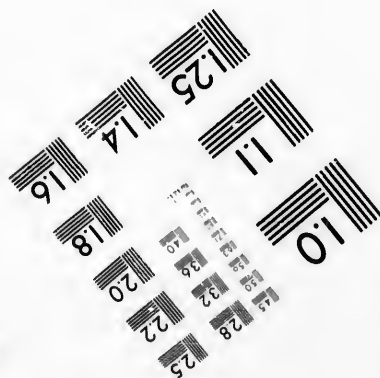
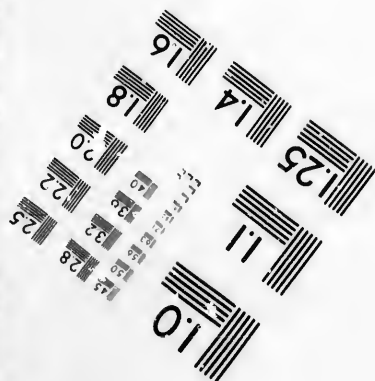
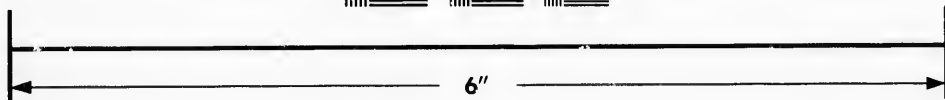
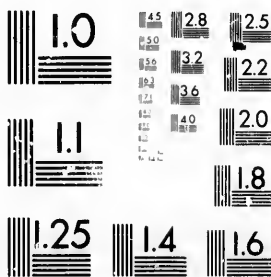


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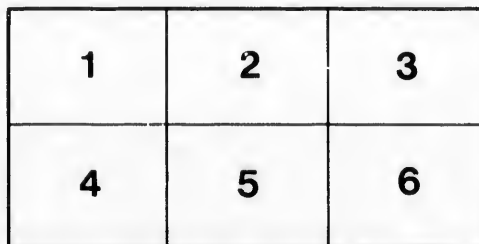
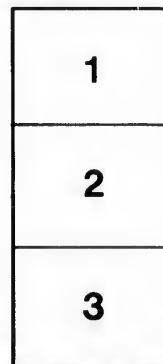
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*Held with the Baptist Church at Windsor, Hants County,  
Saturday, Monday and Tuesday, June 26th, 28st, and 29nd,  
with the Circular Letter, &c.*

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# MINUTES.

WINDSOR, HANTS Co.

*Saturday Morning, June 26th, 1880.*

The Nova Scotia Central Baptist Association began its Thirtieth Session this day with the church at Windsor, at 10 o'clock, A. M. In the absence of both Moderator and Secretary, Rev. E. M. Saunders was chosen chairman.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Tupper.

While the list of delegates was being prepared, the Association engaged in devotional exercises.

The following list of Delegates was presented.

## LIST OF DELEGATES.

*Aylesford Upper*.—Bro. L. O. Neily.

*Aylesford Lower*.—Rev. Dr. Tupper, Dea. J. L. McKenne, and Bro. H. Hall.

*Brooklyn*.—Bro. J. Fletcher, (Lic.)

*Cambridge*.—Rev. Jos. Murray, and Bro. James Dodge.

*Chester*.—Bros. J. W. Weeks, (Lic.,) Joseph Bezanson, and Dea. D. E. Eme.

*Cornwallis 1st*,—(Canard).—Deas. C. F. Eaton, Benjamin Eaton, and Bro. A. A. Pineo.

*Cornwallis 2nd*, (Berwick).—Rev. J. C. Bleakney, Dea. A. T. Baker, Bro. Edward Parker, Chas. Skinner, and Rev. S. McC. Black.

*Cornwallis 3rd*, (Billtown).—Rev. S. Welton, Bros. Jas. Bligh, Isaac North, W. S. Sweet, and Isaac Foot.

*Cornwallis 5th* (Pereaux).—Rev. David Freeman, and Brother D. Holmes.

*Cornwallis 6th*, (Canning).—Deas. Levi C. Woodworth, and Harris North.

*Dartmouth*.—Bro. H. A. Spencer, (Lic.)

*Ellershous*e.—Bros. Chas. Burgess, and T. G. Dunlap.

*Falmouth*.—Dea. A. E. Shaw, Bros. Chas. J. Young, Geo. Young, Lewis Messenger, and Amos Lunn.

*Halifax 1st*, (Granville Street).—Rev. E. M. Saunders, Deas. Hon. D. N. Parker, S. Selden, Bros. J. H. Rhuland, Jno. Burgoyne, and A. Wood.

*Halifax 2nd*, (North).—Rev. J. W. Manning, and Dea. Norman Donald.

*Halifax 3rd*, (Tabernacle).—Rev. J. F. Avery, Dea. Benj. Hubley, Bro. Cyrus Hubley and J. K. Hubley.

*Hammond's Plains 1st*.—Rev. Wm. Spencer, Dea. John Thomas, and Bro. Chas. Thompson.

*Hantsport*.—Rev. E. Whitman, Deacons Edward Davidson, J. W. Archill, W. A. Porter.



*Horton 1st, (Wolfville).*—Rev. S. W. DeBlois, Dea. J. W. Barss, Prof. D. F. Higgins, Dr. Welton, Dea. Martin Cleveland, and Bro. Albert Caldwell.

*Horton 2nd, (Gaspereaux).*—Deas. Andrew Caldwell, John Payzan, Bros. T. A. Davidson, and T. M. Martin.

*Horton 3rd, (New Minas).*—Arthur H. Williams, (Lic.)

*Indian Harbor.*—Bro. I. C. Archibald, (Lic.)

*Kempt, Hants Co.*—Rev. Geo. Weathers, Deas. Joseph Masters, James Greenough, Brothers J. H. Masters, Samuel Caldwell, and Stephen Langill.

*Kentville.*—Rev. Geo. Armstrong, Dea. Geo. Masters, Bros. B. H. Hilsley, and Henry Lovett.

*Lunenburg.*—Rev. L. B. Gates.

*Maitland.*—Rev. Isaiah Wallace, and Bro. D. L. McCurdy.

*Musquodobit.*—Bro. Chas. Webber.

*New Cornwall.*—Rev. L. B. Gates.

*New Germany.*—Rev. M. W. Brown, and Dea. George Barss.

*Newport.*—Bro. A. T. Dykeman, (Lic.), Deas. S. B. Dimock, and Noah Dimock.

*Preston 1st.*—Bro. J. W. Rhuland.

*Rawdon.*—J. O. Redden, (Lic.), Deas. Wm. Phalen, John McLearn, and Bro. R. H. Creed.

*St. Margarets Bay 1st.*—Bro. I. C. Archibald.

*St. Margarets Bay 2nd.*—Bro. I. C. Archibald.

*Tancook.*—Bro. E. G. Sibley, (Lic.)

*Waterville.*—Dea. A. Vaughan.

*Windsor.*—Rev. E. M. Keirstead, Deas. Thos. J. Bennett, Henry Redden, Mark Curry, Bros. P. D. Lavers, and A. P. Shand.

*Windsor Plains.*—Deas. Wm. Pelote, and Jas. W. Johnson.

*N. S. Western Association.*—Rev. A. Cohoon.

*Invited to seats in the Association.*—Revds. Dr. Crawley, Dr. Sawyer, R. R. Philp, Prof. R. V. Jones, Dea. Joshua Ells, Bros. E. R. Curry, W. Ellis, Austen DeBlois, and Dea. Geo. Ellis.

The officers were then elected :

*Moderator.*—Rev. J. W. Manning.

*Secretary.*—Bro. J. O. Redden.

*Assistant Secretary.*—Rev. S. McC. Black.

*Treasurer.*—Bro. A. P. Shand.

*Assistant Treasurer.*—Bro. A. Caldwell.

The Committee on Nominations was appointed, consisting of Dea. J. W. Barss, Revds. Wm. Spencer and John Williams—afterwards added, Revds. E. M. Saunders, D. Freeman, and Dea. J. Ells.

The Committee on Arrangements reported as follows :—1st. That the Morning Sessions be held from 10 to 12 o'clock. Afternoon 2.30 to 5. Evening 7.30 to 9.30. That each Session be preceded by forty-five minutes devotional exercises. 2nd. That the letter

W. Barss, Prof. and Bro. Albert John Payzant, read this afternoon, and that Rev. S. W. DeBlois, deliver an address on the State of Religion in the Association. 3rd. That a Sabbath School meeting be held this evening, when the Report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools be read, and addresses be given. Adopted.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. D. Freeman.

### *Saturday—Afternoon Session.*

After devotional exercises conducted by Rev. J. F. Avery, the Association was called to order and prayer offered by Rev. Wm. Spencer.

Minutes of the last session read and approved.

The Committee on nominations reported.

The Committees appointed last year were made to stand as follows :

ON CIRCULAR LETTER.—Rev. G. Armstrong, Bros. A. Coldwell, and Henry Lovett.

ON DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE.—Rev. S. McC. Black, M. W. Brown, E. O. Read, Bros. A. T. Baker, and J. Ells.

ON BENEVOLENT FUNDS.—Revds. D. Freeman, E. Whitman, Bros. Wm. Davidson, Andrew Shaw, J. S. Witter and Burpee Witter.

ON EDUCATION.—Revds. Dr. Sawyer, E. M. Saunders, S. March, E. Whitman, Profs. D. F. Higgins, and J. F. Tufts, Bros. James Bligh, Lockwood and H. A. Spencer.

ON MISSIONS.—Revds. J. Murray, J. F. Avery, G. N. Ballentine, Geo. Weathers, Bros. C. F. Eaton, A. A. Pineo, and J. P. Lyons.

ON OBITUARIES.—Dea. S. Selden, Revds. Wm. Spencer, I. Wallace, Rev. E. M. Sanders and Bro. W. M. Sanford.

ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.—Bros. A. Coldwell, J. W. Barss, C. W. Scoe, I. C. Archibald and Shubael Dimock.

ON TEMPERANCE.—Revds. J. C. Bleakney, J. Williams, I. Wallace, Bros. S. Langille, E. Davidson, T. H. Parker and B. Hubley.

ON INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND.—Revds. S. W. DeBlois, S. March, S. Kempton, Bros. C. F. Eaton, J. W. Barss, Jas. S. Merse and Prof. D. F. Higgins.

The following Committees were appointed.

TO EXAMINE LETTERS.—Revds. S. W. DeBlois, Geo. Armstrong and Dea. N. McDonald.

TO READ LETTERS.—Revds. J. C. Bleakney, J. F. Avery and S. Welton.

ON QUESTIONS IN LETTERS.—Prof. D. F. Higgins, Rev. E. Whitman, and Bro. Edward Parker.

The Committee on Arrangements further reported :

### **SABBATH APPOINTMENTS.**

*Windsor, (Baptist)*—11 A. M. Rev. A. Cohoon.

2 P. M. A Sabbath School meeting, addressed

Revds. J. W. Manning, Dr. Welton and A. Cohoon.

7 P. M. Rev. S. McC. Black.

*Windsor, (Methodist)*—11 A. M. Rev. Dr. Crawley.  
7 P. M. Rev. J. F. Avery.

*Windsor, (Presbyterian)*—11 A. M. Rev. E. Whitman.  
7 P. M. Rev. Dr. Welton.

*In Temperance Hall*—3.45 P. M. Gospel Temperance meeting presided over by Dea. Mark Curry. Addressed by Rev. J. F. Avery, E. Whitman and J. Williams.

*Falmouth, (Central)*—11 A. M. Rev. J. Williams.  
7 P. M. Rev. J. W. Manning.

*Falmouth, (Upper)*—3. P. M. Bro. A. T. Dykeman.

*Martock*—7. P. M. Rev. R. R. Philp.

*Ellershushouse*—11 A. M. and 7 P. M. Rev. L. B. Gates.

*Five Mile Plains*—11 A. M. Bro. E. G. Sibley.  
7 P. M. Bro. A. H. Williams.

*Newport, (Scotch Village)*—11 A. M. Bro. I. C. Archibald.

*Newport, (Mosherville)*—7 P. M. Bro. I. C. Archibald.

*Hantsport*—11. A. M. and 7 P. M. Rev. Geo. Armstrong.

*Dartmouth*—11 A. M. and 7. P. M. Bro. J. W. Weeks.

*Kentville*—11 A. M. and 7 P. M. Bro. E. R. Curry.

*Halifax, (Granville Street)*—11 A. M. and 7 P. M. Rev. D. Freeman.

*Halifax, (Tabernacle)*—11 A. M. and 7 P. M. Rev. Wm. Spencer.

That collections be taken at all Baptist houses of worship for Home Missions.

That the Associational Sermon be preached on Monday morning and be followed by the reading of the Circular Letter.

That the subjects of Education and Denominational Literature be taken up on Monday afternoon. Adopted.

Letters from the churches were then read.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. S. W. DeBlois.

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*Saturday—Evening Session.*

After devotional exercises conducted by Rev. J. C. Bleakney the Association was called to order, and prayer was offered by Rev. J. C. Bleakney.

Minutes of the last session read and approved.

The report on Sabbath Schools was read by Bro. Albert Coldwell, followed by a paper from Rev. S. McC. Black on "The relation of the pastor to the Sabbath School." Discussed by Revs. J. Murray, A. Cohoon, J. Williams, J. C. Bleakney and Bro. I. C. Archibald. Report was adopted. (See App. A.)

Adjourned with prayer by Bro. A. T. Dykeman.

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*Monday—Morning Session.*

After devotional exercises conducted by Rev. J. Williams the Association was called to order, and prayer was offered by Rev. E. Whitman.

Minutes of the last session read and approved.

The Associational Sermon was preached by Rev. J. Murray from Romans xiv. 20, 1st clause. "For meat destroy not the work of God."

After Prayer by Rev. Geo. Armstrong, the Committee on the Circular Letter reported, recommending that it be received and read.

The report was adopted, after which the Circular Letter was read by the writer, Rev. S. McC. Black. Subject—"Heartly and individual consecration to Christ the great need of the church.

*Resolved*, That the letter be adopted and printed in the Minutes and *Christian Messenger*, also that it be read to each church by its pastor or clerk as soon as published.

*Resolved*, That Rev. J. Murray be requested to forward his sermon to the editor of the *Christian Messenger* for publication.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. L. B. Gates.

*Monday—Afternoon Session.*

After devotional exercises conducted by Rev. E. Whitman, the Association was called to order, and prayer was offered by Rev. I. Wallace.

Minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

Additional letters from the churches were read.

A letter was read from the Secretary of the Board of Management of Ministerial Relief and Aid Fund.

*Resolved*, That it be laid on the table to be taken up after the report on Education is adopted.

The Committee on Arrangements reported :

1st. That after the close of the discussion on Education, the report of the Board on Infirm Ministers Fund be received, followed by the Report on Denominational Literature and that the report of the Committee on the Book-room be the next business in order.

2nd. That Tuesday morning session be occupied in receiving Reports of Committees on Benevolent Funds, Obituaries, History of Wolfville Church, Hymn Book, Temperance, Nominations and other business.

The Report on Education was read by Rev. Dr. Sawyer. Discussed by Revs. Dr. Crawley, Dr. Welton, Dr. Sawyer, E. M. Saunders, S. W. DeBlois, Dr. Tupper, E. M. Kierstead, A. Coheon, Prof. D. F. Higgins and Dea. J. W. Barss. Report was adopted. (See Appendix B.)

Rev. E. Whitman gave notice that he would bring forward a motion to-morrow in regard to the time the Associational Sermon should be preached.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. Geo. Weathers.

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*Monday—Evening Session.*

After devotional exercises conducted by Rev. M. W. Brown, the meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. A. Cohoon.

Minutes of the last session read and approved.

The Report on Missions was read by Rev. J. Murray. Discussed by Revs. Dr. Tupper, Geo. Armstrong, A. Cohoon, I. Wallace, and J. C. Bleakney. At the close of Rev. J. C. Bleakney's remarks, he stated that he was in a position to place \$25.00 on the table for Foreign Missions, if \$25.00 were placed beside it. Four brethren pledged that amount which made \$50.00 for Foreign Missions. He also made the same statement in regard to Home Missions. Pledges were given for \$236.00, and a collection of \$29.40, was taken up, making the sum for Home Mission \$265.40. Total for Home and Foreign Mission raised at the meeting \$315.40. Report was adopted. (See Appendix C.)

Adjourned with prayer by Dr. Crawley.

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*Tuesday—Morning Session.*

Devotional exercises conducted by Bro. H. A. Spencer.

Meeting opened with prayer by Dr. Welton.

Minutes of the last session read and approved.

*Resolved*, That Deas. J. W. Barss, A. T. Baker, S. Selden and Bro. Henry Lovett be our delegates to the Convention.

*Resolved*, That Rev. Dr. Tupper and Dea. S. Selden be our delegates to the N. S. Eastern Association.

The Report on Obituaries was read by Dea. S. Selden. Report was adopted, allowing the committee to complete it. (See App. D.)

The Report on Temperance was read by Rev. J. C. Bleakney. Discussed by Revs. J. Williams, E. Whitman, S. Welton, J. C. Bleakney, D. Freeman, Dr. Tupper, W. Spencer, Bros. S. Langill, A. A. Pineo, I. C. Archibald. Report was adopted. (See App. E.)

The Report on Denominational Literature was read by Rev. S. McC. Black. The Association was addressed by Bro. J. Burgoyne in the interest of a new paper called the "Maritime Baptist Times and Illustrated Missionary News." Speeches were made by Rev. Geo. Armstrong, I. Wallace, Bros. A. P. Shand, S. Langill and S. Selden. Report was adopted. (See App. F.)

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Bro. A. P. Shand read the report on the Book Room. Discussed by Revds. G. Armstrong, A. Cohoon and Dea. Selden. Revds. Dr. Tupper, J. Murray, and Bro. J. Burgoyne asked and received leave of absence. Adjourned with prayer by Rev. E. M. Keirstead.

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*Tuesday—Afternoon Session.*

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. S. Welton.

Meeting opened with prayer by Dr. Welton.

Minutes of last session read and approved.

Report on Book Room again taken up. Discussed by Revds. J. C. Blakeney, A. Cohoon, D. Freeman, I. Wallace, Dea. J. Ells and Bro. A. L. Wood. Report was adopted.

Report on Hymn Books was read by Dea. S. Selden and adopted. See Appendix G.)

*Resolved*, That the Report on Book Room be reconsidered.

*Resolved*, That the Report on the Book Room be adopted, subject to the approval of the Convention. (See Appendix H.)

A resolution of sympathy with Rev. J. Murray was passed, on the occasion of the loss of his house by fire.

The matter of the Ministerial Relief and Aid Fund was taken up.

*Resolved*, That in the absence of members of the Board of Infirm Ministers Fund from this sitting of the Association we do hand over this matter to that Board with our sanction to such action as they in their best judgment may determine upon.

Report of Treasurer of Board of Infirm Ministers' Fund read and adopted. (See Appendix I.)

Report of Committee on Nominations read by Rev. William Spencer and adopted.

**Committees for 1881.**

ON CIRCULAR LETTER.—Rev. E. M. Saunders, Bros. Henry Lovett and A. A. Pineo.

*(For other Committees for 1881, See Appendix J.)*

Report on Benevolent Funds was read by Rev. D. Freeman. Discussed by Rev. A. Cohoon and adopted. (See App. K.)

*Resolved*, That Rev. Dr. Sawyer and Prof. R. V. Jones be our delegates to P. E. Island Association.

*Resolved*, That Revds. J. W. Manning, J. C. Bleakney, and George Armstrong be our delegates to the N. S. Western Association.

An abstract of the history of the First Horton Church was read by Rev. S. W. DeBlois. It was adopted and ordered to be printed in the Minutes. (See Appendix L.)

The Committee on Questions in Letters reported, referring the

request of 2nd Preston Church to the Home Mission Board.  
Adopted.

*Resolved*, That Bro. S. Selden, Revds. J. W. Manning, and E. M. Saunders, be a committee on Printing Minutes, and that the usual number of copies of Minutes be printed, and that 50 copies be reserved for next Association.

*Resolved*, That the hearty thanks of this Association be given to brethren and friends of Windsor, who have so bountifully entertained the delegates and visitors.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Association be given to the W. & A. R. R. Co., for reduction in their fares.

Report of the Treasurer of the Association read and adopted.  
(See Appendix M.)

The Minutes of this Session read and approved.

Adjourned with prayer by Revds D. Freeman and I. Wallace to meet with the Church at Billtown on the Saturday following the 20th of June, 1881.

J. W. MANNING, *Moderator.*

J. O. REDDEN, } *Secretaries.*

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## Ministers of the N. S. Central Baptist Association.

NAME.	Place of residence.	Date of Ordination.	Place of Ordination.
Rev. Armstrong, Geo., A. M.	Kentville .....	Dec. 31, 1848	Port Medway.
" Avery, J. F. ....	Hallfax .....	Oct. 20, 1870	Tawstock, G. B.
" Bancroft, J. ....	Walton .....	March —, 1849	Rawdon.
" Black, S. McC., A. B.	Berwick .....	Jan. —, 1878	Berwick.
" Bleakney, J. C. ....	Berwick .....	—, 1861	Richmond, N. B.
" Brown, M. W., A. B.	New Germany .....	July 21, 1876	Ellershouse.
" Cramp, J. M., D. D. ....	Wolfville .....	May 7, 1818	London, G. B.
" Crawley, E. A., D. D. ....	Wolfville .....	May 28, 1830	Providence, R. I.
" Crawley, F. D., A. B. ....	Newton Centre, Mass. ....	Sept. 22, 1876	Pleasantville.
" DeBlois, S. W., A. M. ....	Wolfville .....	Feb. 26, 1854	Chester.
" Freeman, D., A. M. ....	Canning .....	Aug. 1, 1855	Hallfax.
" Gates, L. B. ....	Mahone Bay .....	Sept. 24, 1861	New Cornwall.
" Kempton, S. B., A. M. ....	Canard .....	Sept. 15, 1862	New Minas.
" Kelstead, E. M., A. B.	Windsor .....	Dec. 5, 1876	Yarmouth.
" Lucas Wallace .....	Hammonds Plains. ....	—	Hammonds Plains.
" Manning, J. W., A. B. ....	Hallfax .....	March —, 1868	Port Hawksbury, C. B.
" March, Stephen. ....	Bridgewater .....	July 5, 1856	St. Francis, N. B.
" Miller, John. ....	Hallfax .....	—	—
" Murray, J. F., A. B. ....	Cambridge .....	Oct. 29, 1856	Guysborough
" McCleod, Daniel. ....	Kempt .....	—	—
" McGregor, P. S. ....	Newton Centre. ....	March 22, 1877	Newport.
" Parke, D. O., A. M. ....	Berwick .....	March 23, 1861	Liverpool.
" Philp, R. R., A. B. ....	Hallfax .....	Oct. 12, 1853	Margaree, C. B.
" Pineo, D. ....	Long Point. ....	Dec. 24, 1844	Grenwich.
" Read, E. O. ....	Klingston, Aylesford. ....	Jan. 8, 1858	Gaspereaux.
" Read, J. L. ....	Upper Aylesford. ....	June 30, 1858	Hopewell, N. B.
" Saunders, E. M., A. M. ....	Hallfax .....	Dec. 15, 1858	Berwick.
" Sawyer, A. W., D. D. ....	Wolfville .....	Dec. 27, 1853	Lawrence, Mass.
" Shaw, D. G. ....	Hallfax .....	Jan. 24, 1860	Falmouth.
" Spencer, William. ....	Hammonds Plains. ....	May 6, 1875	New Minas.
" Stevens, James. ....	Gaspereaux .....	Aug. 4, 1830	Gaspereaux.
" Tupper, Chas. D. D. ....	Tremont .....	July 17, 1817	Canard.
" Wallace, Isalah, A. M. ....	Wolfville .....	April 3, 1856	Scotchtown, N. B.
" Welton, D. M., A. M. Ph D	Wolfville .....	Sept. 2, 1857	Windsor.
" Welton, Sydney. ....	Billtown .....	Sept. 2, 1875	Cumberland Bay, N. B.
" Weathers, George. ....	Kempt .....	May 12, 1864	Newport.
" Whitman, Edward. ....	Hantsport .....	Aug. 13, 1872	Lockeport.
" Williams, John. ....	Gaspereaux. ....	Jan. 18, 1862	Centreville, N. B.

### LICENTIATES.

Dartmouth,—R. M. Hunt, A. B.  
 North Church, Halifax,—I. C. Archibald, A. B.  
 Hammonds Plains,—Christopher Haverstock.  
 Wolfville,—A. Freeman, A. B.  
 Gaspereaux,—E. P. Coldwell, A. B.; B. W. Lockhart, A. B.  
 Mahone Bay,—Caleb Spidle.  
 Newport,—E. H. Sweet.  
 Windsor,—J. O. Redden, A. B.; F. R. Curry.  
 Lower Aylesford,—W. H. Robinson, A. B.



Statistics of the Churches in the N. S. Central Association, held in Windsor, Hants Co., June, 1880.

NAME OF CHURCH.	DATE OF ORGANIZATION.	PASTOR'S NAME.	YEAR OF SETTLEMENT.	CLERK, AND P. O. ADDRESS.	INCREASE.			DECREASE.			Total Membership.	
					By Baptism.	By Letter.	By Statement.	Restoration.	Dismission.	Exclusion.		By Death.
1 Aylesford Upper.	1846	Rev. J. L. Read.	1859	Whitman Morton, Aylesford, King's Co.	4	5	1	5	1	1	290	
2 Aylesford Lower.	1829	Rev. J. L. Read.	1859	J. L. Tufts, Kingston Station, King's Co.	2	2	5	2	2	43	425	
3 Bridgewater.	1837	Rev. Stephen March.	1879	Rufus A. Noycomb, Bridgewater, Lunenburg.	1	6	1	2	3	1	112	38
4 Brooklyn.	1876	Rev. Joseph Murray.	1874	Wm. Redden, Lockhartville, King's Co.	1	1	1	1	1	8	46	92
5 Cambridge.	1874	Rev. Joseph Murray.	1877	James Craig, Woodville, King's Co.	7	1	5	5	2	172	35	207
6 Chelsea.	1853	Rev. Joseph Murray.	1853	James Craig, Woodville, King's Co.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
7 Easter.	1811	Rev. Joseph Murray.	1811	James Craig, Woodville, King's Co.	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
8 Cornwallis, 1st Canard.	1809	Rev. S. B. Kempton.	1868	Odys Eaton, Centreville, King's Co.	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
9 " 2nd Berwick.	1828	Rev. J. C. Bleakney.	1880	S. H. Parker, Berwick, King's Co.	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
10 " 3rd Biltown.	1828	Rev. J. C. Bleakney.	1878	C. B. Lannont, Biltown, King's Co.	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
11 " 4th Long Point.	1861	Rev. Sydney Welton.	1878	C. B. Lannont, Biltown, King's Co.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
12 " 5th Percieux.	1870	Rev. Sydney Welton.	1878	C. B. Lannont, Biltown, King's Co.	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
13 " 6th Canning.	1870	Rev. Sydney Welton.	1878	C. B. Lannont, Biltown, King's Co.	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
14 Dartmouth.	1844	Rev. Sydney Welton.	1878	C. B. Lannont, Biltown, King's Co.	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
15 Eidershouse.	1872	Rev. Sydney Welton.	1878	C. B. Lannont, Biltown, King's Co.	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
16 Falmouth.	1843	Rev. Sydney Welton.	1878	C. B. Lannont, Biltown, King's Co.	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
17 Fall River.	1827	Rev. E. M. Saunders.	1878	C. B. Lannont, Biltown, King's Co.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
18 Halifax, 1st Granville Street.	1848	Rev. J. W. Manning.	1875	H. P. Clay, M. D., Halifax.	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
19 " 2nd North Church.	1874	Rev. J. F. Avery.	1874	Thomas A. Covey, 29 Starr Street, Halifax.	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
20 " Tabernacle.	1842	Rev. William Spencer.	1877	Amos Bezanon, Hammond's Plains, Halifax Co.	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
21 Hammonds Plains 1st.	1873	Rev. Wallace Lucas.	1877	Amos Bezanon, Hammond's Plains, Halifax Co.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
22 " 2nd*.	1873	Rev. Wallace Lucas.	1877	Amos Bezanon, Hammond's Plains, Halifax Co.	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
23 Hantsport.	1830	Rev. Edward Whitman.	1878	C. I. Margeson, M. D., Hantsport, Hants Co.	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20
24 Horton, 1st Wolfville.	1778	Rev. S. W. DeBois.	1855	Burpee Witter, Wolfville, N. S.	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16
25 " 2nd Gaspercaux.	1841	Rev. John Williams.	1879	T. M. Martin, Gaspercaux, Kings Co.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
26 " 3rd New Minas.	1856	Rev. John Williams.	1879	T. M. Martin, Gaspercaux, Kings Co.	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
27 Indian Harbor West.	1843	Rev. John Williams.	1879	T. M. Martin, Gaspercaux, Kings Co.	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2

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# CIRCULAR LETTER.

Hearty and Individual Consecration to Christ, the great need of the Church.

THE ANNUAL LETTER FROM THE CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION TO THE CHURCHES OF WHICH IT IS COMPOSED.

*Dear Brethren,*

It is impossible in this brief letter to do more than remind you of the great work which we, as a denomination are endeavouring to do in the department of Home and Foreign Missions, and in that of Education. It must suffice to say, that never was there greater need of hearty effort, and united individual, in these various departments of our denominational work than at present. At the same time there never was greater encouragement for Christians to pray, to labour, and contribute of their wealth for the success of all these objects. Great and effectual doors in all these departments are open to Christian zeal and consecration. Let them have our sympathy and our hearty support.

In particular, however, we wish to present the duty of Christians to work for Christ in connection with the churches to which they severally belong. That it is the duty (not now to speak of the matter as a privilege) of every individual Christian, to do what he can, according to the ability which God hath given, to advance the cause of Christ in connection with the church to which he belongs, is a fact which should only need to be stated in order to receive hearty endorsement at the hands of everyone who looks to Jesus as his Saviour. In principle it will probably be cordially admitted by every Baptist, but by a very considerable proportion of the membership of our churches, it seems to be practically ignored. Saved by the blood of Christ, as we profess to be, enlightened by His truth, sanctified by His spirit, and sustained by His grace, rejoicing in the one common Lord and Faith and Baptism, trusting in the same God and Father of all, and looking toward the common inheritance; shall any of us be found so ungrateful as to ignore the claims of Christ upon us, as our Lord?

Every Church of Christ is an aggregation of units, and all the work which it does must be accomplished through the individual men and women who compose its membership.

If a Church of Christ is to be sustained and made a power for good in any community, it must be by the blessing of God upon the efforts of its members. If a minister of the Gospel is to be supported, if houses of worship are to be built, and kept in repair, if in general,

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the financial interests of the church are to be cared for, it must be done through the executive wisdom and united contributions of its members. If the spiritual interests of the church are to prosper, if the prayer and conference meetings are to be made a means of good, if Sabbath Schools are to be manned, equipped and sustained, if the spirit of missions is to pervade the Church, it must be accomplished by the blessing of God upon the individual and united efforts of its members.

Who can say, I have no share in the responsibilities herein involved? There are very few indeed, who cannot do something to advance the material interests of the church. To a good many of His children, it is true, God has not given much of worldly wealth. But the Divine rule, it must be remembered, is "according to that which a man hath, and not according to that which he hath not." He who can give only a little will be abundantly blessed in giving that little, and he who can give much will fail of the blessing which he should receive, if he withhold more than is meet.

In many cases, however, the burden of maintaining the financial interests of the church falls upon a comparatively few, while many upon whom there rests equal responsibility, give not at all, or only with a niggard hand. If only each individual Christian could be aroused to the recognition of the duty which rests upon him to contribute for the work of the Lord according as God has blessed him, how soon would the treasury of the church be generously replenished with the donations of grateful contributors!

Again, What Christian is there who can say, "I can do nothing to advance the spiritual interests of the church." There is no true Christian, however humble in station or ability, who does not exert some salutary influence upon the world. The religion of Jesus is *life, is light, is power from above*. Wherever that life is, it will manifest itself, wherever that light is it will shine, wherever that power from above cometh it will make itself felt. Everyone, who lives a life of faith in Jesus, does something, at least indirectly, for the spiritual interests of the church and community in which he is placed. The Christian wife and mother, burdened with many cares, and able to devote little or no time directly to work for Jesus, yet filling her home with a Christian atmosphere, teaching her children by her pure and patient life, not less than by her gentle words, to believe in Jesus, and instilling the principles of Christian truth into their hearts, is doing a holy work, the results of which cannot be estimated. Let it be fully admitted then, that everyone who lives a Christian life, though he may make no public effort for the advancement of the cause of Christ, is thereby exciting a holy, though it be a silent influence, upon the world. But a loyal, earnest hearted Christian will not be contented with this only. "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth *speaketh*." If the heart is filled with love to Jesus, that love will find expression in persuasive words and self-denying acts in order that others may be brought to Christ. There are very few who cannot do something in the way

of publicly proclaiming the truth. Of course it is not the duty of every one to mount a pulpit and preach sermons, but every man and every woman who so loves the worship of God and the Gospel of Jesus Christ, as to make some sacrifice to attend upon the preaching of the Word, thereby preaches a sermon to every indolent professor, whose seat is vacant in the House of God. Every Christian who makes it a principle of his life to be present at the prayer meetings and monthly conference of his church, in spite of personal or business inconvenience, thereby proclaims that he esteems his allegiance to His Lord above his business interests or his personal ease. Many Christians try to excuse themselves from taking active part in social religious meetings by pleading want of talent or learning or confidence. But the great need of our churches is not so much talent and learning (though these are not to be despised) as a hearty consecration to the service of the Lord. "Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise." Have you not observed that the broken and stammering utterances of some trembling Christian who speaks out of the fulness of the heart, are always more effective than the lengthy addresses of those who are supposed to have a talent for public speaking. What a wonderful change there would be in almost every church, if only all its individual members should come clearly to recognize the responsibilities, and faithfully to discharge the duties resting upon them as servants of Christ. If only all the tithes were brought into the store house what abundant, and overflowing blessings would be poured upon the churches. Depressing debts would be lifted, delapidated churches and parsonages repaired—unpaid salaries made up, finance committees relieved of embarrassment, many a pastor's heart encouraged, and the missionary funds generously replenished. Sabbath Schools would be filled with some to teach and many to learn. Vacant pews would be crowded with devout and happy worshippers, there would be more power in the preaching. Prayer-meetings would be a source of comfort and strength to every Christian. And a power for good to all who should come within the circle of their influence; then should the church "arise and put on her beautiful garments; and it would be said of her, "Who is she that looketh forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun and terrible as an army with banners."

If it is true that to every one some ability has been given to work for Christ, it is true, also, that there is opportunity for the exercise of all the talents, wealth and energy which the church possesses. There is much work to be done. Systematic effort is necessary. So far as possible the church should organize its forces in order that it may employ all its strength and make use of the talents which are most suitable in the various departments of its work.

The pastors' who shall achieve the best success must recognize the necessity, not only of working with unremitting energy, but also setting others to work, and the church which shall arrive at the best permanent results, other things being equal, is that which

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organizes its strength and heartily and systematically co-operates with its pastor. Nothing can compensate for the lack of this. The most brilliant talents, the most untiring energy and the most fervid zeal, on the part of the minister can, at best, only in part make it up. The minister as a servant of Christ owes allegiance to his Lord in common with all his brethren and sisters in the church, and they also in common with him.

The great principle is this: By virtue of his relation to Christ, every Christian is bound to give his life to the service of his Lord. His whole life must move within this grand circle of consecration. Whatever else he may be, he is, beyond and above all else, a Christian. The Christian Carey on the shoemaker's bench in England, and the Christian Carey, a missionary of the cross in India, are one and the same. The life of "the consecrated cobbler" moves within the same circle as that of the consecrated missionary. By leaving his shoemaker's bench to do the work of a missionary in India, Carey did not leave behind him the allegiance which he owed to his Lord, nor did he on the other hand assume any duty or responsibility resting upon any other man or woman. He simply stepped at the command of his Master from a narrower to a broader field of christian effort and usefulness. It is simply impossible that any one Christian can assume the responsibilities or perform the work of another. It is absurd to suppose that any man, by virtue of the relation which he sustains to a church as its pastor, can stand in the place and perform the duties of the hundreds of Christian men and women who may compose his church.

The pastor, by virtue of his engagement with the church, assumes certain relation, and engages to perform certain duties. Thus he stands within a new circle of responsibility as pastor, and, in this respect, stands alone. But this circle is within, and concentric with, that greater circle of consecration to Christ, and within this he stands as a servant of his Lord, in common with all his brethren and sisters in the church.

Our church polity is exceedingly democratic in its character. It affords ample scope for the recognition of all the talent in the church, for its development and its profitable employment. All the affairs of the denomination, from the most important enterprises undertaken by its associated strength to the smallest matters in the working of every individual church, are open not only to the inspection but to the participation directly or indirectly of every brother in the church. It is to be feared however, that a very large number of the members of our churches regard themselves as spectators only, and not as participators in the work. But the church of Christ, according to the New Testament idea, is not an amphitheatre in which Christians gather to witness gladiatorial contests between their ministers and the powers of darkness, but an associated host commanded, disciplined— and in the armour of God, and resolved on victorious conflict with the Powers of Darkness.

Aaron and Hur supporting the hands of Moses on the mountain top are often quoted as the type of the Christian in his relations to his pastor. But it is worth while to consider whether this is the most appropriate type of that relationship. It seems to us that the Christian pastor is not so much a Moses on the serene mountain top, as a Joshua in the plain amid the dust and heat of the conflict. The place for the Christian, who would strengthen his pastor's hands, is not so much on the mountain heights of prayer and contemplation as in the plain of battle fighting the Amalekites. For aught we can see to the contrary, Aaron and Hur might have continued to support the hands of Moses, if, like Lot's wife, they had been turned into pillars of salt, and become insensate as the stone upon which Moses was seated; and we greatly fear that there are a good many professed Christians who flatter themselves that they are upholding the hands of their pastors, after a scriptural model, whose efforts in the cause of Christ are sadly wanting in freshness and vitality.

And now in conclusion let it be remembered that though we have presented the subject chiefly from the light of duty, yet there is another point of view from which it is equally worthy our attention. The grandest privilege which is offered us on earth, is that of working for Christ. Brighter than all visions of wealth, of fame, or ease, this thought should be to the Christian. The days and years of glorious opportunity are passing, not again to return. When we come to view things from the standpoint of a dying bed, it will seem a greater thing to have had some part, however humble, in bringing the world to Christ than to know that to us had been given the pleasures, riches, and fame of earth.

Then let each individual Christian ask himself the question: In view of the priceless gift which I have received, am I doing all that gratitude to my Saviour, all that loyalty to my Master, all that consideration of the needs of the church should prompt me to do?

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## APPENDIX.

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### Report of Committee on Sabbath Schools.

Your Committee are duly impressed with the importance of Sabbath School work. They consider that no branch of Christian labor is superior to that which is given to the teaching of the young.

Training imparted in the Sabbath reaches *Society* in all its general features, it acts as a preventative of crime and wrong doing in various ways; and causes to grow up under a healthy influence a class of persons who in after years will be the right guides of all with whom they come in contact.

The influence imparted in S. Schools acts upon *Families* and greatly benefits them. Children are made better for the knowledge they gain of Christian precepts and the requirements exhibited by Divine truth. Children in Sabbath Schools are taught to obey parents, to respect the rights of others and even to do good to enemies. Thus taught they are easily governed when young, and become more useful when grown up. Principles of *benevolence* are cultivated; the rules of Temperance strictly set before them; and this greatly assists the anxious parent in preventing the first violation of principles, which, when not nipped in the bud, lead to consequences the most perilous.

The *Christian Church* is especially benefitted by the training of the young in the Sabbath School. Children rightly taught will soon be the members of our churches. As their minds are influenced by early training, so on entering the church they are ready to engage in all its important duties. Being early taught Christian obligations they at once engage in fulfilling them, so when they profess to be followers of Christ, it becomes natural for them to be workers and not drones in the church. It behoves each church in our Association and each member of the same, to earnestly labor, uphold, and encourage this most useful and important enterprise.

Your Committee would on this *Centenary* year of Sunday Schools express great thankfulness that so much has been done in establishing and carrying on Sabbath School instruction during the period of 100 years now closing, and especially would they render thanks to the great head of the Church that our own Denomination in Nova Scotia has shared so largely in the general benefits. All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. W. BARSS, *Chairman.*



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### Report of Committee on Education.

In regard to the Educational work of the year your Committee would report that the studies of the Theological Department have been prosecuted by a good number of students, the reports of the Professors in charge are encouraging, but they unite in expression of the conviction that this department should receive a more earnest and unswerving support from our churches.

In the College there have been 70 students in attendance during the year, of whom thirteen graduated at the last Anniversary. It is expected that the class matriculating in Sept., will number twenty and perhaps twenty-five. The new building proves to be convenient and well adapted for its purposes. In the Academy about seventy have been in attendance, and sixty in the Seminary. These departments are reported as in an efficient and satisfactory condition. The new Seminary building gives great satisfaction, and the denomination may congratulate itself on at length having admirable accommodations for the education of their daughters.

The reports of the financial agents of the College show that the Academy and Seminary have met their expenses for the year; it is hoped that the contributions from the churches will be of such an amount that a similar announcement can be made concerning the College and the Theological department at the Convention.

A. W. SAWYER, *Chairman.*

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### Report of Committee on Missions.

Your Committee on Missions beg leave to report that the necessity for the spread of the gospel is becoming more and more fully recognized. Its possession adds greatly to the responsibility of the possessor, inasmuch as he is bound to circulate it. Freely ye have received, freely give. Christians have only to look into their own experience to perceive what a loss the unregenerate are sustaining. With the Bible full of golden promises, and the regular preaching of the gospel on the Sabbath, one must be selfish indeed if he refuse to give it to the destitute.

Your Committee are pleased to report that during the year just closed, a large amount of good work has been accomplished by the Home Mission Board, and they believe that the denomination has taken a long step in the march of progress by placing the Home Missions side by side with the Foreign in the Baptist Convention.

Your Committee most gratefully record the mission work performed in the destitute portions of several counties by the resident pastors under the auspices of the Auxilliary Missionary Societies Conference. Small districts, which would scarcely warrant the

stationing of a missionary by the Board have been gratuitously supplied during the past winter and spring. We are pleased to see that arrangements have been made to place a strong man in charge of destitute places in King's Co., during the coming summer.

Your Committee are happy to report a deeply pleasing and hopeful outlook on the Foreign field. In the language of one of our noble band, lately writing to the Corresponding Secretary, "The religious interest continues and deepens. It is nothing flashing to die out as it came, but I think the indication is perhaps a very general movement of the people towards Christ." The schools are large, some as high as one hundred and forty daily. Baptisms quite frequent, and the health of our missionaries is good. Some of them are necessarily spending much time in building but they seem wisely and prudently to be laying broad foundations for future usefulness. Looking over the whole mission field, your committee feel like thanking God and taking courage.

Submitted,

J. MURRAY, *Chairman.*

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### Report of Committee on Departed Brethren.

The Committee on Departed Brethren beg to report that two esteemed ministering brethren of this Association have been called away during the past year. One of these,

REV. JOHN CHASE,

had long been connected with this body, although of late he had not been actively engaged in the pastoral office. He was ordained at Billtown on the 1st of July, 1835. For many years he was pastor of the Baptist Church at Bridgetown. Brother Chase was subsequently for several years actively engaged with the financial affairs of Acadia College, and other denominational interests, and preached with great acceptance occasionally near the locality of his residence. He died on the 13th of November, 1879, in the 76th year of his age, having been 44 years in the ministry. He had been greatly afflicted for several years previous to his death, which prevented him from engaging in more active ministerial service.

REV. JAMES MEADOWS.

The other death we have to record is somewhat in contrast with the above. It being of one who, instead of a lingering illness, was smitten down by a sad calamity in the prime of life. Standing in front of a young man who was driving a fence stake, the axe flew off the handle and struck him with such force in the abdomen that it produced internal injury, so that he died on the following day. Our brother Meadows had been in the ministry upwards of

thirteen years. He was baptized at Kentville in 1864. He purchased his discharge from the army—having been a bandsman. He subsequently united with the 1st Cornwallis Church, and was licensed by them to preach the gospel of Christ.

He was ordained pastor at Jeddore on the 26th day of February, 1868, and continued in that pastorate with an intermission of only a few months. He had also labored for some time with the Church at Lower Stewiacke. Although our brother's early opportunities were limited his mind was of a superior order, and since his conversion he had sought and obtained large stores of information. As a preacher he was earnest and eloquent, and his were labors acceptable and useful.

The departure of these brethren may shew to us that while some are called away in full age, yet youthful strength proves no security. We are admonished to be at all times ready, seeing that we know not the day nor the hour wherein the Son of Man cometh.

S. SELDEN, *Chairman.*

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### Report of Committee on Temperance.

While your committee are pleased to know that many of our ministers and church members are doing a good work, as temperance men, they wish to urge that while they shall continue such activity they should do more for the cause of temperance as members of the churches of Christ.

We wish to keep before the churches the importance of putting away the very appearance of the evil of intemperance, and using at the Lord's Supper the unintoxicating "fruit of the vine;" thus removing a cause of stumbling from the weak.

Your committee would also suggest the propriety of holding one public temperance meeting in connection with each of our Association gatherings, and recommend Saturday evening as a suitable time.

J. C. BLEAKNEY, *Chairman.*

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### Report of Committee on Denominational Literature.

What shall we read and with what kind of mental pabulum shall the youth and children of our land be fed? are questions which demand the earnest consideration of all intelligent christians.

In these days when literature, good, bad and indifferent, is so abundant, it requires no little wisdom and caution to make a judicious selection.

Your Committee feel that it is the duty of those who hold positions of influence and trust in the denomination to endeavour most earnestly to guard and to promote the interests of our people in this respect. Books and papers, miserable trashy and enervating, if not positively immoral in their character, are seeking admission into all christian families, and too often, it is to be feared find an open door. The best means of protecting the youth of our land from the evils of this debasing literature is to provide them with mental food which shall be at once attractive and wholesome. Every Sabbath School which supplies reading matter to its scholars should aim to be an educator of taste in this respect. All christian parents should consider it one of their very first duties to see to it that not only all demoralizing literature is excluded from their houses, but that their children are furnished with books and papers which shall both feed the mind and exert a healthful moral and religious influence.

Your Committee observe with pleasure that some at least of the establishments which supply books to Sunday Schools are exercising a more rigorous supervision over the literature which is to be put into the hands of the youth of the country, still much vigilance is necessary on the part of those who are, in this respect, the more immediate guardians of our homes.

Your Committee also take pleasure in calling attention to the fact, that during the past year, through the agency of the American Book Exchange and other firms, many most excellent works have been published in an attractive and readable form, and at a minimum price, thus placing within the reach of all, books whose expensive form had heretofore placed them upon the list of luxuries to be enjoyed only by the rich. Let the work which is thus being done be encouraged.

Your Committee recognize the importance of promoting the circulation of such books as teach the truth clearly and emphatically in regard to the principles which distinguish us as a denomination. At the same time let there not be amongst us any narrowness of sectarian spirit, but let us welcome heartily, from whatever source it may come, all literature that expresses the best christian thought, feeling and experience of the present and the past.

Your Committee desire to record their recognition of the faithful and efficient services rendered in the past by our denominational papers, the *Christian Messenger* and *Christian Visitor*; and till the present condition of things shall give place to something better we bespeak for them the patronage and hearty support of the denomination.

Your Committee have learned that in accordance with the wish of the Association, recorded in the Minutes of last year, a brief history of the 1st Horton Church has been prepared by its pastor for publication with the Minutes of the present year. And your Committee recommend that the Newport church being next in order

of age be requested through its pastor to prepare a similar history of itself, to be recorded in the Minutes of 1881.

Your Committee are glad to know that the Committee having the matter of a Book Room under consideration, will report progress in their work.

S. McC. BLACK, *Chairman.*

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### Report of Committee on Hymn Books.

The Committee respecting Hymn Books, beg to report that in considering this very important matter, they have examined the various books of Christian hymnology published for use in Public Worship, and they have been able to find none so suitable, in all respects, as the Baptist Hymn Book, published by the Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia. This book is to be obtained in various styles from 50 cents and upwards, and one of these combines Hymns and Tunes, well adapted to congregational use, costing but 75 cents.

Your Committee would therefore recommend that, in all congregations of the Churches belonging to this Association, where any change is contemplated, that the Baptist Hymn Book be adopted, and in all churches where there are only a few books, that the change be made as early as possible, so as to have a good and efficient supply of books to enable the congregations generally to join more profitably in the delightful exercise of praise.

We would further advise the Association to recommend said book to the approval and commendation of the Convention of the Maritime Provinces, and request that body to recommend said book to the Baptist Churches of these Provinces.

There is also a book published by the same Society for use in Social meetings—the Gospel Hymn and Tune Book—at 50 cents. which your Committee would heartily recommend.

S. SELDEN, *Chairman.*

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### Report of Committee on Book Room.

The Central Baptist Association at its 29th Annual Session held at Berwick in June, 1879, adopted a report of the Committee on Denomination Literature, that strongly urged the propriety of establishing a Book Room in some central locality at an early day, and a committee consisting of Bro. A. P. Shand, Revds. S. March, J. W. Manning and Bros. Hon. Dr. Parker and S. Selden, was appointed to make such arrangement as they may deem necessary, and report at the next meeting of the Association to be held at Windsor. We the above named committee recommend as follows :

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1. That a Society be formed to be known by the name of "The Maritime Book and Tract Society."

2. That the special object of the Society shall be to supply the Baptist body, in the Maritime Provinces, with denominational and general literature at the cheapest rates.

3. That the capital to carry on the enterprise shall be raised by subscription, and the aim shall be for at least \$5,000.00.

4. That every person subscribing Five Dollars and upwards, shall have the right to vote at the annual meeting of the Society.

5. That the Society shall hold its first Annual Meeting at the time and place of the Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces.

6. That at each Annual Meeting an Executive Committee shall be chosen to carry on the business of the Society.

7. That the Executive Committee shall report at each Annual Meeting.

8. That every ordained Baptist Minister in the Convention shall be considered an agent of the Society, and shall have subscriptions put to his credit at the rate of Ten Dollars for every One Hundred Dollars that he may obtain to the subscription list of the Society.

9. That the Society shall have a Benevolent Fund from which to supply Bibles and religious Literature to needy families and Sabbath Schools.

10. That the profits of the Society shall be added to the capital or to the benevolent fund as the Society at their Annual Meeting may decide.

11. That the following persons shall form the Executive Committee to carry on the work of the Society till the first Annual Meeting.

REV. E. M. SAUNDERS,  
REV. J. W. MANNING,  
A. P. SHAND,  
A. L. WOOD,  
DAVID THOMSON,  
J. E. IRISH,  
JOHN NALDER,  
JOHN BURGUYNE.

12. That any alteration or amendment to the foregoing may be made by a two-third vote at any regular annual meeting of the Society notice, of which having been previously given.

(Signed,)

A. P. SHAND,	} <i>Committee</i> <i>appointed by the</i> <i>Central Baptist</i> <i>Association.</i>
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\*Rev. Joseph Murray writes to say that the \$7.00 from Cambridge Church should be placed to Foreign Missions, and not to French Mission.

†This includes the amount from the Congregation, the Sabbath School and W. M. Aid Society.

The following churches have reported no money sent to Association, or to Treasurers of Benevolent Funds the past year:—Brooklyn, Chelsea, Dartmouth, Hammond's Plains 2nd, Horton 3rd, New Minas, Kentville, Maitland, and New Cornwall.



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## Infirm Ministers' Board in account with C. F. Eaton, Trea.

INTEREST TO JUNE 1st, 1880.

		Principle.	Days.	Interest
1879.				
June	1. By balance on hand .....	\$1231 09	305	\$73 90
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	" Rawdon Church .....	0 28		
	" Newport Church .....	0 96		
		1 80	342	0 11
June	24. " Cash from Bro. E. C. Banks, Treasurer of Associa- tion at Berwick .....	70 10	342	4 44
Oct.	8. " Cash from Peoples Bank Agency, Wolfville, on account of the 1st Horton Church for 1878.	19 00	236	0 73
1880.				
June	1. " One years interest on Jacobs' legacy .....	39 00		
"	" " Harris' " .....	11 68		
"	" Interest.....	79 18		
		\$1461 45		\$79 18
1879.				
Sept.	9. To cash to Rev. J. Stephens .....	\$20 00	265	0 57
"	18. " " R. S. Morton .....	20 00	256	0 84
Oct.	30. " Late Rev. John Chase.....	25 00	214	0 87
1880.	" Rev. R. S. Morton .....	20 00	136	0 44
Jan.	16. " Bro. S. Selden for Bro. Crawley.....	10 00	136	0 22
"	" Rev. J. Stephens .....	5 00	136	0 11
June	1. To interest .....	3 35		
	Balance down to new account .....	1353 10		\$3 35
1880.				
June	1. By balance brought down.....	\$1461 45		
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## Report of Committee of Nominations.

The Committee on Nominations beg to recommend the following  
—That the Association meet with the Billtown Church next year.

That the following brethren constitute the Committees for 1881:

*On Circular Letter*,—Rev. E. M. Saunders, Bros. Henry Lovett, and A. A. Pineo.

*On Denominational Literature*,—Bro. A. P. Shand, Revds. E. M. Kierstead, S. B. Kempton, Bros. S. Selden, and John Burgoyne.

*On Benevolent Funds*,—Revds. Joseph Murray, S. March, Bros. Mark Curry, J. W. Barss, and A. Coldwell.

*On Education*,—Revds. Geo. Armstrong, S. W. DeBlois, A. W. Sawyer, J. L. Read, J. W. Manning, and Prof. D. F. Higgins.

*On Missions*,—Rev. I. Wallace, J. C. Blakeney, L. B. Gates, M. W. Brown, J. Williams, and Bro. E. D. King.

*On Obituaries*,—Revs. D. Freeman, D. O. Parker, Bros. Joshua Ells, Henry Eaton, Burpee Whitter.

*On Sabbath Schools*,—Rev. Edward Whitman, Bros. Edward Lockwood, W. A. Porter, Andrew Chipman, J. Parsons, and Andw. Shaw.

*On Temperance*,—Revs. D. Freeman, E. M. Saunders, Bros. S. Langille, Henry Lovett, and Walter Barss.

*Board of Infirm Ministers Fund*,—Revs. S. W. DeBiais, S. March, S. B. Kempton, Bros. C. F. Eaton, J. W. Barss, James S. Morse, and Prof. D F. Higgins.

*On Arrangements*,—The Billtown Pastor, Revs. Geo. Armstrong, Jos. Murray, J. C. Blakeny, S. B. Kempton, Bros. W. C. Bill, W. S. Sweet, C. F. Eaton, A. T. Baker.

*To Preach Associational Sermon*,—Rev. Edward Whitman,—Alternate, Rev. Geo. Armstrong.

*To write Circular Letter*,—Rev. S. March.

*On History of Churches*,—Revs. E. M. Saunders, George Armstrong, Bros. P. D. Lavers, J. W. Barss, Joshua Ells.

(Signed,)

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### Report of Committee on Benevolent Fund.

Our benevolent objects have an organic connection with the great work which the Master has enjoined upon us to "preach the gospel to every creature." They embrace Home and Foreign Missions, Education, and collateral objects, as Superannuated Ministers, and Ministerial Education. These objects stand or fall together, as they are either identical or subsidiary to the one great end of preaching the gospel to the poor.

To accomplish this great work by the support of these objects gives ample scope for the largest benevolence of our church members. If Christ has enjoined this work upon us, He has given us, not only the methods and motives, but also the means of doing it. He has not called us to the work and withheld from us the pecuniary means of carrying it on. His plans are perfect. He has not left it to our option whether we will give or not to support the gospel. If we refuse to give our money to promote His cause we do it at the peril of disobeying Him and losing His favor, for "the Lord loveth a cheerful giver."

To carry on this work, the Baptist Convention of these maritime provinces, for two consecutive years, have earnestly requested the churches to contribute a yearly average of one dollar for each member. We cannot say that this is too much. The cause needs it and the people are able to pay it. The scriptural rule of one-tenth not to say one-fifth or one-third which the Jews gave, or the New Testament scale of I Cor. xvi. 1-21, would yield much more than this. The Presbyterian adherents in Egypt raised last year an average of three dollars each. The poor Baptist Karens of Bassein, in Burmah, have given a yearly average of four dollars. To say that our church members in this Association could not pay an average of one dollar a year for the Saviour's cause would be simply

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preposterous. Some through inability might give less ; but many could give much more. So we should have abundance.

We do not therefore lack ability to raise the funds needed. Nor do we believe our people would lack the willingness if the matter were properly laid before them by their pastors and church officers. Suitable efforts in some churches have been successful. They might be ultimately in all the churches. We would recommend that in the matter of raising the dollar average on the Convention Scheme in this Association, a committee of three be now appointed to correspond with all the churches early in the year, and if necessary, to visit them, to secure their co-operation and report at the next association, and that the Revds. E. M. Saunders, J. W. Manning, and H. A. Spencer be that committee. We would also suggest that our Home Mission Board, be recommended to require all churches aided by them to support our denominational objects.

D. FREEMAN, *Chairman.*

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### Summary of the History of the 1st Horton Church.

The 1st Horton Church of Wolfville was organized on the 29th of October, 1778. It is now therefore in the 102nd year of its existence. It has had but three successive pastors, Rev. Nicholas Pierson from 1778 to 1791, Rev. Theodore S. Harding from 1795 to 1855, and Stephen W. DeBlois from 1855 to 1880. At the organization of the Church there were ten members, Nicholas Pierson, Benjamin Sanford, John Clark, Peter Bishop, Silas Beales, Benjamin Kinsman, Junr., Daniel Huntley, John Coldwell, Esther Pierson, and Hannah Kinsman. The church now consists of upwards of three hundred members but taking the ground formerly occupied by this church we find twenty-one churches and five thousand members. Thomas Handly Chipman, and Jos. Dimock, two of the fathers in the denomination first professed religion in connection with this church. A large number of brethren now in the ministry in these Provinces and in the United States received their first religious impressions and were here baptized.

We have reason to praise the Lord for all his mercies and rejoice in the continuance of his favor.

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# CONSTITUTION

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## Nova Scotia Central Baptist Association.

ARTICLE 1st.—This Association shall consist of Delegates representing the Churches of which it is composed, each of whom shall be a member of one of those Churches, together with Delegates from Corresponding Associations, not exceeding five from any one Association, and such other brethren present as the Association may see fit to invite to sit in Council.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## RULES OF ORDER.

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

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

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

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

RULE 5th.—Brethren invited to a seat with us may speak on all subjects under consideration, but vote on none.

RULE 6th.—All resolutions shall be presented in writing.

RULE 7th.—Motions made and lost shall not be recorded on the Minutes, except so ordered at the time.

RULE 8th.—These rules shall be distinctly read from the Chair at the opening of the Session.

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