

MINUTES

OF THE

TWELFTH SESSION

OF THE

WESTERN NEW BRUNSWICK

Baptist Association,

HELD AT FREDERICTON, N. B.,

SATURDAY, MONDAY, AND TUESDAY,

September 17th, 19th, and 20th.

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SATURDAY, September 17th, 1859.

The Ministers and Delegates composing the Western New Brunswick Baptist Association, met in the Baptist Chapel, Fredericton, at 2 o'clock, P. M. After the usual religious conference the Association was organized by the appointment of the following officers:—

REV. S. ROBINSON, *Moderator.*
REV. T. TODD, *Clerk.*
REV. S. MARCH, *Assistant Clerk.*
BROTHER W. S. ESTEY, *Treasurer.*
BROTHER JOHN GUIOU, *Assistant Treasurer.*

Prayer by Brother A. D. Thomson.

Moved, That the following visiting Brethren take a seat with us:—

Revds. James A. Smith, J. V. Tabor, C. G. Porter, (Bangor, Me.) W. G. Hoben, G. F. Miles, D. Freeman, D. O. Parker. - Brothers Boney, Washburn, Joseph Jones, George Churchill, (Bangor.) Cummings.

Committee to read Letters—Revds. I. E. Bill, J. A. Smith, A. D. Thomson, H. P. Guilford.

Committee of Arrangement—Revds. C. Spurden, B. Hughes, J. Magee, Tupper, and the Deacons of Fredericton Church.

Committee to Examine Circular Letter—Revds. T. Todd, Smith, A. D. Thomson, T. W. Saunders.

Committee on Special Business—Rev. T. Lockey; Brethren A. Yerxa, Wm. Estey, O. Goodspeed.

Committee on Domestic Missions—Rev. John Magee, W. Harris, J. V. Tabor, J. A. Smith, G. Campbell, Porter, Thomson, Todd, Guilford, D. P. Phillips, Tozer, and Deacon Richards.

Committee on Foreign Missions—Revds. E. B. Demill, I. E. Bill, W. Harris, Tupper, Maginnes, Lockey; J. T. Smith, G. W. Curry, Z. R. Estey, J. King.

Committee on Sabbath Schools—Rev. T. Todd, Joseph Sloat, Hoben, Nicholas, T. Wheeler, James E. Masters, John Carter, Samuel Smith, D. Smith, Colwell, Akerley, Holyoak, J. Parent.

Committee on Christian Visitor—Revds. Chas. Spurden, Tupper, Todd, Tabor, Lockey, Saunders, J. A. Smith, H. P. Guilford; Day, Clark, B. Churchill, Geo. Churchill, H. Jones, M. Atherton.

Committee on New Churches—Revds. John Magee, W. Harris, Smith, Tupper, Saunders; Bonney, Cummings, G. W. Campbell.

Committee on Education—Revds. D. Freeman, C. Spurden, Thomson, Bill, Hoben, Abbot, Robinson, Porter, Demill, Isaiah Wallace; Francis, Holyoak, and Hicks.

Committee on Denominational Statistics—Revds. I. E. Bill, Hughes, H. P. Guilford, Tozer, Todd, Campbell.

Financial Committee to Report on the Liberality of the Baptist Churches—Revds. S. Robinson, I. E. Bill, E. Clay, T. Todd, J. G. Harris.

Harvey, Tabor, Porter, Jewett, Reeco; Goodspeed, Z. R. Estey, J. Curry, Cosgrove, Francis, S. Smith. Thos. Dumphy, Alex. Estabrooks, A. B. Yerxa, H. Estey.

Committee on Tobacco—Revds. T. W. Saunders, A. D. Thomson; Ob. Akerly, Judah Hammond, James Tozer, Z. R. Estey.

Committee on Sabbath Desecration—Revds. T. Todd, Bill, Magee, Harvey, Ring, Porter, Harris, J. A. Smith; Samuel Smith.

Committee on Arrangement reported :—

Saturday evening, 7½ o'clock, preaching by.....	Rev. A. D. Thomson;
Lord's Day, Baptist Chapel.....	" D. Freeman.
" " Afternoon.....	" C. G. Porter.
" " Evening.....	" E. Clay.
F. C. Baptist Chapel..... Morning.....	" T. Todd.
" " Afternoon.....	" J. G. Harvey.
" " Evening.....	" J. Tozer.
Wesleyan Chapel..... Evening.....	" I. E. Bill.
Kingsclear..... Morning.....	" A. D. Thomson.
Nashwaak..... Morning.....	" W. Harris.
Bushagonish..... Morning.....	Revds. Tabor & Lockey.
Mangerville..... Morning.....	Rev. J. A. Smith.

RESOLVED, That the Association resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, on the question of reorganizing the Union Societies.

Moved, That the Association adjourn to Monday, 10 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer by Rev. B. Hughes.

MONDAY MORNING, Sept. 19.

Prayer Meeting at 7 o'clock.

Met pursuant to adjournment at 10, A. M.

Introductory Sermon by Rev. E. B. Demill, Text, James 4. 12.

The letters from the following Churches were read by the Committee appointed to examine and read letters.

Frederickton.—Rev. C. Spurden, Brethren J. T. Smith, Asa Coy, G. C. Hunt, John Guion, G. L. Shaw, and W. S. Estey.

Keswick.—Rev. W. Harris, Henry Jones, A. D. Yerxa.

Chipman.—Rev. Thos. Lockey.

Jacksontown.—Rev. T. Todd, Deacon B. Churohill, and Isaac Lawrence.

Simonds.—Rev. J. G. Harvey.

Little South-West.—Rev. I. Wallace.

Northampton.—Rev. T. Todd.

Nashwaak.—Rev. James H. Tupper, Deacons Calvin L. Goodspeed, Benjamin Fletcher, David Estabrooks, John Carter.

Macnaguack.—Rev. John Magee, Deacon Clark, Z. R. Estey, John Kilburn, Judson Currie.

Cardigan.—Rev. W. Harris, Deacon B. Richards.

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New Zealand.—Thos. H. Brewer, Reuben Estey.

Brussels Street, St. John.—Rev. S. Robinson, Z. Estey, Thos. Hicks, Jonathan Titus, James E. Masters, Capt. Akerly.

Upper Gagetown.—Brethren John E. Goucher, Thomas Turney, John M. Curry, and W. T. Estabrooks.

Germain Street, St. John.—Rev. I. E. Bill, F. A. Cosgrove, Deacon Francis, and David A. Curry.

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Kingsclear.—Deacon Wm. Estey, and Deacon David Curry, and Brother Thomas Dumphy.

Presque Isle.—Rev. George Rigby.

Carleton.—Rev. E. Clay, Deacon John Christopher, and Brother James Colwell, and John Strange.

Blackville, Blissville, and Ludlow.—Rev. James Tezer, and Alexander Estabrooks.

New Jerusalem.—Rev. George Burns, Deacon John Brown, David Moore, Charles Wallis, and John Crabb.

Prince William.—Revds. G. R. Campbell, T. W. Saunders; Brethren Manzer Atherton, Nicholas T. Wheeler, Henry Niles.

African Church.—Brother Wheary.

Newcastle.—Brethren Jewitt, Abraham Baily, Gideon D. Baily.

Nork Esk, Miramichi.—Rev. Isaiah Wallace.

Portland.—Brother D. O. Parker, Deacons Sims, Eaton, and Richey.

Springfield.—Rev. J. H. Tupper, Deacon Israel Parent, Brother Baker Gorden.

St. George.—Rev. S. March.

St. Andrews.—Rev. A. D. Thomson.

Canning.—Rev. P. O. Reese, Deacon Jarvis Estabrooks, A. Cowperthwaite, and Brother R. T. Babbit.

Lower Woodstock.—Deacon Obediah Akerley.

Canterbury and Southampton.—James Kerney, Moses Dow, and Leonard Miller.

Oromocto.—D. Phillips, and David Smith.

Kushagonish.—Israel Smith, and Addan Noble.

New Castle, Miramichi.—Rev. Isaiah Wallace, and Brother Gremley.

Dumfries and Queensbury.—Rev. T. W. Saunders, W. Clark, and Brother G. Jewitt.

Little River.—

Black River.—Rev. Isaiah Wallace.

Upper Kingsclear Church.—Rev. G. R. Campbell, Deacons R. Holyoak, J. S. Barker, and M. McNally.

Prayer by Rev. W. Harris.

Adjourned till half-past 2 o'clock.

MONDAY AFTERNOON.

Prayer by Rev. T. W. Saunders.

Committee on New Churches reported—

That having examined letters from Upper Kingsclear and Black River, Miramichi, recommend that the letters be read, and the Churches be received.

JOHN MAGEE, *Chairman.*

The letters were read and the Moderator extended the hand of fellowship to those Churches in the usual way.

Moved, That the next Association be held with the Baptist Church, Brussels Street, St. John, on the third Friday in September, 1860, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Moved, That the Association organize at 7 o'clock, in the evening, instead of at the close of the Conference.

Moved, That the Rev. C. Spurden, A. M., preach the Introductory Sermon, and that the Rev. Isaiah Wallace, A. M., be his alternate.

Moved, That Rev. E. B. Demill, A. M., write the Circular Letter.

Moved, That Revds. C. Spurden and T. Todd superintend the printing of the Minutes, that 1200 copies be issued, and that they be distributed to the Churches according to the amount of money sent for that purpose.

Moved, That Churches which have not sent Minute Money, receive three copies each.

Moved, That Revds. C. Spurden and E. B. Demill be a Committee to revise the Scripture Quotations in the Articles and Covenant.

Moved, That Rev. W. Harris be Delegate to Eastern New Brunswick Baptist Association, and that his expenses be paid.

Moved, That Brethren Robinson, Bill, Todd, Thompson, and Clay be Delegates to the Convention to be held at Sackville, N. B.

Moved, That this Association hear from Rev. C. G. Porter, Delegate from Penobscot Association.

Moved, That a Delegate be appointed to attend the next Penobscot Association.

Moved, That Rev. T. Todd be that Delegate, and that his expenses be paid.

Moved, That a Delegate be appointed to the State of Maine Baptist Convention, and that Rev. I. E. Bill be that Delegate.

The Committee on the financial state of this Association reported:—

That whereas in the present state of the affairs of our denomination, no correct statement is made of our financial movements as it regards the whole amount raised by the body for every religious object in which we are engaged; therefore

RESOLVED, That this Association recommend to all our Churches to send in their letters an account of all moneys expended in supporting their pastor, building or repairing places of worship, the sums contributed for Home and Foreign Missions, Education, Sabbath Schools, &c. &c., and that a correct statement of the same be published in the Minutes.

All of which is submitted.

E. CLAY.

The Committee on Periodicals reported:—

That soon after the last session of this Association, Elder Guilford became joint proprietor and editor of the *Visitor* with Elder Bill, and Mr. McHenry undertook the management of its secular department and financial affairs. Lately, however, the Rev. H. P. Guilford has relinquished his connexion with the paper, so that it now remains in the hands of the Rev. I. E. Bill and Mr. McHenry.

They are glad to learn that the circulation of the *Visitor* is maintained, and that some progress is being made in settling the accounts which have been long due. They would strenuously urge the prompt settlement of all outstanding claims, in order that the conductors of the periodical press may be in a position to meet their obligations, and may continue to merit and receive the patronage of the denomination.

Addresses by Revds. S. Robinson, Spurden, Clay, Wallace, Miles, and others.

Committee on Temperance reported same as last year. (*Vide Minutes of W. N. B. A. for 1858.*)

Addresses by Revds. E. Clay, Robinson, J. A. Smith, Miles, and others.

Moved, That a Committee be appointed to prepare a Petition to present to the General Assembly of this Province at its next session, relative to Temperance, and that Rev. Messrs. Bill and Reece be that Committee.

Moved to adjourn. Prayer by Rev. E. McInnes.

— EVENING SESSION.

Met according to adjournment. Reading the Scriptures by Rev. I. E. Bill; Prayer by Rev. G. Rigby.

This session was devoted to Domestic Missions, when the following Resolutions were passed:—

1st—RESOLVED, That the success which has attended Domestic Missions in this Province, calls for devout gratitude to the God of Missions, and for renewed exertions in this blessed cause.

2nd—RESOLVED, That the numerous districts of the Province now open to the labors

of Baptist Missionaries should be occupied by the denomination, with the least possible delay.

3rd—RESOLVED, That in the judgment of this Association, the Churches should greatly increase their contributions to Home Missions; and that Missionaries should be largely multiplied, to meet the growing demands of the great "harvest field."

Addresses were delivered by the following Brethren :—Revds. Wm. Harris, J. A. Smith, Geo. Rigby, A. D. Thompson, J. V. Tabor, C. G. Porter, Thos. Todd, and others.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Preaching by Rev. Wm. Harris, from Luke, 24th chap. and 51st ver.

The Committee on Special Business reported :—

On Special Business, your Committee would beg leave to say—
Two things have come before them for consideration: First, the organizing an institution for the promoting of Sabbath School instruction, (as you will see in a letter from the Sabbath School Convention in St. John addressed to this Association, the purport of which your Committee highly approve of, and recommend an institution like this to be established by the Baptist Churches composing this Association.

Also, your Committee have to notice in their report that the Church in Gagetown has made a request to the Ministering Brethren of this Association to meet the said Church to take into consideration the propriety of setting apart Bro. John E. Goucher to the work of the Ministry, your Committee, in regard to this request, 'consider it rather deviating from the established practice of Baptist Churches in calling' in a Council for the ordaining a Minister over any Church. Your Committee would recommend our Brethren to choose their Ministers themselves from sister Churches to attend to this business.

All of which is submitted.

T. LOCKEY.

The Committee on Education reported :—

As to the literary and financial affairs of the Academy, Fredericton, we would refer to the Report of the Education Society. At the same time we would earnestly call the attention of parents and guardians to the thorough efficiency of the Institution, as to its accommodations, its kindly discipline, its sound instruction, and the correctness of its religious principles. We would congratulate the friends of the Institution on the facilities now afforded both in the Male and the Female Departments, recommending them to continue their patronage, with an increasing number of pupils, a more generous pecuniary support, and earnest prayer that the Divine blessing may rest upon it.

We are pleased to hear that, notwithstanding the financial depression of the past year Acadia College has maintained its usual efficiency under two Professors and two Tutors, with twenty-five Students, a number of whom are candidates for the Gospel Ministry. Early in this month it commenced a new year with three Professors, and an encouraging number of pupils, some of whom are young Ministers pursuing a partial course of study. The funds required during the ensuing year will be £700 for the expenses of the College, and £450 debt incurred in the two years past, in all £1,100; but it is hoped that the interest and special subscriptions, if promptly paid, will meet this demand. The Agent, Bro. D. Freeman, is now engaged in settling the old subscriptions, preliminary to some new measure for the more adequate support of the College, which object we commend to the Churches.

The threatening attitude of the Prince of Darkness, the rising enterprises of the day, and the Saviour's dying love, are alike calling us to a more enlarged benevolence in behalf of the rising generation.

Moved, That the New Brunswick Baptist Education Society go into session, and that the President take the Chair.

The Report having been read and adopted, Addresses were delivered by Revds. C. Spurden, A. M., D. Freeman, A. M., D. O. Parker, A. M., and S. Robinson.

Moved, That this Association recommend the Churches deficient in the payment of their assessment for the liquidation of the debt on the Baptist Seminary, Fredericton, to forward the respective amounts at an early period.

Moved, That the Assessment List and the sums paid by the Churches be published in the Minutes.

Moved to adjourn. Prayer by Rev. D. Freeman.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Bro. Harris.

Committee on Sabbath Schools reported :—

That on examining the forty-one letters received from the Churches at this Association, fifteen of those Churches have written nothing regarding Sabbath Schools. We feel very anxious that some well-adjusted Sabbath School system should be organized. A Sabbath School Convention would be desirable. We are glad that movements are being made in this direction in St. John, N. B.

We, therefore, recommend that a Sabbath School Convention be formed at our next annual gathering, to be held at St. John; and that the Superintendents of Sabbath Schools there be a Committee of Arrangements for that purpose. We request our Churches to send to our next Association a very full statistical account of their Schools, and as many Superintendents as can be present upon that occasion.

THOS. TODD, CHAIRMAN.

The Committee on Circular Letter reported :—

That having examined it, they recommend its adoption; and that it be printed in the Minutes.

THOS. TODD.

The Committee on Foreign Missions reported :—

The Committee on Foreign Missions beg to submit the following report:—

Five native Preachers have been sustained in Burmah by the Baptist Conventions of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and P. E. Island, during the past year. These Missionaries of the Cross have kept under the direction of our esteemed Brother, Rev. A. W. Crawley, Missionary of the American Baptist Union, who reports favorably in regard to the success of their labors. One of these native preachers, it is pleasing to know, was converted to God through the instrumentality of the lamented Burpe, a native of our own beloved Province. He sacrificed his life upon the altar of Christian Missions, and this one star at least will decorate his crown in the regions of light and love.

The expense of these native Preachers to the Convention is about \$80 each per annum; a small sum indeed to be raised for the Foreign field, especially when we consider, the number and wealth of our Churches—not more than one penny farthing for each member per annum.

We are happy to learn that the Juvenile Missionary Society of Brussels Street, Saint John, has resolved to sustain one native Preacher in the Foreign field. We trust their example will stimulate others to embark in the like precious work.

We commend this cause anew to the confidence, sympathy, and contributions of the Churches.

Addresses by Rev. E. B. Demill, and others.

The Committee on the Desecration of the Sabbath reported :—

That they regard the command, "Remember the Sabbath Day, and keep it holy," just as obligatory upon the consciences of men now as it was when enunciated by God amidst the fearful solemnities of the burning mount. This holy law is not only distinctly taught in the inspired book, but it is written by the finger of the Creator upon the constitution of man; his physical, moral, and religious nature demands that the seventh portion of his time should be to him a day of rest.

The change of the Sabbath from the seventh to the first day of the week, though not distinctly enjoined by any one precept of the New Testament, is nevertheless obviously sanctioned by Apostolical example, and is, therefore, justly believed to be in accordance with the Divine will. This change in no way affects the design or the spirit of the original institute. One-seventh portion of our time is still preserved sacred to the Almighty. By the Apostles and early Christians it was spent in religious observances, and has been so employed by the Christian Church from that age until now.

The attempt made by some religious teachers of the past and of the present time to weaken the faith of the people in the requirements of this Holy Day, your Committee regard as subversive of the principles of Christianity, and as highly injurious to man's present and eternal welfare. They would admonish the Churches here represented to give no heed to these false teachers.

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Without delivering any opinion upon recent Postal changes, your Committee would express their cordial concurrence in the laudible efforts made by the Hon. Postmaster General to preserve throughout the departments of the public service over which he presides, the sanctity of the Sabbath, and they most sincerely hope he will succeed.

Having this view of the requirements of the Christian Sabbath, your Committee would affectionately but urgently call upon all members of Baptist Churches to show by precept and example their love for this holy day of rest, and their determination to keep it sacred to the Lord of Hosts.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

RESOLVED, That the Rev. E. B. Demill be requested to furnish the Editor of the *Christian Visitor* with a copy of his Introductory Sermon for publication.

The Committee on Domestic Missions reported :—

That as to the past year we are not able to give a correct statement, as there has not been a regular communication kept up between the Parent Society and the Auxiliaries.

Your Committee would, therefore, recommend that henceforth all the Auxiliaries act in accordance with the Constitution of the Parent Society, with the understanding that if they make collections at Quarterly Meetings for special objects, they be at liberty to determine in what locality it shall be expended. This being done, your Committee will be able to give a correct statement of what is being done in our Home Missionary fields.

JOHN MAGEE, CHAIRMAN.

A number of Addresses were delivered, when the following pledges were given :—Revs. C. Spurden, £5 ; G. F. Miles, £5 ; J. A. Smith, £5.

RESOLVED, That the Report of the Committee appointed by the Baptist Conventions of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and P. E. Island, on the subject of financial arrangements, be adopted by this Association, and commended to the favorable consideration of the Churches, and that in judgment of this body the adoption of the union plan as a collecting agency by all the Baptist Churches in this Province, would be attended with the most useful results.

Report adopted.

REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL COMMITTEE.

TO THE BAPTIST ASSOCIATED CHURCHES OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

Beloved Brethren.—The undersigned having been appointed a Committee by the recent Convention of the Baptists of these Provinces to submit a plan to the Churches of New Brunswick, for raising funds for the education of young men designed for the Christian Ministry, have prayerfully considered this important subject, and respectfully submit the following Report :—

The Committee are deeply impressed with the urgent necessity for the immediate introduction into all our Churches of such a financial arrangement as shall encompass not simply one, but all the benevolent objects adopted by the denomination as essential elements in the fulfilment of Christian duty, and in the promotion of denominational progress. Four distinct objects of benevolence at present engage the attention of the body, viz. : *Home Missions, Foreign Missions, General Education, Ministerial Education*, to which the Committee deem it expedient to add two others of great interest, viz. : *Sabbath Schools*, and a *Fund for the support of infirm ministers, and the destitute widows and orphans of deceased ministers*; thus making in all six denominational objects claiming the sympathy and contributions of our Churches. Upon the importance of these charities to the general interests of the country, and to the salvation of souls in particular, the Committee will not dwell. It must be patent to all who pause to reflect that without the appliances which these agencies involve we can scarcely hope to fulfil as Christian Churches the important trusts committed to our care, and wield successfully the power that God has given us for the promotion of the social, intellectual, and religious welfare of those around us.

The question is, how shall these interests be sustained in a measure at all commensurate with their demands ? It must be obvious to all that this can only be done by united, systematic, and continuous action.

The Committee having looked at this matter in its various aspects, have come to the united conclusion that the very best thing that can be done is to re-organize "Union Societies" with such modifications as altered circumstances may demand, and would therefore respectfully recommend that a vigorous effort be made to secure from every member

of the denomination a sum not less than five shillings per annum, and that this amount be divided according to the following scale:—

1. Home Missions.....	2	0
2. Foreign Missions.....	0	7½
3. General Education.....	0	7½
4. Ministerial Education.....	0	9
5. Sabbath Schools.....	0	6
6. Infirm Ministers.....	0	6
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It is supposed that a very large proportion of our members would be able to give this sum; and if any fail, that the more wealthy would make up the deficiency by the contribution of a larger sum. If any prefer contributing the whole amount to a given number of the objects instead of all, let them do so, and let the money be appropriated according to the wish of the donor; but the Committee would recommend as far as possible uniformity of action. The objects are all so intimately connected in denominational progress that it seems impossible to sever them.

Suppose this plan to meet the approval of our Churches, the question naturally arises, how is it to be carried out effectively? The Committee would suggest:—1st, A strong recommendation on the subject by our approaching Association; and, 2nd, The appointment of an efficient Agent to bring this matter in person before the people generally, and to organize the Union as a collecting agency in every Church in the Province.

From general experience and observation the Committee feel assured that the most useful results would flow from the successful working of this union plan. It would tend to wipe from us the reproach and ruin of disorganization, concentrate the sympathies and affections of the people on the agencies of enlightened religious progress at home and abroad, give greater unity and solidity to our Churches, afford a sphere of useful action to Ministers having no pastoral care, aid feeble churches now struggling for existence, supply many of the waste places of the Province with the preaching of the Gospel, render valuable support to our educational institutions, impart intelligence to the rising Ministry, multiply Sabbath Schools in destitute districts, send the word of God to those in distant lands, give the means of support to those who are worn out in the service of the Master, and administer to the widow and the fatherless.

We are, dear brethren, respectfully and affectionately yours,

I. E. BILL,
S. ROBINSON, } COMMITTEE.
J. MASTERS, }

Moved, That a Financial Agent be appointed to engage in this work.

Moved, That S. Hersey, Esq., of St. John, N. B., be Treasurer of the said Union Society; and

Moved, That Rev. I. E. Bill be Secretary.

Committee of Management.—Brethren Cosgrove, Godsoe, Francis, Hicks, T. P. Davis, Z. Estey, and the Baptist Ministers of St. John and vicinity, with all Baptist Ministers in the Province of New Brunswick, when present.

RESOLVED, (and carried) That the Rev. Thomas Todd be our Financial Agent.

RESOLVED, That this Association request the Churches to furnish the Clerk of this Association with a List of their Delegates immediately on their arrival, that a correct List may be prepared therefrom, for the use of this body.

RESOLVED, That this Association be organized in future at 7 o'clock, P. M., instead of at the close of the Conference, as formerly.

The Committee on Tobacco reported:—

That they consider the use of Tobacco to be not only injurious to health, but also an expensive and moral evil; and as many of the Ministers and Members of our Churches are in the habit of using the obnoxious weed, we therefore recommend that they immediately discontinue the use of it altogether.

T. W. SAUNDERS, CHAIRMAN.

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Moved, That a vote of thanks be given to the Fredericton Baptist Church and friends generally, for their marked attention and Christian kindness to the members of this body while in session.

RESOLVED, That a vote of thanks be given to the Choir for their able performance in that delightful department of Christian service.

RESOLVED, That we adjourn to meet with the Baptist Church, Brussels Street, St. John, N. B., on the third Saturday in September, 1860, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

THOS. TODD, CLERK.
S. MARCH, ASSISTANT.

S. ROBINSON, MODERATOR.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

To the Churches composing the Western N. B. Baptist Association.

BELOVED BRETHREN IN THE LORD :—

In this, our annual epistle, permit us to invite your attention to the claims of Domestic Missions. The risen Saviour instructed His Disciples to preach repentance and remission of sins in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. "The idea is, that Christians in prosecuting the great work committed to their care, are to commence at home.

Our departed Fathers in the Gospel acted upon this principle, and amid manifold discouragements and divers obstacles, they hastened with the Gospel Message to the waste places of this Province, proclaiming in all fidelity, publicly, and from house to house, the glad news of pardoning love. They have gone to their reward; but the obligations which pressed upon their conscience, and impelled them forward in their great work, now press with equal weight upon us.

In speaking of the claims of the home field, we might ask you to lift up your eyes and contemplate its Eastern sections, its Northern shores, its Western districts, and its Southern coasts; its enfeebled churches, and its multitude of perishing souls; and as you look upon this wide field, "Say not there are yet four months and then cometh the harvest,"—for it is already ripe for the Gospel Sickle. Fifteen or twenty Baptist Missionaries of the right stamp could be successfully employed to-day in getting in this ripened harvest. Churches weak and indigent are wasting away and dying out for the want of Missionary labor, and souls are perishing by thousands for the lack of Gospel teaching. If we fold our hands in indifference, and fail to put forth individual and combined efforts to rescue these souls from the fall to perdition, may not their blood be required at our hands?

If, Brethren, there are voices from the three worlds, Heaven, Earth, and Hell, summoning us to action in the Master's service, shall we not obey? Our population is increasing; our young men are still finding homes in the wilderness, far removed from Educational advantages and the privilege of the Christian Ministry. Shall their rising families be permitted to grow up without being taught the way to God, the path to Heaven? Our appeal is to the Ministry and to the Churches, and we ask shall there not be more thoroughness of organization? more liberality in constitution? and more whole-hearted co-operation in this work of Domestic Missions? Let us rather resolve with one heart and with one voice that henceforth we will make greater sacrifices, and more powerful and determined efforts to supply all the destitute portions of the Province with the aid and invaluable blessings of the Ministry of God's Holy Word; and let us be cheered in the fulfilment of this solemn duty with the glorious promise of our Sovereign Lord, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."—*Amen.*

**Account of Domestic Missionary Money received at the Association at
Fredericton by W. S. Estey, Treasurer, September, 1859.**

£ s. D.		£ s. D.	
Public Collections in the Baptist Chapel.....	25 11 1	Forward.....	38 10 0
FROM CHURCHES, AS FOLLOWS:			
Maugerville.....	3 10 0	Rev. G. F. Miles.....	0 5 0
Gagetown.....	2 0 0	R. Winter.....	0 5 0
Newcastle (Grand Lake)....	3 6 0	Rev. I. E. Bill.....	0 10 0
African Church.....	0 5 0	Rev. S. Robinson.....	0 10 0
Chipman Quarterly Meeting..	2 0 0	David Scott.....	1 0 0
SUBSCRIPTIONS.			
Rev. William Harris.....	0 5 0	Rev. T. W. Saunders.....	0 5 0
Rev. J. V. Tabor.....	0 5 0	Rev. G. C. Porter (Bangor)..	0 5 0
Donald McDonald.....	0 5 0	Mrs. J. Williams.....	0 5 0
Hicks.....	0 5 0	Miss Anna Currie.....	0 5 0
Grimley.....	0 1 8	Peter Parker.....	0 5 0
Rev. J. A. Smith.....	0 6 3	Peter Pugh.....	0 5 0
R. Holyoke.....	0 5 0	Total received.....	43 15 0
James Boylea.....	0 5 0	NOT PAID.	
Rev. S. March.....	0 5 0	Rev. J. A. Smith.....	5 0 0
Forward.....	38 10 0	Rev. G. F. Miles.....	5 0 0
		Rev. C. Spurden.....	5 0 0

W. S. ESTEY, TREASURER.

Fredericton, Sept. 21st, 1859.

**Account of Moneys received at the Western Baptist Association in
Fredericton, by W. S. Estey, Treasurer, September, 1859.**

MINUTE MONEY.

£ s. D.		£ s. D.	
Germain St., St. John.....	1 0 0	Forward.....	8 0 11
Gagetown.....	0 12 6	Little South West (Miramich)	0 5 0
Lower Woodstock.....	0 5 0	Upper Kingsclear.....	0 10 0
Jerusalem and Greenwich... 0 10 8		Lower Kingsclear.....	0 6 3
Blissville.....	0 12 6	Brussels Street Church.....	1 0 0
Oromocto.....	0 2 6	New Zealand.....	0 5 0
St. George.....	0 10 0	Rushagonis.....	0 5 0
Cardigan.....	0 7 6	Nashwaak.....	0 5 0
Canning.....	0 12 6	Mactaquack.....	0 10 0
Simonds.....	0 7 6	Fredericton.....	0 11 10½
Tobique and Andover.....	0 5 0	Keswick.....	0 12 6
Maugerville.....	0 10 0	Prince William.....	0 6 4½
Presque Isle.....	0 3 9	Dumfries and Queensbury..	0 3 9
Jacksontown.....	0 9 6	Newcastle (Grand Lake)....	0 10 0
Northampton.....	0 3 6	African Church.....	0 2 6
Canterbury and Southampton	0 10 0	Chipman.....	0 7 6
Beckaguimic.....	0 6 0	Marsh Bridge.....	0 10 1
Pennfield.....	0 5 0	Little River (F. Lake).....	0 5 0
Springfield.....	0 2 6	Total.....	14 16 9
North Esk (Miramichi).....	0 5 0		
Forward.....	8 0 11		

W. S. ESTEY, TREASURER.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS
Of the Western New Brunswick Baptist Association.

NAMES.	RESIDENCE.	DATE OF ORINATION.
James Tozer,	Blissville,	March, 1826
Wm. Harris,	Keswick,	February, 1830
I. E. Bill,	St. John,	March, 1830
T. W. Saunders,	Prince William,	July, 1832
Samuel Robinson,	St. John,	August, 1832
A. D. Thompson,	St. Andrews,	May, 1835
James Walker,	St. George,	January, 1839
John Magee,	Nashwaak,	January, 1840
C. Spurden, A. M.,	Fredericton,	April, 1841
George Rigby,	Aroostook,	March, 1842
J. H. Tupper,	Queensbury,	March, 1844
W. L. Hopkins,	Pennfield,	November, 1845
G. Estabrooks,	Simonds,	July, 1847
Thos. Todd,	Jacksontown,	October, 1848
E. Webb,	Nerepis,	October, 1850
E. McInnes,	Carleton,	October, 1850
H. P. Guilford,	Fredericton,	March, 1840
E. Clay,	Carleton,	
I. Wallace, A. M.	Miramichi,	April, 1856
S. March,	St. George,	July, 1856
G. R. Campbell,	Lower Woodstock,	March, 1857
Thos. Lockey,	Little River,	January, 1857
D. Outhouse,	Dumfries,	
J. G. Harvey,	Woodstock,	February, 1858
Benj. Hughes,	Maugerville,	October, 1859
P. O. Reece,	Canning,	October, 1859
E. B. Demill, A. M.,	St. John,	
Jarvis Ring,	St. John,	
John E. Goucher,	Upper Gagetown,	October, 1859

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W. Gremley,
R. Wells,
W. Annis,

Alex. Estabrooks,
B. Jewett,

F. P. Davis,
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STATISTICAL VIEW OF THE CHURCHES.

STATIONS.	Date of Formation.	By Baptism.	By Letter...	Restored...	Renovod...	Dismissed...	Excluded...	Died.....	Total.....
Blackville, Blissville, and Ludlow.....		6							
Black River, (New Church).....	1859						1		131
Brussels Street, St. John.....	1850	22							22
Beekagumic.....	1833	1	8			18	4	8	445
Canning.....	1800	54		2	2				59
Cardigan.....	1820								93
Chipman.....	1845	5	1						36
Canterbury and Southampton.....	41	5				2			51
Carleton, St. John.....	1841	53	11	3		1		1	80
Douglas African Church.....							6		189
Fredericton.....	1814	21	8					1	18
Germain Street, St. John.....		3	10			4		4	143
Gagetown.....	1855	74	7			4		1	231
Jacksontown.....	1846	8	1			4			114
Keswick.....		37	3		2	3	1	2	117
Ist Kingsclear.....	1825			1	14	3		7	143
Upper Kingsclear (New Church).....	1859								30
Lower Woodstock.....	1854	12	6						50
Little River.....								1	47
Little South West.....		15	2	2					32
Mangerville.....	1839	14				1			35
Maқтаquak.....	1844	6				4			102
Marsh Bridge, St. John.....	1858	3	3			10		5	84
New Jerusalem.....		17				1			46
Newcastle, Grand Lake.....		10		7	1	1		1	65
Newcastle, Miramichi.....		1				1	3		101
New Zealand.....	1857								10
Nashwaak.....	1804					2			22
Northampton.....	1856								64
North Esk.....		12	3					2	26
Oromocto.....	1854								36
Pennfield.....		8						2	49
Portland, St. John.....		8		10					56
Prince William.....		5		2					135
Presque Isle, Maine.....	1800	7			5		2	2	57
Queensbury.....	1855	2	1				2		37
Rushagonis.....	1846				2				22
St. George.....	1806	6							25
St. Andrews.....		5	1			1		2	84
Springfield, York County.....	1857							2	85
Simonds.....		4			1			1	17
* Andover.....					6		1		67
* Dipper Harbor.....									20
* 2nd Falls, St. George.....									18
* Greenwich.....									84
* Howard Settlement.....									22
* Hodgdon and Richmond.....	1843								32
* Ledge, St. Stephen.....									67
* Oak Bay.....									43
* Scotch Town.....									25
* 1st St. Patrick.....									14
* Salmon Creek.....									50
* St. David's.....									24
* St. James'.....									26
* Woodstock.....	1842								18
									20
		460	75	29	28	68	21	48	3710

* No Letters received.

APPENDIX.

New Brunswick Baptist Education Society, Founded A. D. 1836.

RESOLVED, That the following be the Officers of the Education Society for the ensuing year;—

President,—Rev. I. E. BILL.

Vice Presidents,—Hon. W. B. KINNEAR, Rev. S. ROBINSON, and A. D. THOMSON.

Treasurer,—S. HERSEY, Esq.

Secretary,—Rev. C. SPURDEN.

Committee,—Messrs. W. S. ESTEY, JOHN T. SMITH, JAMES C. WATSON, WILLIAM SEWELL, CHAS. L. HARTT, together with the Officers of the Society.

RESOLVED,—That this Society approves of the application made by the Committee last year to the Government, for a grant in aid of the Female Department, and instructs them to continue the application until it be successful.

REPORT.

The following Report was then submitted and read by Rev. C. Spurdén:—

The Committee of the New Brunswick Baptist Education Society, in presenting their twenty-third Report, beg to submit the following review of the year's proceedings:—

The Principal returned from England in July, 1858, and immediately took charge of the Seminary, with Mr. G. E. Day as his associate in the tutorial department.

The Committee are glad to learn from their Report that the greatest diligence in study has been shown by the Students, and that the utmost propriety has been observed in their conduct during the year.

The number in attendance in the senior classes has equalled the average of former years; but the junior school, owing to a combination of causes, has somewhat declined; they trust, however, that this will be found to be only temporary.

In order to extend the usefulness of the Institution, the Committee, early in the year, took measures for admitting young ladies to the classes, under the instruction of the Principal and his associate. The number of female pupils has ranged from 10 to 16; although this number is smaller than was anticipated, they feel satisfied that eventually their most sanguine expectations will be realized.

This new arrangement took effect about the middle of August, 1858, and in consideration of the services which they were thus rendering to an important and hitherto much neglected department of education, the Committee petitioned the Government, in due course and form, for a small grant in aid of their efforts in addition to the sum received for the male department. Their petition was

laid on the table of the House of Assembly, but no further notice was taken of their application, and no grant was proposed by the Government in supply. In consequence of receiving no Provincial encouragement, a large balance is due the Committee on the year's expenditure, besides interest on mortgages unpaid. They intend, however, to persevere and renew their application at the proper time; and they hope to be able to report next year that they have met with better success.

At the close of the half year in December, a public exhibition was held before a numerous audience. Recitations and dialogues were delivered by the lads and young men.

At the close of the half year in June, the classes were examined in the studies of the previous year, which comprised the usual English branches, the Latin, Greek, and French languages, Geometry, Algebra, Trigonometry and Astronomy. In the evening, original essays, prepared by the Students, were read before a large company of visitors.

At the close of the year, Mr. Geo. E. Day resigned the situation of teacher, which he had held for two years. In accepting his resignation, the Committee desire to express their sense of the ability and attainments of Mr. Day, the value of which is much enhanced by the modesty and kindness of his disposition, and the unvarying suavity of his manners. The influence which he has uniformly exerted over the students, who boarded in the house, has been highly beneficial. They trust that he may long be spared for active and useful service.

After mature deliberation the Committee resolved to seek for a Preceptress suitably qualified to take charge of the Female Department, jointly with the Principal. They have engaged the services of Miss U. Magee, the daughter of the late Rev. Thomas Magee, Calais, Maine, who has received a thorough education in the United States, and has a first-class license as a teacher in this Province.

The Committee would press upon the Society the desirableness of having an agent in the Province for the purpose of keeping alive an interest on the subject of education, and obtaining donations towards the removal of the debt. The sum of £500 would free the Society from all incumbrance, a small sum and easily raised among the friends of education in New Brunswick. Besides the accomplishment of this desirable work, young ministers might be sought out, and means devised for their attendance, and a livelier interest excited in the minds of young men to obtain knowledge for themselves, and thus many might be induced to enter the Seminary.

The Committee are happy to say that the boarding department was never in a more satisfactory state than it is at present, under the careful management of Mrs. Babbit, who is unremitting in her endeavors to promote the comfort of the boarders. The interior of the building has been put into thorough repair, and another chimney is in course of erection, indeed the Committee are determined to make all the arrangements as complete as possible; and they look with full confidence to the Teachers to furnish an education second to none that can be obtained on the continent of America.

Education Society Debt.

At the 7th Session of the Eastern Association, held at Cambridge in 1854, it was resolved that the debt on the Seminary be proportionately divided by the Education Committee among the Baptist Churches in this Province.

At the 7th Session of the Western Association, held at Fredericton in 1854, it was resolved to agree to the above resolution; and a Committee was formed to apportion the debt, amounting to £575, on the Churches (consisting of Elders Miles, J. Hughes, Todd, W. Harris, Francis, and J. Blakeney.)

EASTERN ASSOCIATION.			WESTERN ASSOCIATION.		
Salisbury	....	£5 0 0	1st St. George	....	18 0 0
Shediac	....	1 0 0	Woodstock	....	7 0 0
1st Moncton	....	10 0 0	New Jerusalem	....	3 0 0
1st Elgin	....	4 0 0	Newcastle	....	5 0 0
1st St. Martins	....	17 10 0	2nd St. George	....	7 0 0
2nd Elgin	....	2 0 0	Ledge, St. Stephen	....	5 0 0
2nd Moncton	....	2 10 0	St. John, Brussels Street	....	47 10 0
2nd Wickham	....	10 0 0	do. Germain Street	....	30 0 0
Harvey	....	15 0 0	do. Portland	....	17 0 0
1st Springfield	....	12 10 0	do. Carleton	....	14 0 0
Cambridge (2 sections)	....	8 0 0	Nashwaak	....	7 10 0
Sussex	....	5 0 0	Jacksontown	....	6 0 0
Butternut Ridge	....	10 0 0	2nd St. Patrick's	....	6 0 0
Hampton	....	7 10 0	Prince William	....	8 10 0
Hopewell	....	22 10 0	Simonds	....	3 0 0
2nd Salisbury	....	7 0 0	Oak Bay	....	2 10 0
2nd Grand Lake	....	7 10 0	Canning	....	11 0 0
Upham	....	7 10 0	St. Andrews	....	2 10 0
New Canaan	....	10 0 0	Kingsclear	....	5 0 0
1st Hillsborough	....	15 0 0	Fredericton	....	11 0 0
2nd Dorchester	....	3 0 0	2nd Fall, St. George	....	9 10 0
Studholm	....	2 0 0	Maugerville	....	10 0 0
2nd Hillsborough	....	2 10 0	Pennfield	....	10 0 0
3rd Springfield	....	4 0 0	Dipper Harbor	....	1 0 0
1st Jemseg	....	9 0 0	1st St. Patrick	....	5 0 0
1st Johnston	....	3 0 0	Arestock	....	2 0 0
Point de Bute	....	7 10 0	African Church, Douglas	....	2 0 0
2nd Sackville	....	25 0 0	Tobique	....	5 0 0
2nd Johnston	....	1 0 0	Brighton	....	2 0 0
Kingston	....	1 0 0	Blissville	....	5 0 0
1st Grand Lake	....	5 0 0	Cardigan	....	1 10 0
1st Sackville	....	15 0 0	Chipman, Q. C.	....	3 0 0
Upper Loch Lomond	....	1 0 0	Macktaquack	....	6 0 0
Norton	....	7 10 0	Keswick	....	7 10 0
Mill Cove	....	5 0 0	Little South West	....	2 10 0
Buctouche	....	1 10 0	North Esk	....	5 0 0
Point Monash	....	1 10 0	Rushagonis	....	2 0 0
2nd St. Martins	....	3 0 0	1st St. David	....	2 10 0
2nd Springfield	1 0 0	St. James	2 0 0
Restigouche	2 0 0			
Gondola Point	1 0 0			
Coverdale	5 0 0			
Dalhousie	1 0 0			

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The Committee in Account with the Education Society.

		DR.		
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June.	Balance.....			£16 4 7
	Tuition Fees.....			70 1 2
	Hire of Beds.....			5 19 0
1859.	Music Fee.....			0 16 0
June.	Legislative Grant.....			250 0 0
	Balance.....			41 15 2
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1858.				
June.	Interest.....	£15	0 0	
	Shed, Drain, and Repairs.....	16	5 5	
	Advertising, 1857.....	0	10 0	
	Instruction in Music and hire of Piano.....	3	6 0	
	Steward.....	8	0 0	
	Sundries.....	4	10 6	
	Wood and Sawing.....	4	3 1	
	Bedding and Washing.....	4	7 8	
	Mr. Day's Salary—balance of last year.....	3	13 3	
	Do. do. to date.....	125	0 0	
	Principal's Salary.....	200	0 0	£384 15 11

Debts due by the Baptist Education Society, June, 1859.

Mortgage.....	£250
Note.....	200
Interest.....	39
Committee, say.....	20
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	£509

Examined, and found correct.

SAMUEL W. BABBIT.

SABBATH SCHOOL STATISTICS,

From the Letters of the Western New Brunswick Baptist Association.

CHURCHES.	No. of Schools..	Superintendants	Teachers.....	Scholars.....	Volumes Library	REMARKS.
Brussels Street, St. John.....	2	2				Healthy. Hopeful.
Canterbury and Southampton..	1	1				
Upper Gagetown.....	1	1	6	40		
Little South-west.....	1	1	4	30	50	Doing well.
Pennfield.....	1	1	9	60	120	Healthy.
Keswick.....	2					
Canning.....	2					
St. George.....	1			90		£5 raised for Books.
Chipman.....	1	1	6	40	150	
Portland.....	1					Flourishing.
North Esk.....	1	1	6	36		Flourishing.
Marsh Bridge, St. John.....	1	1	13	120	153	Flourishing.
Prince William.....	1	1	5	35	200	
Presque Isle (Me.).....	4					
Carleton (St. John).....	2					
Jacksontown.....	2	2	14	140	350	£7 to purchase books.
2nd Kingsclear.....	1					
Fredericton.....	1	1	14	80	250	

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A DECLARATION

Of the Faith, Practice, and Covenant of the Churches of Christ, composing the Western New Brunswick Baptist Association.

ARTICLE 1. We believe that there is but one only living and true God, who is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness and truth : Deut. vi. 4 ; John iv. 24 ; Ps. xc. 2, cxlvii. 5 ; James i. 17 ; 1st Tim. i. 17 ; Mark x. 27 ; Isaiah vi. 3 ; Deut. xxxii. 4 ; Ex. xv. 11, xxxiv. 6, 7.

2. That there are three persons in the Godhead—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost—who are but one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory : Mat. xxviii. 19 ; John xv. 26, 1st Cor. xii. 4—6 ; 2nd Cor. xiii. 14 ; Eph. ii. 18.

3. That the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, in which he hath given us our only rule of faith and practice : Luke xvi. 29—31 ; 2nd Timothy iii. 15—17 ; 1st Thess. ii. 13 ; 2nd Peter i. 21, iii. 2 ; Rom. iii. 2 ; Is. viii. 16, 19, 20.

4. That God, who is infinite in knowledge, and perfectly views all things from the beginning to the end, has foreordained that whatsoever comes to pass, either by his order or permission, shall work for the eternal glory of his great name : Acts. xv. 18, ii. 23 ; Ps. lxxvi. 10, xxxiii. 11 ; Rom. ix. 17—23, xi. 36.

5. That in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that in them are ; and he upholds and governs all things by the word of his power : Gen. i. ; Ex. xx. 11 ; Dan. iv. 35 ; Heb. i. 3.

6. That God made man in his own image, in knowledge, righteousness and true holiness ; and made with him a covenant of life, the condition of which was perfect obedience : Gen. i. 26, 27 ; ii. 16, 17 ; Ecc. vii. 29 ; Gal. iii. 10.

7. That man being left to himself, soon fell from that happy and glorious estate in which he was made, by eating the forbidden fruit by which he brought himself and all his posterity into a state of death : Gen. iii. 6 ; Rom. v. 12—9.

8. That man being thus dead, his help and recovery are wholly in and from God : John vi. 44 ; Eph. ii. 4, 5, 7—10 ; 1st John, iv. 10.

9. That God the Father has chosen a great multitude of the human family, whom no man can number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, and given them to his Son in the covenant of his grace, that he might redeem them from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works, which is the only foundation of salvation for lost and helpless sinners ; and thereby the Ministers of the Lord are encouraged to preach the Gospel to every rational creature, because the purposes of God, and the infinite value of Christ's atonement, secure the increase and establishment of Christ's kingdom, so that the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ ; and He shall reign for ever and for ever : Rom. viii. 29, 30 ; Eph. i. 4, 5, 11 ; John vi. 37—39 ; Rev. vii. 9 ; Tit. ii. 14 ; Mark xvi. 15 ; 2nd Tim. ii. 19 ; Is. ix. 7 ; Rev. xi. 15.

10. That Jesus, the eternal Son of God, hath come, and taken on him our nature, and in that nature hath yielded a perfect obedience to the law which we have transgressed, and suffered death for our sins, and hath brought in a complete and everlasting righteousness, and hath risen and ascended to the right

hand of God, and ever liveth to make intercession for us : John i. 1, 14 ; Heb. i. 1—3, vii. 25, x. 5—10 ; Rom. i. 4 ; Dan. ix. 24.

11. That the Holy Ghost, and he only, can and doth make particular application of the benefits of the atonement made by Christ to every elect soul : John iii. 5—8, xvi. 7—15 ; 1st Cor. xii. 3.

12. That the Spirit of God applies the benefits of this atonement, by convincing us of our sinful, lost and miserable condition ; and then discovering the glorious Saviour, as he is exhibited in the gospel, in his suitableness and sufficiency, and enabling us to embrace him with our whole souls, by which he is made unto us wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption : John xvi. 8—11, 13—15 ; Gal. v. 22, 23 ; 1st Cor. i. 30.

13. That the life of religion consists in the knowledge of God, and conformity with him in the inward man, which necessarily produceth an external conformity to his commands, and brings us to live in obedience to His holy will in all our ways, and in our several places and relations : John xvii. 3 ; 1st Cor. x. 31 ; Eph. ii. 10 ; Col. iii. 2, 3 ; Gal. ii. 20 ; Rom. xii. 1, 2.

14. That true believers being united to Jesus Christ, shall never perish, but live and reign with him for ever. They have communion with God, and by his Spirit they are united with each other, and have communion one with another, whereby they are made partakers of each other's gifts and graces : John vi. 39, x. 28 ; Rev. iii. 21 ; John xvii. 7, 11, 21, xiv. 3 ; Rom. viii. 38, 39 ; 1st John i. 3.

15. That the first day of the week, commonly called the Lord's day, is the Christian Sabbath : John xx. 19 ; Acts xx. 7 ; 1st Cor. xvi. 2 ; Rev. i. 10.

16. That God hath appointed the ordinance of civil government for defending the poor as well as the rich, in their civil rights, without infringing upon the consciences of any, or attempting to dictate or govern in the worship of the eternal God, which belongs only to Jesus Christ the great law-giver and head of his church : Mark xii. 17 ; Rom. xiii. 1—6 ; 1st Peter ii. 13—15 ; Mat. xxiii. 10 ; Rom. xiv. 4.

17. That there will be a general resurrection both of the just and unjust ; and that God hath appointed a day in which he will judge the world in righteousness, by Jesus Christ, and will reward every man according to his works ; when the wicked shall be sent away into everlasting punishment, and the righteous received into life eternal : John v. 28, 29 ; Acts xvii. 31, xxiv. 15 ; Rom. ii. 16 ; Mat. xvi. 27, and 25—46.

PART THE SECOND.

Concerning a Visible Church of Christ and its Discipline.

1. We believe that a particular visible Church of Christ is a number of Saints and people, by mutual acquaintance and communion voluntarily and understandingly covenanting and embodying together, for upholding and promoting the worship and service of God, to show forth His glory, and for their own edification : 1st Peter ii. 5 ; Acts ii. 42, ix. 31 ; Heb. x. 25 ; Eph. iv. 15, 16.

2. That Baptism and the Lord's Supper are Ordinances of Christ to be continued until his second coming, and that the former is requisite to the latter, that is to say, that those are to be admitted into the communion of the Church, and to partake of all its ordinances and privileges, who upon profession of their Faith have been baptized by Immersion, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost : Mat. xxviii. 19, 20 ; 1st Cor. xi. 23—26 ; Acts ii. 41, 42, and ix. 18—26, and viii. 12, 36, 39 ; Mat. iii. 6—16 ; Rom. vi. 4 ; Col. ii. 12 ; Gal. iii. 27 ; Mat. xvi. 26—28 ; Acts xx. 11 ; 1st Cor. x. 16.

3. That since none but true believers can rightly partake of the Ordinances, therefore the door of the Church should be carefully kept against all such who cannot give scriptural evidence of their union with Christ: 1st Cor. xi. 27—29; Mat. vii. 6, 15—20; 1st Peter ii. 5.

4. That a Church thus gathered hath power to choose, and by Elders to ordain those officers that Christ hath appointed in his Church, viz.: Bishops or Elders, and Deacons; and also to depose such officers who walk contrary to the rules of the gospel; and to discipline their members, though in some such cases it may be convenient and profitable to request the advice of neighboring Churches of Christ: Acts i. 21—26, vi. 3—6, xiv. 23, and xv. 6—31; 1st Cor. v. 13; 2nd Thess. iii. 6, 14, 15; Titus iii. 10.

5. That a Bishop or Elder hath no more power to decide any case or controversy in the Church than any private brother; yet they, having superior gifts for teaching and ruling, ought to exercise and improve the same for the benefit of the Church; and the Church ought to be subjected to the gifts bestowed on the Minister from the Lord, while he is rightly administering in his place, whose place it is to lead in the actings of the Church, and to administer the ordinances of the Gospel, and devote himself to the work of teaching, warning, rebuking, and exhorting the people publicly, and from house to house: Mat. xx. 25—29; 1st Peter v. 3; Acts xx. 20—28, 31; Heb. xiii. 17; 1st Thess. v. 12, 13.

6. That the Deacon's office or work is to take care of the poor, and to have the oversight of the temporal affairs of the Church, and to minister at the Lord's Table: Acts vi. 1—5; 1st Tim. iii. 8—14.

7. That every believer is commanded to be faithful, to improve every gift and talent which is bestowed on him, in order to which, there ought to be such a Gospel freedom that the Church may know where every particular gift is, that it may be improved in its proper place, and to its right end, viz.: the glory of God, and the good of His people; and the Church ought to be subject to such improvements: 1st Peter iv. 10, 11, and v. 5; 1st Tim. iv. 14; 1st Cor. 12th and 14th chapters; Rom. xii. 3—8.

8. That there is a mutual obligation between Minister and People—one to administer in things religious and spiritual, according to the gifts God has given. The Church to communicate of their temporal or worldly substance for his comfort and support, and that by an equality, as nearly as can be ascertained, that one may not be burthened and another eased. But this is not to be effected by force or compulsion, or by the sword of civil power; but it is to be a free-will offering, agreeably to the scripture of truth; and every member deficient in this matter ought to be disciplined by gospel rule, as for any other breach of covenant, or neglect of performing Christian duty: Luke x. 7; Rom. xv. 27; 1st Cor. ix.; Gal. vi. 6.

COVENANT.

We do now, in the presence of the great, all-seeing and most glorious God, and before angels and men, give up ourselves to the Lord Jehovah, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, and avouch him this day to be our God, our Father, our Saviour, and our Leader, and receive him as our Portion for ever. We give up ourselves to the Lord Jesus Christ, and engage to adhere to him as the head of his people in the covenant of grace, and rely on him as our Prophet, Priest, and King, to bring us to eternal blessedness.

We acknowledge our everlasting and indispensable obligations to glorify God, by living a holy, righteous, and godly life, in this present world, in all our

several places and relations; and we engage by the assistance of the Divine Spirit, to improve our time, strength, talents, and advantages to his glory and the good of our fellow men; promising, by divine help, to walk in our houses as becomes those professing godliness, and to maintain the worship of God in our families, and to train up those under our care in the ways of religion and virtue.

We also give up ourselves to one another in covenant, promising to conduct towards each other as brethren in Christ, watching over one another in the love of God—reproving, rebuking, and admonishing one another for good as occasion may require; and if we at any time know that any members of the church are guilty of immoral conduct, that we will not expose it by tattling it to others, but will faithfully labor with them, according to the direction of our Lord—Mat. xviii. 15, 17—that sin may be put away from among us, and that iniquity may not be harbored in the church. We engage to watch not only against the most gross evils, but also against all foolish talking and jesting, which are not convenient—vain disputing about words and things which gender strife—disregarding promises, and not fulfilling engagements—tattling and backbiting, spending time idly at taverns, or elsewhere, and vain, unnecessary worldly conversation on the Sabbath, and whatsoever else is contrary to sound doctrine, according to the glorious gospel of Christ. We promise to hold communion together in the worship of God, and in the ordinances and disciplines of his church, according as we are or shall be guided by the Spirit of God in his word—expecting that He will yet further and more gloriously open his word and the mysteries of his kingdom—applying to the blood of the everlasting covenant for the pardon of our many errors, and praying that the Lord would prepare and strengthen us for every good work to do his will, working in us that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.—*Amen.*

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