conference, and who shall be elected by the Church.

2d. *Deacons*, who shall be elected by the Church.

3d. *Helps*, to assist the Deacons and Pastor in their duties, who shall be chosen annually.

4th. A *Clerk*, whose duty it shall be to keep a good and faithful record of the Church, and who shall hold office during the pleasure of the Church.

5th. A *Treasurer*, whose duty it shall be to take charge of all funds belonging to the Church; to pay its orders as far as supplied with the means, and render an annual account to the Church.

### IV.—CHURCH POLITY AND DISCIPLINE.

Sec. 1.—The Officers of the Church shall hold an *Officers' meeting* quarterly, or oftener if necessary.

Sec. 2.—Any business to be brought before the Church shall be arranged at the Officers' meeting.

Sec. 3.—The Church is directly amenable to the District Meeting to which it belongs, and indirectly to the General Conference, for the general good of the denomination.

Sec. 4.—The Pastor shall preside over all meetings when present; and in his absence, the senior deacon present.

Sec. 5.—Any meeting for business, or any Church purposes, which shall have been publicly announced by the Pastor, or in his absence, by the senior deacon, shall be a regular meeting; and any business which may be done at such a meeting shall be valid.

Sec. 6.—Although the Pastor may not hold his membership in the Church over whose meetings he may preside, he shall be allowed to give the casting vote.

Sec. 7.—In cases of discipline for private or individual trespass, it shall be the duty of the Officers of the Church, before hearing the case, to require that the law of trespass, as given by the Head of the Church, in the 18th chapter of Matthew, be acted upon.

Sec. 8.—When the trespass shall have been committed publicly against the Church, after private admonition by the Pastor or other officer, the case shall be brought before the Officers' meeting, and the accused party considered suspended from church privileges until reclaimed.

Sec. 9.—The Officers of the Church, after hearing and labouring in any case, can make such recommendations to the Church as they may think necessary; but exclusion from membership shall be the act of the Church itself.

Sec. 10.—All the business of the Church shall be done by a two-thirds vote of the male members, except the reception of members, which should be unanimous, and applications for help, which may be by a majority.

Sec. 11.—In any important matters of trial, the Church shall have the right to apply to the District Meeting to which it belongs for assistance, and such application can be made by a majority vote.

Sec. 12.—In any extraordinary case, such as a Church having become so divided or disarranged that a majority vote asking for help cannot be obtained, it shall be in the power of the District Meeting to which the Church belongs, as a matter of expediency, if in its judgment the Church be in a state requiring help, and is unable to help itself, to take charge of the Church, and in its care and labor for its good, exercise such discipline as it may think necessary.

Sec. 13.—Should any portion of the Church embrace or hold doctrines contrary to those which are set forth in the Treatise of our Faith, or become disloyal to the Constitution or polity of the denomination, even if such disaffected members shall include any or all the officers, it shall be in the power of the District Meeting to acknowledge and sustain as the Church, those members who shall be found loyal to the denomination; and further, if it be deemed necessary, it shall have the power to reorganize such members into a Church, which shall bear the name and date of the original organization.

Sec. 13.—In case of any disagreement in doctrine or polity, in allowing the liberty of conscience, such dissenting members may, by request, be allowed to withdraw from the Church without being considered as excluded members, so that in no case shall members be held in F. C. Baptist Churches by compulsion, or in violation of their consciences. It is always provided, however, that this provision shall not be so construed that trespassers or disorderly members shall take advantage of it to evade discipline or exclusion from the Church.

Sec. 14.—Disciplined persons who may feel aggrieved with the decision of the Church, shall have the right to appeal to the District Meeting.

Sec. 15.—In the case of adultery, or any high crime, it shall be in the power of the officers of the Church, upon having sufficient evidence thereof, to exclude the transgressors from the Church.

Sec. 16.—The Church shall appoint annually, from its members, two delegates to represent it in the District Meeting, who shall be furnished with a copy of the record of their appointment. It shall also send a written report, in which shall be given the statistics, and an account of the state of the Church. The letter should be read before the Church and approved, and so certified by the Clerk, before being forwarded to the District Meeting.

#### V.—TERMS OF FELLOWSHIP AND COMMUNION.

This Church recognizes only the immersion of *believers* as Christian baptism, and hence those only who have been immersed are admissible to its full fellowship; but it may receive to communion and equal privileges in worship, any who are in good standing with any other Evangelical Church, and who give evidence of spiritual life. It also may take under its care any who desire its instruction and protection, and the benefits of Christian intercourse.

#### VI.—QUALIFICATIONS FOR ADMISSION.

Persons desirous of admission into this Church, shall give satisfactory evidence to the Church of having been born of God.

#### VII.—FINANCES.

The members of the Church will co-operate with the officers in whatever system they may adopt for obtaining means to defray the expenditures of the Church, and shall contribute as God prospers.

#### VIII.—READING CHURCH COVENANT.

The Church Covenant shall be read at each Monthly Conference meeting, and as much oftener as may be considered necessary.

#### IX.—OTHER RULES.

The Church may adopt any rule not contrary to the Word of God, or the Constitution or Bye-Laws of the denomination, which may be found necessary for its interests, and by which the members agree to be governed.

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SPRINGFIELD, KING'S CO., July 7, 1868.

The Fourth Annual Meeting of the Home Mission Society was held with the church in this place at seven o'clock this evening.

The President, B. J. Underhill, Esq., in the Chair.

The Meeting was opened by singing, reading the Scriptures, and prayer.

The report from the Executive Committee was read and adopted. The Treasurer's Account was submitted and approved.

The Annual Report prepared by the Corresponding Secretary was read.

### ANNUAL REPORT

*Of the Corresponding Secretary of the Home Mission Society, of New Brunswick, for the year ending with June, 1868.*

MY CHRISTIAN FRIENDS.—In presenting our Annual Report to you this year we have much cause for gratitude to God for His mercies during the past, and much encouragement for future effort. Our work is increasing in importance, while our claims upon the sympathies and co-operation of the people remain clear and just. In the present destitute and unapplied state of many of our churches, Home Mission labor is indispensable, and the Home Mission Society must be regarded as an organization of much importance to the denomination. The labors of this Society are very much like the personal labors of the Lord Jesus Christ, our great Exemplar. While on earth our Saviour was truly a Home Missionary. His ministry was almost exclusively national. He went teaching from village to village, and from city to country, in his *native land*. Our object is to supply the religious destitution of our own country,—to foster feeble churches, and aid the needy. The Home Missionary must ever feel that he is treading in the steps of his Master, and the Society must rejoice that it evinces the spirit of Him who, amongst his own countrymen, went about doing good. With His example to guide, His presence to uphold, and His spirit to prosper, neither the laborers nor the Society can ever become weary. Surely we can ask for no higher motives to impel us. From Him we are to catch the celestial flame. Like Him we should be clothed with zeal. Our enthusiasm must not chill by neglect, nor become faint hearted from fear. His soul was full of fire to do His Father's will, and we should tread closely in His footsteps.

During the year the Society has been at work, and the Master has owned the efforts. We have aimed at accomplishing as much good for the denomination as we could, with such instrumentalities as were within our reach.

We engaged several brethren for short periods, whose labors have been scattered all the way from Grand Manan, in the County of Charlotte, to Andover, in the County of Victoria.

The Society engaged to aid the Rev. W. M. Knollin on his circuit in Westmorland County, during the year; but as our brother left this field and moved to Nova Scotia, we had the opportunity of assisting his labors three months only.

The Rev. F. Babcock spent four months under the direction of our Executive Committee. Quite a proportion of this time was spent at Beaver Harbour, Pennfield, and other places in Charlotte County, where we have but few people, and where labor is much needed. We believe the faithful labors of Brother Babcock, in this section of the County, were productive of lasting good. He also visited the church at the mouth of the Oromocto, and a few adjacent places, where his labors were appreciated and profitable.

The Rev. W. E. Pennington was engaged by the Society five months. He visited several churches that were much in need of help, and, by his earnest efforts, which were crowned by the blessing of God, good was done in each place. At Lower Wakefield and Simonds, in the County of Carleton, he saw the cause much helped. Souls were converted in each place, and the brethren greatly encouraged. His labors with the churches on the Washademoak Lake resulted in a glorious revival of religion. Many were reclaimed, and a large number baptized and added to the churches. While on his mission he baptized forty-three.

The Rev. G. T. Hartley spent three months with several churches in Carleton County. He visited Knowlesville, Seventh Tier in Wakefield, Peel, Becka-guimac, Windsor, and the Cold Stream, and saw revivals in each place. He baptized thirty-three.

Brother Solomon Smith spent one month on the Nashwaak, principally with the little church at Stanley. We have reason to believe this labor was profitable.

The church at Steeves' Settlement, we trust, has been helped by the labor expended there by Rev. R. Dobson, which in part was supported by the Society.

The Rev. Y. White has spent four and a half months mostly in the upper part of York County. At Eel River, especially, did the Lord bless his labors. A good revival was enjoyed, and a number of persons were baptized, and a church of twenty-nine members organized. This church has already commenced to build a house for God, and gives evidences of life, and promises fair for usefulness. At Lower Woodstock and at Canterbury good was done, and a number of souls converted under the ministry of Bro. White.

The Rev. A. Taylor had a mission of three months to the islands of Campo Bello and Grand Manan. The churches at North Head and Milton's Beach, enjoyed the most of this labor. His faithful and extensive visiting from house to house, and his general care and labor proved very timely and encouraging to these brethren. The cause was much helped, and lasting good, we believe, will result from this mission.

The Rev. A. B. Marsh has spent nearly all the year under the direction of the Executive Committee. During this time, he visited some of the churches in Brighton, Perth, and Andover, in the first and second districts, and saw revivals. At Coverdale and the North River, in the Fifth District, he saw extensive revivals, and baptized seventy persons, who were added to those churches. He also visited the churches at Lincoln and the Nashwaak. He baptized during his mission, one hundred and thirteen.

The most of the churches visited by our Missionaries have had little or no labor besides. Much need exists for this kind of labor and care in every District in the Conference. Our great want is men and money. For both our dependence is upon God, in whose hands are the hearts of all men. We want men called of God to the work of the ministry, and we want money from the friends and stewards of God who have been trusted therewith.

We need scarcely speak of the great encouragements and advantages which our free and growing country presents for mission labor. Blessed as we are with free institutions, and a government responsible to a free and an intelligent people, we have no such obstacles to meet, as an adverse government, nor the suspicions of an alien nation, that our Missionaries are political enemies. We live in a land of liberty. Our country is mainly inhabited by a people who speak the language in which we have our Bible, and who are eager to welcome the Missionaries to their communities and to their homes. Self interests and the love of kindred, the love of country, the love of souls and the love of Christ, are alike varied and powerful motives to urge us on in this noble work.

As a Society we have an inviting field before us, and solemn responsibilities resting upon us. Although we are in a land of Bibles and a land of Gospel light, yet many of our neighbors are perishing for the lack of ministers to tell them of Jesus and the way of salvation, while many of them with earnest, yearning hearts, are looking to us for help. I trust the zeal and liberality which have characterized the spirit and action of our people thus far, may never abate. For the means to carry forward our work we rely entirely upon our people who feel interested in the service of Christ. Our Society has not been subsidized by any national treasury, nor do our missionaries sit at the receipt of customs to collect from the traffic of the country for the promotion of their work. Even Christ in His ministry, was not, like the established priesthood of Israel, sustained by the tithes of the land, nor did any State furnish from its revenues endowments for His mission. What aid he received was from the free contributions of a few disciples, amongst whom were pious women who followed Him and ministered of their substance. To the spontaneous offerings of Christian men and women, who have themselves been benefitted by the Gospel, do we look for support. From many of these we receive, because of their love for Christ and the poor and destitute of their own country, and the willingness of their hearts, rather than from ostentation or the fullness of their hands. Thus far the Lord has given the Society favor with our people, and we trust that

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the deep interest hitherto manifested in our annual meetings may be fully sustained this evening. Brethren—a little more giving and a little more toiling for Christ, and life will be closed. Let us not be weary in well doing. We will be better and happier for doing something for Christ, and giving all He requires from us. We should not forget that it is more blessed to give than to receive, and that benevolence is interwoven with the very ground work of the Gospel. While we give, with pure motives, to benefit others, we honour God, and do favor to ourselves. Says the Apostle Paul, "For the administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings to God: whilst by the experiment of this ministration they glorify God for your professed subjection unto the Gospel of Christ, and for your liberal distribution unto them, and unto all men." May the Lord aid us, that with all we have and all we are, we may glorify Him, and ultimately be brought to reign with Him in Heaven, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

G. A. HARTLEY.  
SPRINGFIELD, K. C., July 1868.

Cor. Sec'y. H. Miss. Soc'y.

The adoption of the Report was moved by the Rev. J. E. Read, seconded by Rev. C. McMullin, and supported by Rev. J. T. Parsons, D. Oram, Bro. D. W. Clark, and the Corresponding Secretary. These addresses were full of pathos, and produced a blessed effect on the minds of the Assembly. The Lord's people felt His claims upon what was entrusted to their care, and were anxious to be faithful in its proper use. The cash receipts of the meeting amounted to \$165. About \$58 more were pledged.

### REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF H. M. S.

Your Executive Committee has, during the year, labored to promote the interests and objects of the Society. We held ten meetings for the transaction of business, and engaged seven different brethren as Missionaries, beside aiding the labors of two others. The whole time spent in the field is equal to about three years by one man. We have expended \$980.14. All engagements and demands against the Society are paid, and we hope now to have the Treasury replenished, so that we may enter vigorously upon another year's labor.

### TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

The F. C. B. Home Mission Society in account with D. W. Clark, Treasurer.  
July 1867. Cr.

Balance on hand,	\$650 63	G W Perry,	\$0 50	Charles T White,	\$1 00
Mrs S N Freeze,	1 00	Thos O Donald,	4 00	George White,	80
James Tins,	50	Benjamin Yerxa,	50	Richard Roach,	55
Mrs James Tins,	50	Abraham Hawkins,	25	Jacob Hall,	50
Mrs William McLeod,	1 00	A Lady Friend,	24	John Tritter,	50
Barnford Colpitts,	2 00	Cyrena Burt,	20	Friend,	25
Robert McLeod,	2 00	Mrs Winet Williams,	40	Pinnamore Morton,	25
Coll 4th D Meeting,	1 80	Ruth Burt,	25	Mrs W Roach,	1 00
Thos E Smith,	4 00	A Friend,	50	Mrs J Roach,	1 00
Reed Slipp,	2 00	Emily Yerxa,	34	Mrs Jane Roach,	1 00
John Meely,	40	Moses Yerxa,	4 00	Mrs E White,	1 00
George Smith,	30	Thomas Colter,	50	James Spruille,	50
George Graas,	1 00	Mrs Elias Yerxa,	30	Thomas Murray,	50
Almira Hart,	1 00	A Friend,	50	John Bacon,	50
Mrs Charles Coy,	1 08	C Johnson,	50	James Mackey,	1 00
Charles Curry,	25	Samuel Hagerman,	50	Albert McArthur,	30
Thomas Ebbitt,	1 00	Benjamin Yerxa, jun.,	52	Miss Dianna Matix,	1 00
D W Curry,	1 04	Benjamin A Goodspeed,	1 00	Mrs H McMonagie,	1 00
Charles Gunkler,	1 04	Samuel Yerxa,	2 00	S N Freeze, Esq.,	1 00
C Turney,	1 00	K Hoyt,	50	Fred N Freeze,	25
James Cowdorthwalte,	1 00	Jacob Yerxa,	50	Samuel A Freeze,	25
Coll 4th D Meeting,	2 50	George Brown,	4 01	Barnford Colpitts,	1 50
David Ferguson,	2 50	Coll at 8d D Meeting,	4 01	George Morton,	1 00
George Slipp,	2 00	Coll. by Miss M J McLeod,	50	Samuel McCready,	1 00
Christianna A. Good,	1 00	Charles McLean,	\$1 00	Mrs Tribe,	50

Thomas Roach,	\$2 00	Coll by Rev A Taylor,	\$29 10	Joshua Webb,	\$2 00
Bequest from the late		Elijah Gray,	2 00	Irena Peterson,	1 00
Alex Machum,	50 00	Mrs E Gray,	1 00	Oliver M Bailey,	1 00
Rev J N Barnes,	10 00	Rev G A Hartley,	2 00	Victoria Mercereau,	1 00
Lorenzo Wilson,	9 45	Rev P Malloch,	25 00	E C Smith,	1 00
Hester Mercereau,	1 00	Bamford Colpitts,	5 00	Peninor Hoyt,	1 00
Jemima Smith,	1 00	T W Musgrove,	50 00	Wm D Smith,	1 00
Magnus Green,	2 00	Daniel E Smith,	1 00	Araminta Bailey,	1 00
Elizabeth Woodbury,	1 00	Jos Smith (Bridgewater),	2 00	John T Bailey,	1 00
John R Thomas,	1 00	Ella U Peters,	10 00	Caroline Smith,	1 00
James E Hartley, Esq.,	2 00	Rev Y White,	2 00	Fieba A Smith,	1 00
Mrs James R Hartley,	1 00	Rev Wm Kinghorn,	10 00	Mariah Smith,	1 00
Coll in Woodstock Ch.		Leonard Slipp,	1 00	Wm Taylor,	1 00
and Sabbath School,	12 75	Peter Cosman,	1 00	Thomas Cruthers,	1 00
Ira Blanch Parsons,	10 00	Rev G T Hartley,	1 00	Mrs James Coy,	1 00
Church at Upper Peel,	8 00	J A S Keirstead,	50 00	Charles Curry,	1 00
Church at Knowlesville,	17 00	Gideon McLeod, Esq.,	4 00	C W Curry,	1 00
Joseph N. Noble,	5 00	Mrs John Kimble,	1 00	Mrs Allingham,	50 00
Solomon Smith,	5 00	Jacob Gillis,	1 00	Edward Coy,	1 00
Coll by S Smith,	8 50	Maggie DeWitt,	1 00	Mrs Curry,	50 00
Rev S E Curry,	2 00	Amey Perry,	1 00	J B Rideout, A Oy,	\$10 7 00
Susan Freeman,	2 00	Rev J E Rend,	6 00	James Urquart,	1 00
Coll by Rev Y White,	51 00	William Burnett,	1 00	John S Jones,	4 00
Collected by Rev W E		Friend,	47 00	Rev F Babcock,	2 00
Pennington,	53 87	Rev Thomas Vanwart,	1 00	E C Freeze,	5 00
Coll by Rev A B Marsh,	163 29	D W Clark,	40 00	Rev T O DeWitt,	5 00
Rev A B Marsh,	7 00	Minnie Clark,	10 00	Rev J Gunter,	5 00
Coll by Rev F Babcock,	80 16	Coll at Annual Meeting,	6 61	George W McCready,	10 00
Collected by Rev		E W Hartley,	2 00	Annie J Stockford,	50 00
G T Hartley,	81 11				

Ca. By amount received,

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..... \$1,489 86

1867.

July. To paid Barnes & Co., printing Minutes, ....	\$12 50
" Compiling Committee, ....	4 00
" Rev. F. Babcock, four months' labor, ....	133 83
" Rev. W. E. Pennington, five months' labor, ....	166 66
" Rev. W. M. Knollin, labor, ....	25 00
" Rev. A. B. Marsh, ten months, five days' labor, ...	203 65
" Rev. Y. White, four and a half months' labor, ...	90 00
" Rev. R. Dobson, on acct. church, Steeves' Sett'lmt.,	30 00
" Rev. G. T. Hartley, three months' labor, ....	90 00
" Rev. A. Taylor, three months' labor, ....	100 00
" Solomon Smith, one month's labor, ....	25 00
" Corresponding Secretary, postage, ....	1 00
	<u>\$981 28</u>
Balance in Treasurer's hands, ....	<u>\$506 82</u>

D. W. CLARK, TREASURER.

*The F. C. B. Home Mission Society, in account with F. Babcock.*

BY AMOUNTS COLLECTED AS FOLLOWS:

Coll at Lepreux,	\$2 60	Charles Phosant,	\$0 60	Mrs Charles Tracy,	\$1 00
New River—		William Creekmore,	50 00	George Tracy,	1 00
Mrs Campbell,	1 00	Mrs John E Boone,	50 00	Jeremiah Tracey, Jun.,	1 00
Coll at Leteta,	1 50	James Odell Tracy,	25 00	Stephen Kinney,	1 00
Whitefield Cosman,	25 00	David T Harit,	1 00	Miss Ann Kinney,	1 00
Mrs Emily Cosman,	1 00	Rev J G McKenzie,	1 00	Friends,	1 75
Mrs Sarah Nickerson,	1 00	Solomon Smith,	40 00	My pledge last July,	2 00
Coll at Newtown,	1 37	Collection,	1 00		
Robert E McLeod,	5 00	Mrs Rebecca Kelley,	1 00		
Coll Mouth Oromocto,	89 00	Coll N Branch Oromocto,	2 47		

Dr. ....

To four months' Missionary labor,

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..... \$133 83

To amount received from Treasurer,

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..... \$2 14

July 1868.

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..... \$101 17



*The F. C. B. Home Mission Society in account with Y. White,*

BY AMOUNTS COLLECTED AS FOLLOWS:

Israel Smith,	\$2 00	John Mores,	\$1 00	Robert Moore,	\$0 12
George F Smith,	1 00	James W Golden,	1 00	Joseph Bull,	1 00
Mrs Kimber,	1 00	Charles Dickerson,	1 00	Collection,	1 89
David Mills,	50	George Porter,	50	William Watson,	1 00
J K Mills,	50	Alonzo Dow,	1 00	Frederick Watson,	1 00
Isaac White,	1 00	Dr. Merrill,	1 00	E W Hartley,	1 00
John Lilly,	1 00	Charles Hagerman,	2 00	David L Grant,	3 00
Hugh Davis,	2 00	James Porter,	1 00	G W Ingram,	1 00
William Baker,	85	Robert G Gibson,	25	Collection,	1 26
Charles Baker,	68	Frederick Mores,	1 00	Friend,	94
Elijah Briggs,	2 00	John Dickerson,	48	George Grant,	45
George F Briggs,	25	William Niles,	1 00	Peter Ingram,	24
George A F Briggs,	1 00	Cyrus Paterson,	1 00	D Wade,	34
Collection,	73	George Moore,	1 00	Daniel Grant,	75
Samuel Briggs,	50	Moses Dow,	1 00	George Draper,	50
Ezra Briggs,	40	Alfred Trafton,	1 00	Randolph Britton,	1 00
Thomas B Cheney,	2 28	F Grovesnor,	1 50		
Thomas E Cheney,	40	Thomas Hagerman,	20		
Samuel Tracy,	1 50				\$51 08

Dr.

To four and a half months Missionary labor, ..... \$90 00

Amount received from Treasurer, ..... \$1 08

July 1868. .... \$88 92

July 1868.

*The F. C. B. Home Mission Society in account with A. Taylor.*

BY AMOUNTS COLLECTED AS FOLLOWS:

James Small,	\$2 00	Susan Daggett,	\$1 00	Susan Brown,	\$1 00
Mrs James Small,	1 00	William Watt,	2 00	Alfred Leonard,	50
Mrs John Benson,	50	William Kendrick,	50	James Brown, jun.,	1 00
Jeremiah Wilson,	75	Sarah Ryan,	50	Ebenezer Newman,	1 00
Susan Wilson,	75	Jane Ryan,	50	Mary Wilson,	1 00
John Thomas,	60	Coll Grand Harbour,	1 18	Susan Newman,	50
Eleithere J Small,	25	Coll Seal Cove,	1 50	James Savage,	1 00
Martha M Small,	25	Coll North Head,	3 85	Charles Lake,	1 00
Collection at North Head		Coll Wilson's Beach,	3 06	Thomas Lake,	1 00
Grand Manan,	2 00	Nathaniel Phinney,	8 00		
American Currency,	\$8 20	Nelson Ludlow,	3 00		\$39 64
Edmund Daggett,	\$1 00	Durphy Brown,	50		
		William Newman,	50	Total N. B. C'y.,	\$39 10

Dr.

To three months' Missionary labor, ..... \$100 00

Amount paid by Treasurer, ..... 29 10

..... \$71 00

Note.—In consequence of the loss of a list containing the names of the persons who paid the Rev. A. B. Marsh, while on his mission, we are unable to publish his Account.

G. A. H.

The Society will hold its next Annual Meeting at the time and place of holding the General Conference in 1869.

WM. PETERS, REC. SECRETARY.

# CONSTITUTION AND RULES

OF THE

## HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE F. C. BAPTISTS OF N. B.

[Revised, July 1868.]

### I.—NAME OF SOCIETY.

1.—This Society shall be known by the name of the *F. C. Baptist Home Missionary Society of New Brunswick*, under the auspices of the F. C. B. General Conference of New Brunswick.

### II.—OBJECT OF THE SOCIETY.

2.—The object of the Society is to assist destitute Churches, and send the Gospel to uncared-for districts throughout the Province.

### III.—MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY.

3.—A male may become a member by paying \$2 into the Treasury yearly; and by paying \$20 at any one time, may become a life member.

4.—A female may become an honorary annual member by paying into the Treasury \$1; and an honorary life member by paying \$10 at one time.

### IV.—OFFICERS.

5.—The officers of this Society shall be a President, three Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, Auditor, a Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, and an Executive Committee of seven, who shall be appointed annually by the Free C. Baptist General Conference—all to be members of F. C. Baptist Churches.

6.—The two Secretaries and Treasurer shall be three of the seven members of the Committee. The foregoing officers shall hold their respective offices until others are chosen.

7.—It shall be the duty of the President, and in his absence, one of the Vice-Presidents, to preside at each meeting of the Society, and to perform such official acts at any time as the Society shall direct by its rules and votes.

8.—In the absence of the President and all the Vice-Presidents, the oldest member present shall call the meeting to order; after which the presiding officer shall be chosen for the occasion.

9.—The Executive Committee shall form its own rules and regulations, appoint its own meetings, fill any vacancy that may occur in its own members, or among the officers of the Society during the year, and call the annual meetings of the Society, and also special meetings, when in their opinion the interests of the cause require it.

It shall engage the Missionaries and regulate their salaries, and have power to dismiss them before the term of engagement expires, providing circumstances demand it, and institute such agencies as the enterprise may require, and make an annual report of its doings to the Society.

The Executive Committee shall, as soon as practicable after it is chosen, organize by appointing one of its members Chairman and another its Clerk. The Clerk shall be the Recording Secretary of the Society, if there shall be no good reason for appointing some other member of the Committee to that office. The Clerk shall keep a full record of the doings of the Committee, and sign all their official acts. The Records of the Committee shall always be open to the inspection of the Society.

Three of the Executive Committee shall form a quorum for the transaction of business at any of its regular meetings.

10.—The Treasurer shall take charge of the funds belonging to the Society, and keep an account of the same—showing the sources from which they have been derived, and the purposes for which they have been given.

He shall invest the funds of the Society in the safest and most productive forms; but no permanent investment shall be made or changed by him without the concurrence of the Executive Committee.

He shall report quarterly to the Corresponding Secretary on the state of the finances, and pay all orders of the Executive Committee as far as he may have funds on hand.

11.—The Auditor shall examine carefully and thoroughly the Treasurer's books at least once a year, and if he shall find the accounts correctly kept and accurately cast, the payments well vouched, the balance satisfactorily stated and accounted for, and the evidence of the property shall be duly exhibited, he shall give his certificate accordingly—which certificate he shall enter at large in the Treasurer's books, and give a duplicate of it to the Recording Secretary, to be by him entered upon his book of records.

12.—It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to prepare and transmit all communications that may be necessary to promote the best interests of the Society, and to answer those which in his opinion require it; and when the nature of the subject demands, he shall ask advice of the Executive Committee in relation thereto, and proceed as they may direct. He shall prepare the annual report of the Society, which report shall be heard and accepted by the Executive Committee, if they shall desire to do so, before it shall be presented to the Society.

13.—The Recording Secretary shall keep accurate minutes of the proceedings of the Society, which he shall enter in a book of records, and certify that the records of each meeting are true.

#### V.—ANNUAL MEETING.

14.—This Society shall meet annually at the time and place of the meeting of the F. C. Baptist General Conference, to hear the reports of the Treasurer, Executive Committee, and Corresponding Secretary, and to transact all the other necessary business of the Society. On presenting his report, the Corresponding Secretary shall read the whole of it, or an abstract, as he shall be directed either by the Executive Committee or the Society.

A quorum of nine members shall be requisite to transact business at all meetings of the Society, but a less number may call to order and adjourn.

#### VI.—MANNER OF CHOOSING OFFICERS.

15.—A Committee shall be appointed at each annual meeting of the F. C. B. General Conference, in such manner and consisting of such members as may be thought best, whose duty it shall be to nominate the officers for the ensuing year.

#### VII.—AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION.

16.—No alteration of the Constitution or Rules of the Society shall be made, except on recommendation of the Executive Committee, or the F. C. Baptist General Conference, and by vote of two-thirds of the members present at any annual meeting; or unless the proposed alteration shall have been submitted to the Society in writing at a previous meeting.

#### VIII.—APPROPRIATIONS OF MONEY.

17.—All the money received by this Society shall be under the control of the Executive Committee to carry out the objects of the Society.

#### IX.—MISSIONARIES.

18.—Applications for employment as Missionaries must be made to the Corresponding Secretary.

19.—The Missionaries labouring in connection with this Society are required to lay the claims of the Society before the people where they may labor.

20.—The members of the Executive Committee and the Missionaries labouring under their direction, shall be a Committee to receive all money from contributors, who shall pay it over to the Treasurer, taking receipts from him for it.

21.—Each Missionary shall report monthly to the Corresponding Secretary.

22.—Missionaries are required to report quarterly to the Executive Committee all collections, donations and gifts received by them, which shall belong to the Society's funds.

# MINUTES

## OF THE

### FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE F. MISSION SOCIETY.

#### OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.

##### President,

Rev. BENJAMIN MERRITT.

##### Vice-Presidents.

Rev. CHARLES McMULLIN.

" E. WEYMAN,

" J. N. BARNES.

Rev. JOHN PERRY, Corresponding Secretary.

G. A. HARTLEY, Recording Secretary.

Mr. WM. PETERS, Treasurer.

B. J. UNDERHILL, Esq., Auditor.

##### Executive Committee.

WILLIAM PETERS, Chairman.

ROBERT SLIPP,

Rev. W. E. PENNINGTON,

" THOMAS O. DEWITT,

" Rev. G. T. HARTLEY,

B. J. UNDERHILL, Esq.,

Rev. B. MERRITT,

ISRAEL ATHERTON,

Rev. J. NOBLE,

G. W. BOYER,

AND THE TWO SECRETARIES.

#### LIFE MEMBERS.

##### MALE MEMBERS.

Rev. B. Merritt, Hampstead, Q. C.

" J. N. Barnes, Kingston, K. C.

Wm. Peters, Saint John.

Captain B. Corning, Yarmouth, N. S.

Rev. G. T. Hartley, Upper Woodstock.

Rev. C. McMullin, Brighton, C. C.

John Perry, Springfield, K. C.

A. B. Marsh, Fredericton.

Mrs. George W. McCready, Sussex.

B. J. Underhill, Esq., St. John.

Church White Head Island.

F. C. B. Sabbath School, Carleton.

Rev. Thomas O. DeWitt, Oromocto.

" S. Hartt, Jacksontown.

F. C. B. Sabbath School, Saint John.

G. R. Boyer, Wakefield.

Lorenzo Wilson, New York.

##### FEMALE MEMBERS.

Mrs. Albert Peters, Saint John.

Miss Ella U. Peters, Saint John.

Mrs. G. W. McDonald, Presque Isle.

Mrs. John E. Reud, Hampstead.

Mrs. George W. McCready, Sussex.

Mrs. J. N. Barnes, Kingston.

Mrs. James Mitchell, Lincoln.

Mrs. Wm. Peters, Saint John.

Miss Ida T. Peters,

Mrs. B. Merritt, Hampstead.



SPRINGFIELD, K. C., July 6th, 1868.

The F. C. B. Foreign Mission Society held its Fourth Annual Meeting with the Church in this place, on the evening of Monday, at 7½ o'clock. The President was in the Chair.

Meeting opened by singing and prayer.

After remarks by the Chairman, the Treasurer's account was submitted, which was highly satisfactory.

The Corresponding Secretary then read his Annual Report.

## REPORT.

Another year has passed away in the history of our Foreign Mission Society, and it is with much pleasure I proceed to lay before you this evening an account of the labours of our Missionaries during that time. With gratitude to Almighty God, we are enabled to report the good health of our Missionaries. While some of those belonging to the Parent Society have been prevented from labouring for a time, on account of ill health, our Missionaries have been enabled to labour on with untiring zeal, without one interruption. You are aware that the Missionaries were somewhat deterred from their work proper, by the ravages of the famine, which carried off no less than 1,500,000 persons; but now that this mighty scourge is past, they have again set about caring for their Churches, reorganizing their schools, and setting things in order at the different stations, to do battle against idolatry with double diligence. At Midnapore, buildings are being erected for the Mission. The Church at this place has seen some revival, and a decided progress is manifest in it. The statistics are as follows: Received by baptism, 6; by letter, 3; excluded, 2; died, 1; total number, 81. In connection with this Church, there is a flourishing Sabbath School, numbering about one hundred scholars. On the last Sabbath of each month, a Sabbath School concert is held; and by contributions taken up at these monthly gatherings, quite a handsome sum has been realized, which has in part been expended for a Sabbath School Library. The knowledge of Scripture is gradually increasing, and a love for the study of the Bible is more manifest. The Report says: "We ask the prayers of all Christians in behalf of our Sabbath School, that it may be a sure promoter of early and earnest piety." A Bible class has been organized at this station, under the guidance of our Missionary, for the instruction of the native preachers and other students of the Bible. The main object is to teach these men the meaning of God's Word, and help them in their effort to teach their deluded countrymen the way of salvation. There have been seven persons connected with this school during the past year. The week-day schools belonging to the Mission are about forty, having an attendance of 850 scholars. The branches taught are the same as those taught in our common schools, together with reading the Scriptures. The printing press is doing much good, and is destined to be a powerful agent in the dissemination of the principles of Christianity in that dark heathen land. There have been 367,000 pages of religious truth issued from the press during the past year; double the amount of the preceding one. The Parent Society have sent out another press during the past year.

The Zenana work, commenced something over two years ago, by the female missionaries at Midnapore, in the houses and with the wives of the wealthier class, is a very interesting branch of labour, and much good is being done by it. They visit them at their homes, where they are taught to sew and read. The Scripture is presented, and personal applications made from some of its truths. Access to a large number of families has been gained, which are visited three times weekly. Who can fathom the future results of these labours?

The bazaar preaching is still continued, although through trials and discouragements. It is hoped some seed may be planted by the wayside; that will in due time spring up, and bear fruit to the glory of God. Itinerancy, or cold season tours—an account of which appeared in the *Religious Intelligence*, a few months ago, from the pen of our Missionary—commence about the first of November, and last four months in each year, and is a very important work. In these tours, the Missionaries penetrate far into the country, preaching Christ, and distributing tracts that shall be like bread cast upon the waters, found

many days after. A Church has been formed during the past year at Santapore, from members residing there belonging to the Jelasore Church, which is under the care of Rev. J. Phillips, father of our Missionary, and Dula, Santal preacher. There are four organized Churches belonging to the Mission, with a membership of over 120. The Missionary band was reinforced by the return of Rev. E. B. Hallem, after an absence of four years to his native country.

We cannot but feel grateful to the friends of this soul-saving cause, who have come up so nobly and sustained our Treasurer in making his semi-annual payments; yet we think some rule should be established, whereby each and every Church and friend of this good cause would have the Missionary claims continually before them. Although it is not our place in this Report to dictate, yet we hope to see this matter taken up and digested. Surely the little Church at Midnapore has set us a good example, in the contributing of their tenths, whereby they have been enabled to keep a native preacher in the field during the past year, besides paying the expenses of their chapel. Do not we hear the command in this Christian land, "Go and do likewise?" Friends of the Mission cause! look at dark, awfully dark, benighted Orissa; gaze upon its awful desolation and sin; behold its impure temples, its bloody sacrifices, its Shasters, unutterably obscene, the roads crowded with pilgrims hastening to the detested temple; the young untaught whatever most concerns immortal men; the aged unheeded; afflicted without a comforter; the dying without a Saviour,—and then ask ourselves the question, Does not God require something at our hands? Yes, and while others are casting in of their abundance, let us do what we can, and our memorial will be everlasting and our reward eternal.

JOHN PERRY, Corresponding Secretary.

July 6th, 1868.

Bro. Joseph McLeod moved the adoption of the Report, which was seconded by Rev. J. N. Barnes, and supported in earnest speeches by brethren S. McKeon, Gideon McLeod, M. P. P., J. E. Rend, W. A. Corey (Baptist), D. Oram, G. A. Hartley, A. B. Marsh, S. E. Curry, and E. W. Hartley.

The Report was adopted.

The amount received in the meeting amounted to \$54 in cash and \$100 in pledges.

At a special meeting of the Society it was—*Resolved*, That the Constitution of this Society be altered so as to meet the requirements of the new Constitution and Bye-Laws of General Conference.

### TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

*F. C. Baptist Foreign Mission Society in account with Wm. Peters, Treasurer.*

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Balance on hand,		A Friend,	\$0 40	Angus McKay,	\$0 50
July 1867,	\$8 27½	J. Cowperthwaite,	1 00	Rev. J. N. Barnes,	
Captain Bowman		Collected at 4th		for Fred. J. Barnes,	10 00
Corning, N. S.,	4 00	D. Meeting,	2 55	Mr. and Mrs. John	
E. Cahoon, N. S.,	10 00	Bamford Colpitts,	2 00	A. Goslin,	2 00
E. Doliver,	2 00	Mary A. Cameron,	2 00	A Friend, Upper	
Maggie McMullin,	50	D. Ferguson, Esq.,	2 50	Susser,	2 00
George Grass,	1 00	Robt. E. McLeod	5 00	Mrs. Helms,	29
Phebe Hart,	2 00	Letty J. Montgomery,	1 50	A Friend, Woodstock,	1 00
R. T. Babbitt,	1 00	Rev. Jos. Noble,	1 00	do. do.	1 00
A Friend,	1 00	Lorenzo Wilson,	50 00	Rev. E. Weyman,	12 00
Charles Plummer,	25	Albert Palmer,	2 00	Otis J. Smith,	2 00
John Babbitt,	50	Stephen Wood,	25	Reed Slipp,	5 00

Joseph Flewelling,	\$1 00	Collection at Tenant's	Cash,	\$0 24	
Wm. Whittekir,	1 00	Cove,	Miss Mary Merithew,	20	
George Bond,	1 00	Alpheus Urquhart,	60	John J. McKeen,	52
Gabriel Vanwart,	1 00	Gilbert Willigar,	1 00	Benj. N. Goodspeed	2 00
T. W. Carpenter,	90	Sarah Odell,	50	Samuel Yerxa,	2 00
Henry A. Perry,	5 00	Mrs. A. Morrell	48	Nathaniel Erkwood,	60
Joel Jenkins,	5 00	Mr. and Mrs. Seth	Master Addington		
Garrett Vanwart,	2 50	Erb, sr.,	1 50	Yerxa,	17
Benj. French,	1 04	Mrs. Davis,	1 25	Mrs. Geo. Merithew,	1 00
Daniel Jenkins,	2 00	Mr. and Mrs. Seth	Joseph McLeod,	5 00	
George Worden,	1 00	Erb, jr.,	1 25	Jas. B. Bremer,	60
Annie Perry,	40	John Downey,	1 00	Eleazer Merithew,	1 00
Wm. Perry, jun.	4 00	James H. Lake,	25	Jacob Yerxa,	50
Mary A. Day,	75	Rev. Sam. Downey,	1 00	Coll 3d Dis. Meeting,	4 02
Amy Jenkins,	50	A. Morrell,	1 00	J. H. Moore,	1 00
B. J. Underhill,	2 00	Mrs. G. Erbb,	50	Mrs. Millett,	50
Lavinia Jenkins,	50	Collection 1st church,	Edward W. Slipp,	4 00	
Abigail Jenkins,	20	Kars,	82	Emily Cameron,	1 00
Gilbert Perry,	2 00	David P. Willigar,	60	E. E. Cameron,	1 00
Collection at Johnston,	2 85	Wm. Burnett, sen.,	1 00	Stephen Smith,	1 00
by Rev. J. Perry,	2 85	James Sherwood,	25	Shiloe Durgan,	1 00
Solomon E. Perry,	20	Peter L. Causeman,	1 00	Garritt Vanwart,	1 00
Robert Black,	1 00	Wm. M. Case,	50	John Slipp,	2 00
G. T. Orchard,	1 00	Harding Ellsworth,	50	Charles McAlpine,	2 00
Isaac Slipp,	24	H. H. Causeman,	25	Leonora Dunphy,	49
George Perry,	2 00	George Causeman,	20	Abraham Fox,	31
Wm. Perry (3d),	20	E. Causeman,	20	Wm. Robinson,	31
W. S. Worden,	1 00	Wm. Burnett, jun.,	1 00	Ruth Fox,	24
M. Henry Perry,	20	Wilford Sherwood,	12	Fred. Cameron,	30
J. Whitfield Perry,	1 00	George Sherwood,	1 00	Eliza A. Cameron,	35
Hazen Starkey,	1 00	Abraham Colpitts,	50	George H. Slipp,	4 00
Aaron Jenkins,	2 00	Wm. Sherwood, jun.,	25	Church Upper Caver-	
Susan Fowler,	50	Wm. E. Case,	25	hill,	5 20
Samuel Perry,	25	John Sharp,	25	G. R. Boyer,	1 00
Wm. Perry, sen.	21	Charlotte Watson,	5	J. W. Boyer,	4 00
Mrs. Robert Barnett,	60	Henry Sharp,	1 00	Wm. Taylor,	2 00
Alfred Colpitts,	1 00	Hugh Walker,	1 00	Mrs. J. Noble,	50
Bliss McLeod,	60	Samuel Sherwood,	5	Miss R. A. Noble,	50
J. McDonald,	1 00	G. W. Sharp,	1 00	Mrs. Cyrus M. Shaw,	2 00
B. Colpitts,	1 00	James E. Johnson,	1 00	Israel Merritt,	5 00
Jane Weyman,	2 00	Robert Barnett,	1 00	Seth Siprell,	75
Coll. at Roachville,	1 80	Col. at Middleland,	46	Samuel H. Shaw,	1 00
Mrs. E. Weyman,	1 00	L. N. Sharp, M. D.,	5 00	Mrs. S. H. Shaw,	50
Thos. Blisset,	50	Friend, to Barnes		Mrs. J. Magee,	50
Member of Church at		& Co.,	1 00	Mrs. H. Magee,	50
Johnston,	5 00	John Brown,	50	Mrs. J. Boyer,	1 00
Alex. Kennedy,	1 00	Hugh Brown,	50	Miss E. A. Boyer,	50
Mrs. Joel Jenkins,	4 00	Wm. Cosman,	1 00	Mrs. R. Shaw,	25
Rev. Thos. Vanwart,	2 00	Oran Hays,	85	A. Machum, jun.,	1 00
A. G. Morrill,	32	A Lady Friend,	8 00	Mrs. Wm. Short,	25
James Cosseborne,	25	2d Dis. Meeting,	18	Mark Short,	50
Isaac Morrill,	32	George Draper,	1 00	Geo. A. S. Tripp,	30
Wm. Purdy,	22	Sabbath School 1st		Mrs. John Short,	36
Valentine Vanwart,	19	Nashwaak Chi,	2 00	Mrs. Robert Smith,	25
Mrs. G. Vanwart,	50	Samuel Hagerman,	30	James Dunn,	24
Master J. J. Vanwart,	25	Henry J. Fowler,	24	Mrs. McKenzie,	30
Master Wesley Vanwart,	25	Benj. Yerxa, jun.,	50	Catharine Clark,	25
Friend, Tenant's Cove,	50	Thomas McDonald,	54	Henry H. Burgess,	24

Mrs. Wm. Burgess, \$0 50	Mrs. Solomon Smith, \$1 00	Miss Sarah Gable, \$0 25
Mary Smith, 50	Charlotte J. Smith, 24	Mrs. Clark, 25
Wm. Burgess, 50	Jared Smith, 5	Harriet Yerxa, 50
Wm. Redstone, 50	Rebecca Kelly, 1 00	A friend, 20
Mrs. R. Smith, 50	Oran Smith, 1 00	Miss Sarah Merithew, 25
Samuel Machum, 25	George Tracy, 1 00	John Jones, 4 00
Rev. B. Merritt, 10 00	Mrs. Zebulon Connor, 1 00	George Weary, 24
Moses Yerxa, 5 00	John Fox, Esq., 1 00	Minnie McLeod, 3 01
S. L. Wiggins, 1 00	Elisha Slipp, 2 00	Ida McLeod, 1 74
A friend, 1 00	Joseph Ebbitt, 1 00	Church, Tenant's
Michael White, 2 00	Charles Ebbitt, 1 00	Cove, 3 08
Wm. White, 1 00	David Ebbitt, Esq., 2 00	1st Church, Kara, 2 00
G. L. Hatheway, 2 00	Wm. Fox, 1 00	Robert Jones, 50
George Allen, 2 00	Reuben Fox, 1 00	Mrs. Leonard Yerxa, 25
Robert Woodworth, 1 00	Leonard Slipp, 2 00	Mrs. Matilda J. Slipp, 1 00
John Pickard, 4 00	S. School, N. Head, 1 00	A friend, 1 00
Eli Perkins, 1 00	Grand Manan, 6 00	Isaac Smith, 2 00
Elisha Vanwart, 2 00	Mrs. Asa Sprague, 1 00	Letitia J. Montgo-
George F. Atherton, 2 00	Church at Avon Pt.,	mery, 2 00
Rev. Wm. Kinghorn, 5 00	N. S., 5 00	Alfred Grant, 50
A well-wisher, 5 00	Mary Haney, 1 00	Mrs. Daniel Hallett, 50
Geo. W. Ingraham, 4 00	Tilda Foster, 25	Samuel Fox, 1 00
Rusagornish Sabbath	Emeline Akerley, 50	Stephen Carlisle, jun. 50
School, 1 09	Mrs. Howard Hamm, 50	Miss H. Manson, 60
Collection Presquale	Gusta Hamm, 10	Cash, 12
Church, 4 76	Master Thos. Hamm, 5	Moses Pickard, 20
Mrs. Wiggins, 24	Master Wm. Hamm, 5	Albert C. Smith, 48
Miss J. J. McLeod, 1 00	Thomas Lake, 2 00	J. B. Rideout, 10 00
Elias Shepherd, 2 00	Bequest of late	Mary Sands, 20
Thos. E. Smith, 2 00	Alex. Machum, 50 00	Charles White, 2 00
John Fitzgerald, 1 00	W. H. Worden, 1 00	Mrs. Williams, 20
George F. Bailey, 50	S. W. White, 50	G. W. Brown, 50
D. H. McLennan, 1 04	Miss Sarah Carpenter, 25	Mrs. Winet Williams, 1 00
Mrs. Phebe T. Smith, 1 00	B. A. Sherwood, 1 00	Miss Susan McKeen, 20
Miss E. C. Smith, 1 00	Thomas O'Donnell	Charles McKeen, 50
Miss Phebe A. Smith, 1 00	and wife, 3 00	Albert Jones, 25
Miss H. Mersereau, 1 00	Mrs. Joseph Belyea, 60	Darius Jones, 1 00
Deborah Buckingham, 20	Miss Sarah E. Carlisle, 90	John McKeen, 24
Mrs. Phebe Smith, 1 00	W., 4 00	Mary McKeen, 24
Wm. D. Smith, 25	S. Kendrick, 1 00	T. W. Musgrove, 50
George Wilson, 25	Mrs. Edward Searles, 2 00	Thomas Kierstead, 50
Bedford H. Smith, 25	Mrs. Squilla, 28	Daniel Jenkins, 1 00
Clapman Smith, 1 50	Emma B. Merithew, 10	Thomas O'Donnell, 2 00
Fred. Duplissa, 25	Ruth A. Hallett, 10	Mrs. Robt. Burnett, 1 00
Mrs. Phebe S. Seely, 50	Josiah Hallett, 30	E. W. Gillies, 1 00
John Kimball, 1 00	W. Clanfield, 25	William Guio, 50
Henry Hart, 2 00	Mrs. G. Merithew, 14	Ida T. Peters, (L. M.) 10 00
Thomas Nason, 50	Joanna Hoyt, 20	Joseph Smith, 1 00
R. T. Knight, 1 00	Catherine Todd, 20	Leonard Slipp, 2 00
Solomon Smith, 1 00	Annie B. Dunphy, 10	Rev. S. Downey, 1 00
Richardson Wells, 1 00	A friend, 25	Friend, 20
David Hart, 3 00	Emma A. Carlisle, 24	Wm. Musgrove, 1 00
Wm. Creekmore, 50	Merina A. Merithew, 10	Marion Jenkins, 61
Mrs. John E. Boone, 50	John G. Vanwart, 4 00	T. Hay, 50
Miss Elizabeth Hatt, 1 00	Mrs. J. G. Vanwart, 2 00	Friend, 24
J. Odell Tracy, 1 00	A friend, 1 00	Do, 20
Rev. J. G. McKenzie, 1 00	Miss C. A. Bubar, 1 00	G. McLeod, 3 00
Collection M. M., 1 00	John Burpee, 1 00	A Boy, 5



0 25	H. Walker.	\$0 1 00	Mrs. McAlpine,	\$2 00	James R. Hartley,	\$2 00
25	W. G. Sherwood, sen.,	1 00	Anna Perry,	1 00	Mrs. J. R. Hartley,	1 00
50	W. G. Sherwood,	25	Collection Church	6 08	Coll. Church and S.	12 75
20	Friend,	30	Up, Hampstead,	10 00	School, Woodstock,	1 00
25	George J. Worden,	60	Rev. J. E. Reud,	2 00	Mrs. David Taylor,	4 00
4 00	Friend,	24	Rev. T. Vanwart,	1 50	C. W. Connell,	1 00
24	Do.	10	Amos Arnold,	50	Wm. Musgrove,	50
3 01	Do.	5	Alfred Brown,	60	Margaret A. Hamm,	50
1 74	Do.	25	Mrs. T. Goodspeed,	1 00	Thos. Worden,	2 00
3 08	W. J. Brittain,	20	Mrs. Christopher	4 00	Rev. S. Downey,	1 00
2 00	J. Jenkins,	1 00	Duplissey,	1 00	Mrs. Barbara Burden,	5 00
50	Otis Smith,	2 00	Benj. Smith,	1 00	E. C. Freeze,	4 00
25	B. Colpitta,	2 00	Leslie O. Bailey,	1 00	George Price,	1 00
00	Friend,	30	Fenervor Hoyt,	1 00	Mrs. Geo. McDonald,	10 00
00	Sophia Sprague,	1 00	Matilda Pride,	1 00	Rev. C. McMullin,	1 00
00	Mrs. M. E. Cleveland,	1 00	Joseph Scribner,	1 00	Rev. Y. White,	25
00	Robert Burnett,	1 00	Wm. Taylor,	50	Willie White,	25
00	D. Secord,	50	Kate McMullin,	50	Eddie White,	25
50	S. Stockford,	24	Anna McMullin,	1 00	Charlie White,	1 00
50	E McLeod,	1 00	John Clowes, Esq.,	1 00	Thos. Davis, for educa-	1 00
00	G. Case,	63	A. J. Estabrooks,	50	ting orphan children	1 00
50	Mrs. Mills,	25	Mrs. Allingham,	2 00	W. O. Slipp,	1 00
60	Rev. G. T. Hartley,	2 00	Maggie Coy,	50	Isaac Gulion,	1 00
12	Frances Todd,	1 00	Fanny Coy,	25	Matilda McLeod,	54
20	Jane Price,	1 00	Alex. Morrill,	25	Samuel Siprell,	1 00
48	Cash,	1 00	Alex. McIntyre,	1 00	Mrs. M. Mathewson,	20
00	Abraham Colpitta,	1 00	Amos French,	75	Warren Cooper,	20
20	M. Hays,	50	A. Vail and wife,	40	A. Nevers,	50
00	John Mallory,	2 00	Esther Edgar,	50	Fred. Jewitt,	50
20	Mrs. Davis,	1 00	Wm. Scribner,	50	E. M. Siprell,	1 00
50	Solomon Smith,	3 00	Mary A. Hatfield,	50	Geo. W. McCreedy,	10 00
00	Rev. J. Noble,	1 00	James Jones,	50	S. School Collection,	20 00
20	Seth Erb,	1 00	Thomas Leonard,	50		
50	Christopher Gaunce,	1 00	Mrs. Joseph Douglas,	50		
25	George G. Slipp,	2 00	Noah Morrill,	50		
00						
24			Cr.		Total,	\$743 00
24	Total amount received,	.....				
50	1867.		Dr.			\$743 00
00	Aug. For paid Barnes & Co., bill Minutes,	.....			\$12 50	
00	" Compiling Committee,	.....			4 00	
00	1868.					
00	Jan. For draft to pay half year's salary of J. L. Phillips,					
00	our Missionary in India, ....				350 00	
50	" $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. premium on draft, ....				1 75	
00	" discount on N. S. currency, ....				13	
00	" American currency, ....				3 40	
00	July " draft to pay half year's salary of our Mission-					
00	ary, up to January 1, 1869, ....				350 00	
20	" $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. premium on draft, ....				1 75	
00	Balance on hand, ....				19 47	
51						\$743 00

WM. PETERS, TREASURER.

The next Annual Meeting of the Society will be held at the time and place of holding the next General Conference.

G. A. HARTLEY, REC. SECRETARY.

# CONSTITUTION AND RULES

OF THE

## FREE C. BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF N. B.

[Revised, July 1868.]

### I.—NAME AND OBJECT OF THE SOCIETY.

1. This Society shall be called the Free Christian Baptist Foreign Missionary Society, and shall be auxiliary to the Free Will Baptist Foreign Mission Society.
2. The object of the Society is to diffuse Christian knowledge among the destitute in heathen countries.

### II.—MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY.

3. A male may become an annual member by paying into the treasury yearly the sum of two dollars; and by paying twenty dollars at one time he may become a life member.
4. A female may become an honorary annual member by paying into the treasury yearly, one dollar; and an honorary life member by paying ten dollars.

### III.—OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.

5. The officers of the Society shall be a President, three Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, an Auditor, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, and an Executive Committee of eleven, who shall be appointed annually by the F. C. B. General Conference. The foregoing officers shall hold their respective offices till others are chosen.

6. It shall be the duty of the President, and in his absence, of one of the Vice-Presidents, to preside at each meeting of the Society, and to perform such official acts at any time as the Society shall direct by its rules and votes.

In the absence of the President and all the Vice-Presidents, the oldest member present shall call the meeting to order, after which a presiding officer shall be chosen for the occasion.

7. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE shall form its own rules and regulations—appoint its own meetings—fill any vacancy that may occur in its own members, or among the other officers of the Society during the year, and call the Annual Meetings of the Society, and also special meetings when, in their opinion, the interests of the cause require it. It shall institute such agency or agencies as the interests of the enterprise may require, and make an annual report of its doings to the Society.

The two Secretaries of the Society, and also the Treasurer, if he will consent to be one of the number, shall be members of the Executive Committee. Three of its members shall form a quorum at any of its regular meetings.

8. THE TREASURER shall take charge of the funds belonging to the Society, and keep an account of the same, showing the sources from which they have been derived, and the purposes for which they have been given.

He shall invest the funds of the Society in the safest and most productive forms; but no permanent investment shall be made or changed by him without the concurrence of the Executive Committee.

He shall give bonds annually to the Recording Secretary, with such sureties and for such amounts as shall be satisfactory to the Executive Committee, and

shall pay all orders of the Executive Committee as far as he shall have funds in hand.

9. THE AUDITOR shall examine carefully and thoroughly the Treasurer's books at least once a year; and if he shall find the accounts correctly kept and accurately cast, the payments well vouched, the balance satisfactorily stated and accounted for, and the evidence of the property shall be duly exhibited, he shall give his certificate accordingly; which certificate he shall enter at large in the Treasurer's book, and give a duplicate of it to the Recording Secretary, to be by him entered upon his book of records.

10. It shall be the duty of the CORRESPONDING SECRETARY to prepare and transmit all communications that may be necessary to promote the best interests of the Society—to receive all such as are made through him to the Society, and to answer those which, in his opinion, require it; and when the nature of the subject demands, he shall ask advice of the Executive Committee in relation thereto, and proceed as they may direct. He shall prepare the Annual Report of the Society, which Report shall be heard and accepted by the Executive Committee, if they desire to do so, before it shall be presented to the Society; and he shall forward a copy of the Annual Report to the Corresponding Secretary of the Free Will Baptist Mission Society, by the 18th of August, each year.

11. The RECORDING SECRETARY shall keep accurate minutes of the proceedings of the Society, which he shall enter in a book of records, and certify that the records of each meeting are true.

#### IV.—THE ANNUAL MEETING.

12. This Society shall meet annually, at the time and place of the meeting of the Free Christian Baptist General Conference, to hear the reports of the Treasurer, Executive Committee, and Corresponding Secretary, and to transact all the other necessary business of the Society. On presenting his Annual Report the Corresponding Secretary shall read the whole of it, or an abstract, as he shall be directed by the Executive Committee or the Society.

A quorum of nine members shall be requisite to transact business at all meetings of the Society; but a less number may call to order and adjourn.

#### V.—AMENDMENTS OF THE CONSTITUTION.

13. No alterations of the Constitution, Laws and Regulations of the Society shall be made, except on recommendation of the Executive Committee, or the Free Christian Baptist General Conference, and by vote of two-thirds of the members present at any annual meeting; or unless the proposed alteration shall have been submitted to the Society in writing at a previous meeting.

#### VI.—DISPOSITION OF FUNDS.

14. Money received by this Society shall be appropriated for the support of the Missionaries of the Free Will Baptist Foreign Mission Society, to be applied by that Society to such stations as may be designated by the Executive Committee of this Society, and to the support of such Missionaries as may be selected by the Executive Committee from among the appointed Missionaries of the Parent Society, as the representatives of this Society in the Foreign field; provided that if the amount paid into the Parent Society shall exceed the allowance made to such designated missionaries, the surplus shall be expended in such a way and for such purposes as the Executive Committee of the Parent Society may see fit; and if no missionaries shall be designated, the whole amount may be thus appropriated by the Parent Society.

## EDUCATION SOCIETY.

SPRINGFIELD, K. C., July 7th, 1868.

On this day, the fourth Annual Meeting of the F. C. Baptist Education Society was held in the F. C. B. Meeting House, Middleland, Springfield, K. C.

Rev. Joseph Noble, Vice-President, in the Chair.

Bro. Joseph McLeod appointed Secretary, *pro tem*.

On motion—

ORDERED—That we proceed to the election of Officers for the ensuing year.

The following is a list of Officers elected :—

E. C. FREEZE, *President*.

REV. JOSEPH NOBLE, }  
" G. T. HARTLEY, } *Vice-Presidents*.

L. N. SHARPE, *Secretary*.

REV. B. MERRITT, *Treasurer*.

### DIRECTORS.

JAMES R. HARTLEY, Esq., M. P. P.,

GIDEON McLEOD, Esq., M. P. P.,

ELDRED CAHOON, Esq.,

G. W. BOYER, Esq.,

REV. B. MERRITT.

On motion—

ORDERED—That a Committee be appointed to procure an Act of Incorporation for the F. C. B. Educational Society; and it was further Resolved, that E. C. Freeze, and Gideon McLeod, Esquire, M. P. P., be such Committee.

On motion, adjourned, to meet again at the next Annual Meeting of the F. C. B. General Conference, to be held in October 1869, in Carleton County.

L. N. SHARPE, *Secretary*.



## MINISTERS' RELIEF FUND ASSOCIATION.

SPRINGFIELD, K. C., July 8th, 1868.

The Ministers' Relief Fund Association met this day, in the F. C. Baptist meeting house in this place.

The Rev. G. A. Hartley, President, in the Chair.

It was announced that the following Officers had been appointed by the General Conference :—

REV. G. A. HARTLEY, *President.*

REV. BENJAMIN MERRITT, } *Vice-Presidents.*  
" JOSEPH NOBLE, }

WILLIAM PETERS, *Recording Secretary.*

DANIEL W. CLARK, *Treasurer.*

REV. JOHN E. REUD, *Auditor.*

### DISBURSEMENT COMMITTEE.

REV. WM. KINGHORN,

REV. JOHN PERRY,

" J. T. PARSONS,

" JACOB GUNTER,

REV. J. N. BARNES.

On motion—

*Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to amend the Constitution of the Society, and that the Officers of the Society constitute said Committee.

*Resolved*, That all persons who have paid one dollar each into the funds of the Society, be members of the Society for the ensuing year.

The Treasurer's account showed the sum of \$48.43 in hand, whereupon it was

*Resolved*, That the amount of money in the hands of the Treasurer be put out at interest.

Adjourned to meet at the time and place of holding the next Annual Conference in 1869.

WM. PETERS, *Treasurer.*