

MINUTES
OF THE
TWENTIETH SESSION
OF THE
WESTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,
OF
NOVA SCOTIA,
HELD WITH THE CLEMENTS CHURCH.
Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday, September 24th, 26th, and 27th, 1870,
TOGETHER WITH
THE CIRCULAR LETTER, &c.

“CHRISTIAN MESSENGER” OFFICE,
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MINUTES.

CLEMENTSVALE, Saturday, Sept. 24th, 1870.

The Western Baptist Association, convened, according to appointment, with the Baptist Church at Clements, at 10 o'clock, A.M., in its 20th Anniversary.

The Association was called to order by Rev. W. G. Parker, Moderator.

Devotional services were engaged in, while the clerks prepared the following

LIST OF DELEGATES.

Clements.—Rev. G. D. Cox, Brethren Jas. Potter, Aaron Ohute, John D. Potter, Ezra Potter, and Wm. Wright

1st. Ragged Islands.—Rev. H. D. Porter.

Broadfield.—Rev. Jas. Parker, Brethren Uriah Johnson, and Israel Hendry.

Argyle.—Rev. P. R. Foster.

Tusket.—Rev. P. R. Foster.

Kempt.—Rev. Jas. Parker, Brethren Jacob Kempton, Abial Harlow, Jno. C. Delong, Benj. Early, and Jos. P. Rody.

Pine Grove.—Brother O. Dodge.

Lake George.—Rev. J. A. Stubbart, Brethren Wm. S. Patten, Jos. Saunders, and Wm. Saunders.

Wilnot Mountain.—Rev. J. M. Parker, Brethren John Brinton, and Jas. P. Foster.

Weymouth.—Rev. O. Randall, brother D. W. Sabean.

Hampton.—Rev. J. M. Parker.

Hebron.—Rev. Jno. Rowe, Brethren W. R. Doty, Jas. Crosby, and Jno. Rose.

Deerfield.—Rev. Jas. A. Stublert, Brethren R. Crosby, N. C. Saunders, and T. H. Uhlman.

Litchfield.—Rev. A. J. Cogswell, brother Samuel Sprowl.

Milton.—Rev. W. G. Parker, Brethren S. Freeman, jr., Jas. A. Freeman, Jno. T. Freeman, and Jacob O. Kempton.

Liverpool.—Rev. Jos. E. Jones, Brethren Thos. Nickerson, A. T. Dexter.

South Yarmouth.—Rev. J. A. More, Brother Nathaniel Holmes.

Lower Granville.—Rev. I. Wallace, Brother J. D. Halfyard.

Wilmot.—Rev. N. Vidito, Brethren Asa Morse, W. H. Balcom, and Edward Balkman.

Jordan River.—Rev. J. McKenne.

Annapolis and Upper Granville.—Revs. G. Armstrong, and P. F. Murray, Brother Isaac Healey, Benj. Miller, Lie. A. M. Gidney, Jno. Rice.

1st. *Hillsburg*.—Brethren W. Dunn, Thos. Miller, R. Clarke, W. F. Marshall, and Israel Dunn.

2nd. *Hillsburg*.—Rev. D. W. Crandall, Brethren John Sulis, Chas. Winchester, and Jno. S. Thomas.

Lewis Head.—Rev. J. F. McKenna.

1st. *Digby Neck*.—Rev. J. C. Morse, Brother C. H. Denton.

2nd. *Ragged Islands*.—Rev. J. F. McKenna.

Pubnico.—Rev. W. H. Richan!

Freeport.—Bro. Wm. Lent.

Tusket Lakes.—Rev. A. Cogswell.

Lower Aylesford and Upper Wilmot.—Revs. C. Tupper, and O. Parker, Brethren Jacob Neily, and Gardner Tufts.

Parker's Cove.—Rev. A. J. Cogswell.

West Yarmouth.—Rev. W. L. Parker, Brethren E. Rose, and Geo. Trask.

Greenfield.—Rev. Henry Achilles, Brother Gorham Freeman.

Nictaux.—Rev. M. P. Freeman, Brethren W. Gates, B. H. Parker, W. Brown, Parker Vidito.

Acadigh French Mission Church.—Rev. M. Normondy, Brethren Lewis Cook, and Uriah Savory.

Middlefield.—Rev. Henry Achilles, Brother Elkanah Morton.

Ohio.—Rev. J. H. Saunders.

New Tusket.—Rev. C. Randall, Brethren Jno. G. Nowlan, W. H. Sabean, and Jos. Sabean.

Caledonia.—Rev. Jas. Parker.

Beaver River.—Rev. A. Cogswell, Brethren W. H. Goudy, and Jos. Trask.

New Albany.—Rev. Obed Parker, Brother A. Oakes.

Springfield.—Rev. O. Parker, Brother S. Saunders.

Digby.—Rev. D. W. Crandall, Brethren E. M. Marshall, and E. Bent.

Graywood and Milford.—Rev. O. Parker, Brethren A. Thomas, David McLellan, and Thos. Waterman.

Hillgrove.—Brethren S. T. Bacon, and Robert Reid.

St. Mary's Bay.—Brethren Henry Green, Wm. McNeill, John Spurr, Chas. McNeill, and John Ray.

Wood's Harbor.—Rev. W. H. Richan, and Bro. I. Chute.
2nd. Digby Neck.—Rev. J. C. Morse, Brethren Edward Denton,
 and George Cornwell.

Dalhousie West.—Bro. Samuel Swift.

Mill's Village.—Bro. W. A. Reed.

Port Medway.—Bro. W. A. Reed.

1st. Yarmouth.—Rev. A. Chipman, Brethren S. Brown, Chas.
 Pinkney, and Alex. Simm.

Invited Members.—Revds. L. B. Gates, S. T. Rand, E. O. Read,
 Brethren Z. Goudy, Jas. R. Raymond, S. Selden, D. Delong, S.
 Delong, and S. Brown.

The Association was organized by appointing Rev. James
 Parker, *Moderator*, who took the chair, and read the Rules of
 Order.

Rev. R. D. Porter, *Clerk*.

Rev. W. H. Richan, *Assistant Clerk*.

Dow D. Potter, *Treasurer*.

Samuel Freeman, *Assistant Treasurer*.

The following Committees were appointed:—

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS.—Revds. G. D. Cox, I. Wallace,
 Jas. Stubbert, A. Cogswell, N. Vidito, D. W. Crandall, Jno. Rowe,
 J. H. Saunders, G. Armstrong, A. Chipman, and C. Randall.

TO EXAMINE LETTERS.—Revds. P. F. Murray, M. P. Freeman,
 and P. R. Foster.

TO READ LETTERS.—Revds. J. E. Jones, A. Chipman, and S.
 T. Rand.

Committee of Arrangements retired, and devotional exer-
 cises were resumed.

Committee of Arrangements reported progress as follows:

That the time of meeting and adjournment be as follows:—Meet
 at 10 o'clock, A.M., and adjourn at 12; meet at 2 P.M., adjourn
 at 5 P.M., and meet again at 7 P.M.

That a Temperance Meeting be held this evening, and that Revs.
 N. Vidito, and C. Randall make the opening addresses.

They also recommended the appointment of the following
 Committees:—

ON CIRCULAR LETTER.—Revds. G. Armstrong, J. A. Stubbert,
 and A. Chipman.

ON QUESTIONS IN LETTERS.—Revds. C. Randall, N. Vidito, and
 Jos. H. Saunders.

Prayer by Rev. S. T. Rand. Adjourned.

Afternoon Session, Sept. 24th,

Prayer by Rev. P. F. Murray.

Minutes of last session read and approved.

Letters from churches read; Brother A. M. Gidney, and Rev. E. O. Read rendered assistance in the reading.

Reading of Letters was suspended while the hymn "Come let us join our cheerful songs," &c., was sung, and Rev. O. Parker offered prayer, when the reading of Letters was resumed.

The time for adjournment having come, the reading of Letters was discontinued, and the Committee of Arrangements reported the appointments for the Sabbath, and the following Committees:—

ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.—Revds. Dr. Tupper, I. Wallace, N. Vidito, and Brethren A. M. Gidney, D. W. Sabeau, W. H. Balcom, and Asa Morse.

ON EDUCATION.—Revds. Dr. Sawyer, A. Chipman, Geo. Armstrong, J. E. Jones, W. G. Parker, Brethren S. Brown, S. Freeman, jr., and Rev. J. C. Morse.

ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.—Revds. J. H. Saunders, B. Miller, C. Randall, W. L. Parker, W. H. Goudy, Brethren Jno. D. Potter, Jno. Rice, Rich. Crosby, and Jno. Brinton.

ON TEMPERANCE.—Revds. S. T. Rand, L. B. Gates, Brethren Chas. McNeill, Ezra Potter, Wm. Patton, Jno. G. Nowlan, O. Dodge, and James P. Foster.

ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.—Revds. E. O. Read, D. W. Crandall, J. M. Parker, and O. Parker, Brethren J. D. Halfyard, James Crosby, Dow D. Potter, and N. C. Saunders.

AUDITING COMMITTEE.—Brethren James Crosby, and James E. Potter.

The Committee of Arrangements further report, recommending that prayer meetings be held each morning during the session at 6½ o'clock.

On motion report accepted section by section.

Prayer by Rev. I. Wallace. Adjourned.

On Saturday evening a Temperance Meeting was held according to appointment, at which Brethren N. Vidito, I. Wallace, and Chas. McNeill, delivered addresses.

Monday Morning Session, Sept. 26th.

Association convened at 10 o'clock.

Associational Sermon was preached by Rev. R. D. Porter. Text 1 Cor. i. 22-24. Subject: To the effectually called, Christ crucified the highest manifestation of the wisdom of God. Brethren W. H. Richan, P. F. Murray, and Dr. Sawyer took part in the opening services.

Association resumed business.

Prayer by Rev. G. Armstrong.

Minutes of last session read and approved.

The remaining Letters were read.

Prayer by Rev. W. G. Parker. Adjourned.

Afternoon Session, Sept. 26th.

Prayer by Rev. J. Rowe.

Minutes of last session read and approved.

A letter having been presented and read from a newly organized church, called the Acadian French Mission Church, requesting admission to the body. On motion voted that said church be received. The hand of fellowship was then given to Bro. Normondy, one of the delegates.

Committee of Arrangements further reported, recommending

That the Association be held next year at Nictaux. That Rev. J. C. Morse preach the Associational Sermon. That Rev. Geo. Armstrong be his alternate. That Rev. J. E. Jones write the Circular Letter.

That Brother A. M. Gidney, and Rev. J. A. Stubbert constitute the Committee on Obituaries.

That Revs. I. Wallace, P. F. Murray, and W. H. Richan deliver the opening addresses on the subject of Home Missions.

On motion, adopted, section by section.

Bro. S. Selden having made a presentation of a bound copy of the Minutes of this body from its organization complete, on motion of Rev. R. D. Porter, seconded by Rev. C. Tupper, D.D.,

Resolved,—That the cordial thanks of this body be, and are hereby presented to Bro. Selden for his very acceptable presentation.

Voted,—That 1000 copies of the Minutes of this Association be printed, at the *Christian Messenger* office, at the same rate at last

year, and that 50 copies be reserved for the Association at its next session; and that Bro. Selden be earnestly requested to have them ready for distribution within four weeks.

Voted, That the Rev. R. D. Porter be requested to prepare a Digest of the Letters from the Churches to be printed in the Minutes.

Voted, That the ministers of this Association attending the Central and Eastern Associations of this Province, or the Associations of New Brunswick or P. E. Island, be our delegates.

Voted, That the Treasurer of the Association be, and is hereby instructed to pay the sums appropriated to the Treasurers of the different Societies respectively, or to persons authorized to receive them.

The announcement having been made that the question of Home Missions was in order. The Home Missionary Board's report was presented by the Chairman, Rev. I. Wallace. The Treasurer also presented his report.

After addresses by Revs. I. Wallace, P. F. Murray, W. H. Richan, P. R. Poster, Jas. Parker, Brethren B. Miller, Lic., Alex. Simm, S. Selden, Revds. D. W. Crandall, and W. G. Parker, on motion the report of the Board was accepted. (Appendix A.)

It having been reported that a Letter from J. M. Cramp, D.D., to this Association had come to hand; on motion

Resolved, That the letter referred to, be at at once read.

This resolution was acted upon, and a most fraternal, faithful, and practical address was received from our brother, Dr. Cramp, now ill in Montreal.

On motion, voted, that the preacher of the Associational Sermon be requested to furnish a copy of that Sermon for publication in the *Christian Messenger*.

Committee of Arrangements further reported, recommending that Revds. M. P. Freeman, and E. O. Read deliver the opening addresses on the subject of Sabbath Schools.—Adopted.

That Revds. Dr. Sawyer, and J. C. Morse deliver the opening addresses on the subject of Education. Adopted.

That Revds. M. Normonday, C. Randall, and A. Cogswell deliver opening addresses on the subject of the French Mission. Adopted.

That Revds. Dr. Tupper and Geo. Armstrong deliver the opening addresses on the subject of Foreign Missions. Adopted.

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Committee on Circular Letter reported that having examined the Letter they recommend that it be read and printed in the Minutes.

Prayer by Rev. D. W. Crandall. Adjourned.

Evening Session, Sept. 26th.

Prayer by Rev. J. McKenne.

Minutes of last session read and approved.

The French Mission being the order of the hour, the report of the Board was called for, and was read by Rev. J. H. Saunders. Treasurer's report was also read by Bro. W. R. Doty.

Addresses were delivered by Revs. M. Normonday, C. Randall, A. Cogswell, J. C. Morse, Bro. Alex. Simm, and others. Report adopted. (Appendix B.)

The suggestion being offered that a collection be taken up toward building a house of worship at Saulnierville in connection with the French Mission premises, such collection was taken, and the sum of \$28.13 realized.

On motion of Bro. John T. Freeman a special prayer meeting was appointed to be held to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock in this house to entreat God's special blessing in the general revival of his cause, and increase of membership in his churches.

On motion of Rev. I. Wallace the Home Mission Board of last year was reappointed, with the addition of the names of Brethren J. C. Halfyard, C. Hill, and Isaac Healy.

On motion, voted, that the French Mission Board be composed of Revs. G. E. Day, A. Chipman, J. A. Stubbart, W. L. Parker, J. Rowe, A. Cogswell, P. R. Foster, J. H. Saunders, C. Raffdall, J. C. Morse, J. A. Morse, and Brethren C. Sabeau, S. Brown, W. Churchill, B. B. Moses, W. R. Doty, Enoch Crosby, N. Corning, W. S. Raymond, Jos. Shaw, Geo. Crosby, A. C. Robbins, J. H. Healy, J. B. Kenney, N. Holmes, John Rose, Rich. Crosby, Wm. Patton.

Prayer by Rev. C. Randall. Adjourned.

Tuesday Morning Session, Sept. 27th.

Prayer by Rev. G. D. Cox.

Minutes of last session read and approved.

On motion of Rev. C. Randall, seconded by Rev. W. H. Richan, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, This Association has been informed that in the Committee of Arrangement and Nomination, the Rev. N. Vidito moved and the Rev. George Armstrong seconded, a resolution, That there be no Committee on the *Christian Messenger*; and further that the Rev. Isaiah Wallace moved and the Rev. John Rowe seconded in amendment, That a Committee on the *Christian Messenger* be appointed. Which amendment was carried by a vote of seven to three:

And whereas, A good paying and increasing list of Subscribers—such as that of Clements, nearly the whole of whom invariably pay in advance, under the agency of James E. Potter, Esq.,—is the best criterion of approval:

And whereas, Bro. Selden, has intimated his desire for the unity and unanimity of this body and of the denomination generally; and in pursuance of this desire respectfully requests the adoption of the resolution moved by Bro. Vidito in committee,

Therefore Resolved, That Bro. Selden's request—in harmony with the motion of Brethren Vidito and Armstrong—be granted; and that the Committee on the *Christian Messenger* be dispensed with for the present session.

Circular Letter was announced as ready, and was read by the writer, Rev. John Rowe.

On motion of Rev. C. Randall it was adopted, with the request that it be published in the *Christian Messenger*.

Committee on Sabbath Schools reported. (Appendix C.)

After addresses by Revds. M. P. Freeman, E. O. Read, and James Parker, report adopted.

Committee on Education reported. (Appendix D.)

After addresses by Revds. Dr. Sawyer, J. C. Morse, and G. Armstrong, on motion adopted.

On motion of Rev. I. Wallace,

Resolved, That the Association having listened to the appeal of the Rev. Dr. Sawyer, President of Acadia College, urging the necessity of enlarging our Academical operations at Horton, regard most favorably the proposition of the Governors of the College, presented by Dr. Sawyer, for the erection of new Academy buildings, and pledge ourselves to do all we can for the object, when means are employed to collect the needful funds.

Committee of Arrangements finally reported recommending that the Board of Infirm Ministers' Fund consist of Revds. C. Randall, J. C. Morse, L. B. Gates, J. H. Hughes, G. D. Cox, D. W. Crandall, and Brethren W. Aymar, Chas. Sabeau, Jacob Denton, and Harding Chute.

Prayer by Rev. O. Parker. Adjourned.

Tuesday Afternoon Session, Sept. 27th,

Prayer by brother Alex. Simm.

Minutes of last session read and approved.

Report of Board of Infirm Ministers' Fund was presented by Rev. C. Randall, and on motion accepted. (Appendix E.)

On motion of Rev. W. G. Parker, seconded by Rev. Dr. Tupper,

Resolved, That the sum of \$40 be appropriated in aid of Rev. Robt. Morton, and a like sum in aid of Rev. Henry Saunders.

On motion of Rev. N. Vidito

Voted, That the sum of \$20 be appropriated in aid of Mrs. Jas. Reid.

Committee on Temperance reported.

After addresses by Rev. D. Tupper, Bro. Simm, and Rev. N. Vidito, report adopted. (Appendix F.)

Report of Committee on Obituaries was presented, and after an address by Rev. Dr. Tupper, it was adopted. (Appendix G.)

Committee on Sabbath Observance reported.

After addresses by Revs. W. L. Parker, and J. C. Morse, report adopted. (Appendix H.)

On motion, voted that Brethren S. Freeman, Israel Harding, W. H. Balcom, A. T. Baker, and Jacob Kempton, be delegates from this body to the Convention.

On motion, voted, that the Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions be now received, and that this be the final meeting of the Session.

The report was then read by Rev. Dr. Tupper, and on motion, after addresses by Revs. Dr. Tupper, G. Armstrong, and N. Vidito. (Appendix I.)

Resolved, That we tender our hearty thanks to the members of the church and congregation of Clements, for the kind and hospitable entertainment they have extended to us during the session of this body; as also to our Wesleyan brethren for the use of their house of worship, and their kind hospitality.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Association do now adjourn, to meet with the church at Nictaux, on the last Saturday in September, 1870.

R. D. PORTER, Clerk.

W. H. RICHAN, Assistant Clerk.

Statistics of the Churches in the N. S. Western Association, 1870.

NAME OF CHURCH.	Date of Organization.	PASTOR'S NAME.	Year of Settlement	CLERK AND POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	INCREASE		DECREASE		Present Memb'rs.
					By Baptism.	By Letter, &c.	Dismissed.	Excluded.		D ed.
1 ^a Acadian French Mission.	1870	M. Normond	1870	S. P. Balsor, St. Mary's Bay	..	..	..	..	33
2 Annapolis & U. Granville	1854	Geo. Armstrong	1854	John Rice, Bridgetown	..	5	..	3	173
3 Aryle	1830	P. R. Foster	1869	Heman E. Nickerson, Aryle	1	..	3	0	85
4 Brookfield	1828	James Parker	18	A. J. Leadbetter, Arbordale	3	1	..	3	107
5 Barrington	1846	W. H. Richan	18	Josiah Smith, Barrington	1	..	1	1	36
6 Beaver River	1846	G. D. Cox	1864	W. S. Raymond, Beaver River	21	2	2	..	4 203
7 Clements	1817	James Parker	1869	James Porter, Clementsport, An. Co.	14	6	1	1	3 381
8 Calcutonia	1840	D. W. Crandal	1869	B. H. Telfer, Calcutonia, Queen's Co	..	..	..	..	31
9 Dalhousie West	1840	D. W. Crandal	1870	E. M. Marshall, Digby	4	..	..	1	27
10 Digby	1809	J. C. Morse	1842	Wm. Sanders, Sea Wall, Digby Neck	..	5	..	..	1 37
11 Digby Neck, 1st	1834	John H. Hughes	1842	Jos. W. Denton, Little River, Dig. Co.	..	..	2	1	116
12 Digby Neck, 2nd	1834	Henry Achilles	1869	J. Israel, Freeport, Little River, Digby Co.	1	..	..	..	246
13 Freeport	1835	James Paiker	1870	Nath. Freeman, Sr., Greenfield, Q. C.	34	2	..	2	89
14 Greenfield	1861	James M. Parker	1867	Moses Dunn, Graywood, Annap. Co.	..	..	4	..	59
15 Greywood & Milford	1837	John Rowe	1868	Jacob Chute, Hampton, Annapolis Co.	3	1	..	1	97
16 Hampton	1824	John Rowe	1868	James Crosby, Hebron	..	..	6	6	278
17 Hebron	1823	Wm. Dunn, Hillsburg, Digby Co.	1870	Samuel F. Bacon, Digby	..	2	..	..	67
18 Hill Grove	1823	Wm. Dunn, Hillsburg, Digby Co.	1870	Wm. Dunn, Hillsburg, Digby Co.	..	..	6	1	173
19 Hillsburg, 1st	1823	Wm. Dunn, Hillsburg, Digby Co.	1870	J. S. Thomms, Smith's Cove, Dig. Co	..	..	2	1	82
20 Hillsburg, 2nd	1823	Wm. Dunn, Hillsburg, Digby Co.	1870	John Dall, Sand Point, Shelburne Co.	3	..	..	..	1 62
21 Jordan Bay	1836	No Letter	1869	Abram Hayden, Jordan, Shelb. Co.	2	..	4	1	18
22 Jordan River	1831	J. F. McKenne	1869	Thomas Deiong, Kempt, Queen's Co.	2	1	..	1	140
23 Kempt	1851	Joseph Jones	1870	George S. Parker, Liverpool	1	3	7	1	2 245
24 Liverpool	1851	Joseph Jones	1862	Charles Crosby, Lake George, Yar.	..	..	1	2	112
25 Lake George	1849	J. A. Stubbart	1862	Charles Crosby, Lake George, Yar.	..	..	1	2	112

26 Lower Granville	1829	Chas. Tipper, D. D.	1861	Enoch Gates, Mell, Square, Wilmot.	1	..	6	3	1 61
27 Lower Granville	1800	Isaiah Wallace	1862	Ebenezer Sprowl, Lower Granville.	1	..	3	3	1 278
28 Litchfield	1841	A. J. Cogswell	1870	Wm. Hekins, Litchfield, Annap. Co.	..	..	5	..	31
29 Lewis Head	1829	W. G. Parker	1869	Geo. W. Freeman, Mill Head	..	..	..	..	1 49
30 Milton	1860	W. G. Parker	1866	C. P. Christombar, Milton	1	2	6	16	5 970
31 Mill Village	1860	W. G. Parker	1866	C. P. Christombar, Milton	1	2	6	16	5 970
32 Middlefield	1856	Henry	1866	C. P. Christombar, Milton	1	2	6	16	5 970

[Ministers in the Western Association.]

NAMES.	Present Residence.	Date of Ordination.	Place of Ordination.
Rev. H. Achilles.....	Greenfield.....	Nov. 1, 1854	Marshall's Cove.
" G. Armstrong..	Bridgetown.....	Dec. 30, 1848	Port Medway.
" A. Cogswell....	Beaver River....	Jan. —, 1843	Chute's Cove.
" G. D. Cox.....	Clements.....	Jan. 2, 1865	Clements. [Co.
" Alfred Chipman	Yarmouth.....	Nov. 16, 1862	R. Philip, Cmub.
" D. W. Crandall.	Digby.....	Aug. 23, 1864	Carridock, Ont.
" George B. Day.	Yarmouth.....	June 25, 1868	Yarmouth.
" M. F. Freeman.	Nictaux.....	July 5, 1863	Bedeque, P. E. I.
" P. R. Foster....	Tusket.....	Sept. 9, 1868	Kempt, Q. Co.
" L. B. Gates.....	St. Mary's Bay..	Sept. 24, 1861	New Cornwall.
" Jos. Jones.....	Liverpool.....	Nov. 25, 1869	Digby.
" J. C. Morse....	Digby Neck.....	Mar. 30, 1842	Digby Neck.
" J. A. Moore....	Arcadia, Yar....	Aug. 6, 1857	Port George.
" P. F. Murray...	Granville.....	Mar. 14, 1848	Westport.
" E. S. Morton...	Nictaux.....	Feb. —, 1862	Nictaux.
" J. McKenne....	Ragged Islands..	Oct. 20, 1859	Greenfield.
" M. Normondy..	Tusket.....	July 20, 1859	Yarmouth.
" Obed Parker....	Aylesford.....	Feb. 21, 1844	Wilmot.
" W. G. Parker...	Milton.....	Jan. 20, 1843	New Alban.
" W. L. Parker...	Chegogan, Yar..	Sept. 20, 1863	Up. Aylesford.
" E. D. Porter....	Locke's Island..	Sept. 17, 1857	Dartmouth.
" Jas. Parker....	Caledonia.....	May —, 1842	Upper Wilmot.
" Chas. Randall..	Weymouth.....	July 11, 1833	Weymouth.
" W. H. Richan..	Barrington.....	Sept. 30, 1863	Barrington.
" John Rowe.....	Hebron.....	.....	Maccan, N. S.
" J. H. Saunders.	Ohio, Yarmouth.	Aug. 11, 1858	Ohio, Yarmouth.
" J. A. Stubbett..	Deerfield, do...	Dec. 17, 1843	Port Medway.
" A. Stronach....	Aylesford.....	Oct. 6, 1836	Bill Town.
" C. Tupper, D. D.	Aylesford.....	July 17, 1817	Canard.
" N. Vidito.....	Wilmot.....	May 10, 1832	Wilmot.
" Isaiah Wallace.	Lower Granville.	April 3, 1856	Scotch Town, NB

LICENTIATES.

Brother Johnston Neily of Lower Aylesford & Upper Wilmot Church.		
" George O. Gates,		" "
" Benjamin Miller, Bridgetown Church.		
" Atwood Cohoon, Port Medway Church.		

Circular Letter.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

THE CIRCULAR LETTER OF THE WESTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION CONVENED AT CLEMENTSVALE, ANNAPOLIS CO., SEPT. 24TH, TO THE CHURCHES OF WHICH IT IS COMPOSED.

Dear Brethren,—

We feel the necessity of presenting for your consideration the subject of ministerial support, as one of the most efficient means that God has ordained for the diffusion of the gospel. It originated with the Levitical priesthood, who were supported by the free will offerings of the Israelites according to the law. Ministerial support is not, therefore, of human origin or modern invention, as some suppose; being taught and sanctioned by the law of God in all ages of the church. It is evidently an essential part of the great plan that God has put in operation to raise the fallen world. The same principle was re-echoed and enforced by Christ and his Apostles; which the following quotations will show:—"The Lord has ordained that they who preach the gospel, shall live of the gospel"; "Who goeth a warfare at his own charges? who planteth a vineyard and eateth not of the fruit thereof? who feedeth a flock and eateth not of the milk of the flock?" "Do ye not know that they who minister about holy things, live of the things of the Temple?" It is evident from these, and other similar passages, that ministerial support is a Divine Institution; and as such should be cheerfully carried out by the people, (1 Cor. ix. 7-15.) We have been frequently surprised that there should be any diversity of opinion as to the necessity and propriety of supporting the minister of Christ in the discharge of his responsible and onerous duties, when all other officials are paid by those who employ them. It is a necessity that arises out of the very nature of his office? How is it possible for any man to give his whole attention, energy, and devotion to any specific calling, unless the awards of that calling sustain

him? Can you employ a lawyer, a physician, a school-master, or men in any calling of life, without an equivalent for their time spent in your service? Certainly not. The very existence of all societies largely depends on the operation of this principle. Let the salaries of officials be suspended, and you dissolve by one stroke the tie that binds society together. Ministerial support is an indispensable principle interwoven through the whole scheme of human redemption. If, therefore, the existence and operations of all societies largely depend upon just and fair compensation, as a necessary condition to their successful operation, how can christian churches dispense with it? How can any body of men employ the time and talent of a minister without awarding him a suitable support? It would be injustice to expect it, and unchristian to evade it.

Is there any office-holder or agent in all the different callings of life that holds such a high, noble, responsible position as the minister of Christ? "As the heavens are high above the earth," so is the work and calling of God's servants far exalted above all human employments, offices, and agents. He stands between God and dying men, holding in his hand the everlasting gospel which is to raise a fallen world from the depths of endless ruin. He is the messenger of peace, presenting the tree of life, whose leaves are for the healing of the nations. The messengers of Christ have penetrated the combined ranks of the enemies of the Cross, snatching the prey from the mighty, and planting the standard of the Cross in the face of the most formidable enemies of God. What class of men, I ask, should receive more liberal support than those who are raising a fallen world from cruel, endless bondage, misery, sorrow, and despair, to joy, peace, and endless glory? The works of earthly princes and men shall perish like the chaff of the summer threshing-floor; the works of God's servants shall endure forever. It shall stand in the beauty and loveliness of God's glory, when all human magnificence and grandeur shall vanish.

In what way could any man's means be better employed than in sustaining the chosen vessel of the Lord for the noble embassy of peace in which he is engaged? It has been admitted by some of the most noted infidels that no class of men have done so much for the moral elevation of our race as the messengers of the Cross. They have accomplished through God the abolition of idolatry through-

out large portions of the world, although it had been patronized by wealth and influence for ages. We are now reaping benefits from the labors of men of God, who traversed the wild shores of Nova Scotia on their snow-shoes, when the solitary woods re-echoed the praises of God through their spiritual toils. The Hardings, Mannings, Dimocks and others we might name of the noble band, stemmed the cold north winds to tell the glad tidings of life to the perishing.

But, alas! how often has the minister of Christ to go into secret places and mourn over the meagre support he receives for his labors, obliged by the pinching wants of his family to fly to the plough, or some other secular occupation. The amount of time that any minister is obliged to devote to a farm, or any other calling aside from the ministry, is a loss to the world and the church. All a minister's time should be devoted to his calling. Any worldly embarrassment will disqualify him for his heavenly work. Numbers of our ministering brethren who spend a portion of time on their farms would rather spend it in the cultivation of their churches, but they find by sad experience that their limited support would not justify them in giving their whole time to this object. This is a blighting evil, gathering strength from the influence and example of many that have means to sustain the gospel, but have no heart to give. Such men either do not believe the words of Christ, or do not want to know them, where he says, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." "He that giveth sparingly shall reap sparingly. The liberal soul shall be made fat."

Inattention to the minister's salary by our churches, must of necessity have a blighting effect on the minister's mind, disqualifying him for the discharge of his duties. He feels that an essential part of his creed is honesty. But if deprived of a competent salary, he must either deny himself of many of the necessaries of life, or descend into debt. Either of the two cases will injure the usefulness of the minister. To remedy many of the existing evils in ministerial support, an improved system of raising the salaries might be introduced in our churches. It is well known that in numerous places in the United States they have regular monthly payments, which come much easier to the subscribers, and is of greater advantage to the pastor. Where such a system

can be introduced we would heartily recommend our churches to adopt it. Some may reject it in consequence of its novelty. Still we are bound as christians to adopt any plan that may remove existing evils, or advance the Redeemer's kingdom, provided they do not interfere with any of our adopted principles. It must be confessed that some other christian bodies are in advance of us, in the systematic, efficient means in which they raise ministerial support. They are thereby enabled to place ministerial laborers where required, and to fill vacancies that we are utterly unable to accomplish in consequence of our defective modes of raising funds. It is well for us to observe and imitate whatever is good and praiseworthy, so that we may steadily advance and occupy new fields of labor. To accomplish this effectively we must organize and carry out a better system of raising funds. Having the opportunity of adopting a more efficient system, it is certainly the duty of every christian and every church to do so, and by that means of raising larger sums for a wider and more general diffusion of the gospel. The duty is enjoined not by man, but by Him from whom all our blessings flow. Let our motto be "Onward." There is no standing still in the works of God; all is in motion, moving to the accomplishment of a noble end. The gospel is the greatest of all God's works. Its motto is "Onward." You, brethren, are the chosen instruments to bear it forward, by the use of the talents and means that God has committed to you. See that you faithfully discharge the duty of stewards of God's treasury, so that when you shall be called to give in your account, you may not be placed on the left hand for wasting your Lord's money, or appropriating it to selfish ends. For God holds every man accountable, whether he be a professor or not, as to how he uses the means committed to his care.

I think we may conclude that a man's religion will be estimated according to the interest he manifests in giving towards its support. He that has no heart to give to save lost souls cannot reasonably expect to enter into the kingdom of God, for the Saviour says to those on his left, "Inasmuch as ye did it not to the least of my brethren, ye did it not unto me." One of the very reasons the Saviour brings against the wicked on his left hand, was their lack of interest in supplying the wants of the children of God.

A knowledge of the wealth and condition of many of our churches, and of the expense and toil of many of our pastors in supplying their wants, we believe will shew that their salaries, generally speaking, are too small. The salary of the minister should be sufficient to free him from embarrassment, and supply him with all necessary material for his work. It is the duty of every minister to supply his library with improved modern works, so that he may store his mind with appropriate information for the further usefulness of himself and people. This he cannot do without means. The smallness of his salary forbids the thought of laying it out in books. Yet this very fact is a great deprivation to the church as well as to himself. Another standing evil in many of our churches is the want of promptitude in paying the minister's salary when it becomes due. The pastor is looking forward to the time when he shall be able to meet his engagements with those to whom he is indebted. When the period arrives for payment he finds perhaps there is not more than one third of it collected. This is the most effectual way to ruin a minister, and to destroy his usefulness. Every church should guard against this blighting evil, by a regular system of collecting his salary, and handing it over to him when due. These things, dear Brethren, we commend to your careful and earnest attention, believing that a blessing will attend you in your occupations and engagements in this world, as you live for the good of souls and the glory of God.

APPENDIX.

(A)

REPORT OF THE HOME MISSION BOARD OF THE WESTERN N. S. BAPTIST ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPT. 1870.

Your Board in presenting a Report of their labours for the year now closing respectfully submit the following statement :—

They are most profoundly impressed with the vast importance of the Home Mission enterprise. Weak churches on every hand are greatly in need of assistance, and the destitute portions of the province are loudly calling for the visits of the heralds of the Cross. But while your Board are deeply impressed with the magnitude of the work demanding the energies, prayers, and benevolence of our people, they are at the same time deeply humbled in view of the comparatively little that has been done during the past year. Although that little is somewhat in advance of the H. M. work of the previous year, still there is the most urgent reasons for the enlargement of our operations. Love for souls perishing for lack of knowledge, a consciousness of the importance of extending our distinctive principles as a denomination, and regard for the example and commission of our Divine Lord who came into the world to seek and to save the lost, and who instructed his followers to "go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," are some of the considerations demanding of us increased sacrifice and effort in supplying the destitute portions of our land with the word of life.

In reviewing the labors of the past year we find notwithstanding the little we have attempted, abundant cause for thankfulness and encouragement. \$362-57 have been expended during the year by your Board.

Forty-two weeks of missionary labor have been performed and in addition to this, assistance has been given to the Digby, Albany, Springfield, Barrington, and Wood's Harbour Churches, in supporting pastoral labour among them. So far as we have been able to gather statistics from the reports of our missionaries the following results appear :—Sermons preached, 112 ; other religious meetings, 54 ; family visits,

262 ; tracts distributed, 541 ; number baptized, 36 ; amount collected in aid of the Board, \$50.58.

But it must be borne in mind that there are results that cannot be reckoned by figures. In the faithful ministrations of our missionaries seed has been sown that will ultimately yield fruit. Future labourers may gather this fruit, but it will remain for the judgment of the great day to reveal fully the results, for God has said—"My word shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please and prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."

We submit a brief extract from the reports of our missionaries :—

Rev. H. Achilles was appointed a mission of eight weeks to Middlefield, Greenfield, and Chelsea. In March last he visited those places and commenced his labours. His mission was remarkably accompanied with the Divine blessing. So powerful and extensive was the work in connexion with his labours that 22 rejoicing converts were baptized in one day. He says—"I found the cause of God very low in these places, yet the churches in Middlefield and Greenfield, were keeping up the means of grace. Chelsea is in a low state, with no place of worship. Greenfield enjoyed a gracious revival of religion, 28 were baptized and 3 restored, making 31 added to the Greenfield church, and others hopefully converted. I have visited 70 or 80 families, and attended 25 religious meetings." Bro. Achilles has since accepted a call from the churches at Middlefield and Greenfield, and is now their settled pastor, giving them three quarters of his time. Subsequently this brother was appointed a mission to New Cornwall. He writes—"The brethren received me gladly I endeavoured to labour faithfully, and from house to house. The members of the church were quite revived. Some who had been long absent from the prayer and conference meetings became again active. There was a deep feeling on the part of many of the unconverted, and some asked for prayer."

Bro. J. H. Robbins, Licentiate, was appointed a mission of 5 weeks to West Sherbrooke. He reports—"I found the little church in a low state, yet a few were praying for the welfare of Zion. O that their prayers may prevail that the day of darkness may be speedily followed by one of gospel light. Serious difficulties in the church made it hard to

labor, and I often felt sadly discouraged, but I tried to lean on the Almighty arm, and strove to declare the peace and purity of the glorious gospel of Jesus. I hope seed has been sown, which, watered by the Holy Spirit, will bring forth fruit to the honor and glory of God."

Bro. Adoniram J. Cogswell, Licentiate, spent three weeks in the service of the Board at Parker's Cove, Hillsburn, and Litchfield. His labours were well received, and have resulted in his removing his family to Parker's Cove, and his devoting himself to the spiritual interests of that mountain range.

Rev. A. Martell was appointed a mission of 4 weeks to Annapolis Royal and vicinity. He writes—"There are some very good indications, and a church could be formed without much labor." It is to be hoped that this important station will not be neglected.

Rev. Joseph Jones writes in reference to his labours in Digby and vicinity—"I have the pleasure of informing you that the cause in Digby is brightening. Our congregations are large and attentive. The prospect is hopeful. I have preached fortnightly at the Mountain, and occasionally at Broad Cove."

Rev. P. H. Murray under appointment from your Board, left home on the 4th of February on a mission to Shelburne and Jordan Bay. His visit to the churches there proved a blessing to the people, and some were hopefully converted, and one was baptized. Over 40 sermons were preached, 50 families were visited, and much good appears to have been done. Upon the request of the brethren at Jordan Bay, Bro. Murray was re-appointed to a mission in that region, which he performed in the months of June and July. A good religious interest was still apparent, and one man was baptized. He found an open door for preaching the gospel, and left the people anxious for him to return. Shelburne and vicinity evidently present an inviting and important field for missionary labour.

Rev. O. Parker received an appointment of 5 weeks to Milford and Graywood, which he filled, and even extended his labours beyond the time appointed. He has also spent a portion of the year with the church in Albany and Springfield, under the direction of the Board, and baptized one promising young man.

Rev. W. H. Richan received an appointment as missionary pastor at Barrington and Wood's Harbor. Bro. R. has faithfully and acceptably fulfilled his appointment. In presenting his report he writes:—"I cannot tell you all the results of my imperfect ministrations, but I am thankful to be able to say that some of them have appeared to his servants. Five persons have been converted and baptized.—The Wood's Harbour church seems to be in a healthy condition, and the Barrington church, though small, sustains the means of grace, and seasons of refreshing are sometimes enjoyed."

Rev. James Reid received an appointment of 6 weeks to Dalhousie West. While performing this mission he was called from his earthly toils to his heavenly reward. His last report, published a few months ago in the *Christian Messenger*, indicated his deep interest in his work, and the appreciation of those for whom he was labouring. He was evidently a pious, unassuming, and devoted man of God, May his removal from us be sanctified, and sustaining grace be imparted to his bereaved widow!

Your Board, in conclusion, commend this important work to the prayers and benevolence of the churches, and suggest that the claims of Home Missions should be brought prominently before our people by the pastors of the churches, and that as often as quarterly a sermon be preached, and a collection be taken up in behalf of these claims.

Respectfully submitted,

ISA. WALLACE, *Chairman.*

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT WITH DOMESTIC MISSION-BOARD.

1869.		Cr.	
Sept. 28.	By Cash	received from B. B. Moses.....	\$289 57
Dec. —	"	from Rev. Dr. Tupper, per Rev. W.H. Porter.....	4 00
1870.	"	from Pine Grove Church.....	4 00
Mar. 30.	"	" Rev. N. Viditoe—Int. on Debentures.....	30 00
June 7.	"	Interest on Debentures.....	30 00
July 1.	"	from Rev. W.G.Parker, omit. last year.....	5 00
Sept. 26.	"		

\$862 57

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1869.			
Oct. —	To S. Selden, printing of Minutes.....		17 76
Dec. —	“ Rev. W. H. Porter for Rev. A. Martell....		8 00
1870.			
Dec. —	Do.	Do.	16 00
Feb. —	“ Rev. A. Martell, as per order.....		16 00
Mar. 15.	“ Rev. James Reid.....		24 00
Mar. 30.	“ Rev. Joseph Jones.....		20 00
Mar. 30.	“ A. Cogswell, Licentiate.....		20 00
Apr. 1 —	“ Rev. I. Wallace for Rev. P. F. Murray....		18 57
May 7.	“ Rev. H. Achilles as per order.....		45 00
May 13.	“ Rev. Joseph Jones.....		16 00
June 23.	“ Mrs. James Reid.....		24 00
Sept. 1.	“ Rev. P. F. Murray.....		16 92½
“ 26.	“ Rev. O. Parker.....		44 43
“ 26.	“ Rev. W. H. Riehan.....		60 00
“ 26.	“ J. H. Robbins, Licentiate.....		16 60
“ 26.	“ Rev. H. Achilles.....		7 50
	Balance in hand of Treasurer.....		1 88½

\$382 57

Examined and found correct.

JAMES E. POTTER,
JAMES CROSBY.

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REPORT OF THE FRENCH MISSION BOARD.

Soon after our last report your Board obtained a Title to the Mission Premises at Saulnierville. After paying all available funds a debt of \$1600, remained for which a Mortgage on these premises was given. To the raising of this debt your Board have devoted their chief endeavours during the past year. It was again found necessary to take your Missionary from his mission field, in which all his labor is so much needed; to perform an agency to the churches, in which he has spent 22 weeks with very encouraging results. Never before in all our mission history have our Churches responded to our call for aid more liberally. Our agent for want of time and on account of temporary ill-health was unable to visit all our churches yet from those visited he collected the sum of \$1060.70 leaving uncollected pledges to the amount of \$270.60.

Your Board have great pleasure in reporting that Bro. Joseph Shaw and wife have again come to our aid most nobly by making a donation of \$1000 the interest of which is to be used for the support of a Mission School. With this

sum your Board have taken up the Mortgage on the premises at Saulnierville thus at once funding it for legitimate use, and freeing the Mission of a debt which for a long time has embarrassed us. Just here in view of our financial success we will set up the "stone of help," and say, "Hitherto the Lord hath helped us."

On the 2nd of March a Mission Church was organized consisting of 33 members, 29 of whom are converts of the Mission, 10 are converts from Romanism. This was an occasion of great interest to the friends of the Mission. This Church by unanimous concurrence chose the Rev. M. Normondy our Missionary, as their Pastor, and their affection for him is a very gratifying omen. In their choice your Board fully concurs.

The following embraces about the amount of your Missionary's labors for the past year:—22 weeks on an Agency, in which he visited 40 churches, preached and lectured 90 times, travelled 878 miles. His labor on the mission field embraces 72 sermons, 5 conference meetings, 132 family visits, travelled 915 miles, distributed 2578 pages tracts, 9 Bibles, 6 New Testaments. Our Missionary is encouraged by the hopeful conversion of a young man from Romanism to a knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus. Having now two well fitted premises, we are prepared to put another Missionary in the field as soon as he can be found. Our prayer to the Lord of the harvest is for another laborer, and especially that from among the converts of our Mission, the right man for the work may be given us. We have at our command the means for educating and supporting him. The field is white to the harvest. Surely after having given us so much money, and so much might and power with the people to whom we have been sent, the Master will not now withhold the needed workman. If the proper means are used the man must come.

To all who have aided us we are very grateful. The noble generosity of our Churches encourage us to enlarge our operations, hoping thus by the blessing of God to save many from the fearful darkness of Romanism, and, to greatly increase the piety and privileges of our churches.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. SAUNDERS, Sec'y.

Amounts collected by Rev. M. Normondy on Agency.

1st. Yarmouth Church.	
Wm. Redding.....	\$20 00
Israel Wyman.....	5 00
A. Syme.....	10 00
C. W. Saunders.....	4 00
Mrs. Pinkney.....	5 00
" J. K. Ryerson.....	5 00
Lois Saunders.....	1 00
W. H. Goud.....	2 00
N. McConn II.....	4 00
D. C. Saunders.....	1 00
Miss H. S. McGill.....	2 00
Chas. Hemeon.....	2 00
Geo. Marr.....	2 00
Wm Gillis.....	0 50
Wm. Raymond.....	0 25
Susan Goudy.....	1 00
Jas. Whitman.....	0 20
A Friend.....	0 50
Wm. Churchill.....	0 10
A. C. Robbins.....	0 40
P. D. Kenney.....	4 00
J. G. Hale, (Boston).....	5 00
H. C. Creed.....	6 00
John H. Haley.....	10 00
Minnie Gridley.....	1 00
Geo. Allen and wife.....	2 00
Fred. Barr.....	0 50
Jos. Harris.....	1 00
Anna Crocker.....	1 00
Lyman Moses.....	2 00
P. E. Robbins.....	2 00
Jos. Wilkins.....	0 25
Samuel Haes.....	1 00
A Friend.....	0 12 1/2
Mrs. Beular.....	0 25
B. Gil is.....	0 50
Rev. A. Chipman.....	0 80
Alvin Haley.....	3 00
Andrew Goudy.....	1 00
Comfort Haley.....	1 00
A. W. Allen.....	2 00
Anna McConnell.....	1 00
Amos Allen.....	4 00
J. B. Kinney.....	20 00
Jos. A. Haley.....	5 00
Wm. Haley.....	10 00
A Friend.....	5 00
Mrs. Benj. Horton.....	0 50
Robt. Hotton.....	0 25
Jos. McConnell.....	1 00
G. E. Allen.....	2 00
Mrs. A. W. Allen.....	2 00
N. C. Huestis.....	2 00
A. Holmes.....	0 25
Louisa Allen.....	2 00
John Haley.....	10 00
Mrs. S. Churchill.....	\$1 00
Mrs. N.	1 25
Collection at Salem.....	2 18
N. Courier.....	1 00
W. Doane.....	1 50
Miss Whitman.....	1 00
Augusta Landers.....	0 25
Mrs. Churchill.....	0 25
Geo. Parker.....	0 25
Mrs. J. D. Patten.....	0 50
Miss H. Richards.....	0 50
Miss C. Patten.....	0 25
Mrs. Sarah Brown.....	1 00
N. Utley.....	10 00
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3rd. Yarmouth Church. (Deerfield.)	
Hezediah Porter.....	\$ 0 50
H. W. Porter.....	0 25
A. Whitehouse.....	0 25
F. K. Porter.....	0 25
A. F. Durkee.....	1 00
Mrs. George Nickerson.....	1 00
Isaac Frost.....	0 25
J. H. Porter.....	0 25
N. C. Saunders.....	1 00
Jos. Saunders.....	0 50
D. P. Crosby.....	0 25
W. B. Stubbart.....	1 00
Jas. Kilham.....	1 00
Enoch Crosby.....	3 00
Saml. Vickery.....	1 00
	\$11 53 1/2
Argyle.	
2 Collections.....	\$ 3 20
Maggie Jeffrey.....	0 25
	\$3 45
Lake George Church.	
Jos. Crosby.....	\$ 3 00
Thos. Whitehouse.....	1 50
John Winter.....	5 00
W. Durkee.....	0 50
R. D. G. Porter.....	1 00
Benj. Allen.....	1 00
Abigail Crosby.....	0 25
Maria C. Scoville.....	0 25
Jesse Cann.....	0 37 1/2
Mrs. G. Goudy.....	0 25
Harris Crosby.....	0 25
Ira Porter.....	1 00
Geo. Goudy.....	0 50
Lydia Winter.....	0 50
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Beaver River Church.

Mrs. O. Saunders.....	\$ 1 00
" Jos. Raymond.....	1 00
" Ira Raymond.....	0 50
S. P. Raymond.....	4 00
Benj. Raymond.....	9 00
R. N. Beverage.....	1 00
A Friend.....	0 50
F. C. Perry.....	0 50
Mrs. R. Raymond.....	0 50
Jas Raymond.....	1 50
Collection.....	5 56
Templars Lodge.....	3 00
Wm. S. Raymond.....	2 00

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Tusket Village.

Collection.....	\$2 20
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Tusket Lakes.

Collection.....	1 10
John Hatfield.....	3 00

\$4 10

Ohio Church.

Collection.....	\$ 2 60
Geo. C Osby.....	5 00
Wm. Cook.....	1 00

\$8 60

West Yarmouth Church.

J. K. Rose.....	2 00
Mrs. J. K. Rose.....	0 25
E. Rose.....	2 50
Rev. W. L. Parker.....	4 00
Wm. Corning.....	0 25
Mrs. N. Corning.....	0 50
Miss S. H. Corning.....	0 50
Mrs. Geo Trask.....	0 50
Z. Foot.....	0 25
Pembroke Collection.....	0 80
Over-on Collection.....	6 86
Chagoin Collection.....	0 66

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2nd Yarmouth Church. (Hobron.)

Collection.....	\$ 4 59
De'lah Doty.....	0 50
Collection.....	4 49

\$9 68

South Yarmouth Church.

Jessie Wyman.....	0 75
F. G. Cook.....	1 50
D. Weston.....	0 10
A Friend.....	0 25

John Hemeon.....	\$2 00
Geo. Wyman.....	0 25
John Holmes.....	0 25

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Bridgetown.

Deltha Messenger.....	\$ 0 44
Cynthia Dodge.....	0 50
Timothy Brooks.....	1 00
Mrs. A. Gidney.....	1 00
A. M. Gidney.....	0 50
Miss Jessie A. Gidney.....	0 50
Collection.....	9 88
A Friend.....	0 25
Mrs. M. Marshall.....	2 00
Wm. Morse.....	0 50
James Fellows.....	0 50
Mrs. J. Fellows.....	1 00
Wm. Chipman.....	1 00
Azuba Fitch.....	0 62½

\$20 19½

Wadeville.

Collection.....	\$ 3 81½
Wm. Eaton.....	0 50
A Friend.....	0 90
Mrs. W. Eaton.....	0 50
E. Bent.....	0 12½

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Port Williams.

Collection.....	\$ 2 05
John Anthony.....	0 75

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Chute's Cove.

Collection.....	\$ 0 35
James Hill.....	2 00
H. M. Morse.....	2 00

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Wilmot.

Ass. T Morse.....	\$ 2 50
Frank Morse.....	0 25
Byron Morse.....	0 25
R. D. Balcomb.....	1 00
A Friend.....	0 20
Wm. H. Balcomb.....	1 00
Miss R. Balcomb.....	0 25
H. H. Morse.....	1 00
M. Morse.....	0 25
Arthur Morse.....	0 12½
Mrs. Bent.....	0 25
Mrs. W. Longly.....	0 25
W. Longly.....	1 00
Jas. Wentworth.....	0 50
A Friend.....	0 62½

Danl. Messenger.....	\$1 00
Peter Sterritt.....	0 60
A. Friend.....	0 62½
E. Longly.....	0 62½
Mrs. Edward Crisp.....	1 00

Valley West.

S. F. Randolph.....	\$ 0 60
Collection.....	5 89
Wm. C. Shaftner.....	0 25
Mrs. J. F. Randolph.....	0 50
B. B. Daniels.....	1 00
S. Daniels.....	0 50

Upper Aylesford.

Collection.....	5 75
John Graves.....	1 00
Morris Town Collection...	3 62
Church Vaults Collection.	1 72½
Samuel Se frudge.....	2 00
S. E. Morse.....	1 00
N. P. Spurr.....	1 00
Mrs. N. P. Spurr.....	1 00
Richard Hersey.....	0 50
T. R. Harris.....	1 00
Church Collection.....	4 75
D. W. Morton.....	1 00
Friend to Missions.....	5 00
Misses A. and H. Morton...	0 25
Rev. J. L. Reid.....	1 00
Wm. West.....	1 00

Clarence.

Edward Elliot.....	0 50
D. Nichols.....	1 00
J. L. Morse.....	4 00
Alfred Morse.....	1 00
Joseph Roach.....	0 37½
Jos. Cornwall.....	1 00
H. E. Fitch.....	1 00
Miss A. E. Marshall.....	0 25
A. Friend.....	1 00
W. Johnson.....	0 25
B. Morse.....	0 25
J. Ray.....	0 12½
H. Jackson.....	0 25
H. Dodge.....	0 25
Jos. Elliot.....	0 50

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Israel Chute.....	0 62½
Collection.....	3 70
Abner Parker.....	1 00
S. L. Chipman.....	0 50

A. Friend.....	\$0 22
Mrs. W. Chipman.....	1 00
Robt. Charlton.....	5 00

Pine Grove.

Mrs. John McEwan.....	0 50
Collection.....	6 28
Mrs. C. Randall.....	0 50
George Dodge.....	0 50
O. Dodge.....	0 50
Mrs. G. Dodge.....	0 50
Jessie Woodbury.....	0 50
Dr. J. Woodbury.....	0 50
W. Welton.....	0 50

Canaan Mountain.

Wm Brown.....	1 00
Andrew Parker.....	1 00
John McGregor.....	0 50
Samuel Wheelock.....	1 00
Benj. Wheelock.....	0 50
F. Wheelock.....	0 50
Collection.....	3 80
Andrew Brown.....	0 50
Mrs. C. Felch.....	0 25

Port George.

Collection.....	2 03
N. F. Marshall.....	0 50
Thomas Marshall.....	1 00
Handley Mountain Col....	0 50

Lower Aylesford & Upper Wilmot.

Rev. C. Tupper.....	\$ 1 00
D. Messenger.....	1 00
John Wheelock and wife...	0 75
Enoch Gates.....	1 00
Ansell T. Baker.....	1 00
A. Friend.....	0 25
Prince William St. Col...	3 00
Margaretville Collection...	2 73
Greenwood Square Col....	3 17
Melburne Square Col....	5 27½
Rev. G. Parker.....	10 00
Wm. H. Goucher.....	0 75
Clara Goucher.....	0 06
Mrs. C. Goucher.....	1 00
James Wiswell.....	2 00

Salem, (Annapolis Co)

Ambrose Dodge, Jr.....	\$ 0 50
A. Dodge, Senr.....	0 50

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Chas. Skinner...
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Chas. Sandford...
L. B. Chute...
Mary Cawlin...
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Mrs. A. Dodge..... \$0 50
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 Newport.
 Mrs Lockart Dimock 0 50
 Hantsport.
 Mrs. Layton..... \$ 1 00
 Central Association.
 Collection..... \$50 00
 Hon. J. McCully..... 50 00
 Rev. J. Stevens..... 10 00
 Dr. E. Clay..... 1 00
 G. N. Davidson..... 0 50
 Money from the churches... 44 76
 From the Treasurer for J.
 W. Barss..... 40 00
 \$186 46

Eastern Association.
 H. Oldright..... \$ 5 00
 A Friend..... 4 00
 Amherst Point Collection.. 2 67
 A Friend..... 1 25
 M. Black..... 5 00
 Coll. at Association. \$23 53
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 J. Keer..... 1 00
 A Friend..... 0 25
 T. B. Layton..... 0 75
 Money from Treasurer..... 27 66
 \$69 86

Berwick.
 Wm. Skinner..... 0 50
 W. H. Skinner..... 1 00
 Mrs. Wm. Skinner..... 0 50
 W. E. Reid..... 0 12
 W. F. Reid..... 0 12
 Cambridge Collection..... 3 15
 Mrs. S. J. Webster..... 1 00
 Mrs. C. P. Reid..... 0 50
 J. C. Morse..... 1 00
 Mrs. Abel Parker..... 0 50
 T. H. Parker..... 0 50
 Collection..... 9 31
 E. Parker..... 0 50
 A. Cox..... 0 25
 Mary Power..... 0 25
 John Power..... 0 27
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 W. Sandford..... 0 25
 Chas. Sandford..... 0 50
 L. B. Chute..... 0 50
 Mary Cawkin..... 0 25
 Mrs. J. Kendridge..... 0 25

Miss H. Skinner..... \$0 50
 W. Cogswell..... 0 12
 L. Sweet..... 0 25
 C. D. Reading, Esq..... 1 25
 V. Rufuse..... 0 75
 Mrs. E. Crandall..... 0 50
 Mrs. S. Shaw..... 1 00
 Mrs. A. Patten..... 0 50
 B. Williams..... 0 25
 A. Shaw..... 0 50
 Rev. I. J. Skinner, (Chester). 1 00
 Wm. North..... 1 00
 \$29 36

Wolfville.
 Mrs. Fitch..... 2 00
 Collection..... 6 32
 Rey. S. W. DeBlois..... 1 00
 Mrs. Delois..... 0 50
 Rev. Dr. Cramp..... 5 00
 Wm. Fitch..... 1 25
 D. J. Harris..... 1 00
 H. B. Whittier..... 1 50
 Deacon M. L. Cleaveland.. 1 50
 G. V. Rand..... 1 00
 James Morse..... 1 00
 Mrs. James Morse..... 0 50
 Mrs. A. Burton..... 0 50
 S. B. Bishop..... 1 00
 A. Friend..... 1 00
 J. S. McDonald..... 1 00
 T. A. Crane..... 1 00
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Milton, Queen's Co.
 Collection..... \$ 60
 Samuel Freeman, M. P. P. 20 00
 Mrs. Knowles..... 0 25
 Edward Kempton..... 1 00
 E. C. Morton..... 0 25
 S. F. Freeman..... 0 50
 A Friend..... 0 50
 L. B. Gillead..... 0 50
 J. F. B. Wyman..... 1 00

Liverpool.
 T. W. Spencer..... 5 00
 D. Palfridge..... 0 42
 C. Bill..... 1 00
 Edward Sterritt..... 1 00
 Joseph Burnaby..... 0 25
 Mrs. J. Waterman..... 0 25
 Mrs. B. Allen..... 0 25
 Mrs. McNutt..... 1 00
 Abner Henson..... 0 50
 S. T. R. Bill..... 1 00

T. R. Pattillo.....	\$4 00
Mrs. Pattillo.....	2 00
N. Kinney.....	1 00
Edwin Parker.....	0 50
Mrs. L. Morion.....	0 25
B. O. DeWolf.....	2 00
C. B. Snow.....	2 50
E. McDonald.....	0 62½
G. S. Parkbr.....	1 00
Thos. Nickerson.....	1 00

25 55

Rev. M. Normandy..... 15 00

New Tasket.

A. Friend.....	5 00
H. C. Sabean and Brothers.....	32 48
Geo. P. Sabean.....	10 00
H. C. Sabean.....	4 00
C. Sabean.....	2 00

53 48

Weymouth.

Collection.....	3 71
J. Kinney.....	1 00
W. Lent.....	1 00

5 71

St. Mary's Bay.

Collections.....	3 25
J. McNeil.....	1 00
Mr. Saxton.....	0 50

4 75

Hill Grove.

Collection.....	5 25
Miss Y. Bacon.....	0 25
Mrs. M. Jones.....	0 50
A. Nichols.....	0 50
S. T. Bacon.....	1 00
R. Reed.....	1 00
W. J. Warner.....	0 50
E. Bacon.....	0 25
A. Nichols.....	0 75
E. H. Nichols.....	0 50
J. Nichols.....	0 25

10 75

Smith's Cove.

R. C. Raymond.....	2 00
A. Friend.....	1 48
Collection.....	1 62½

4 90½

Digby.

Collection.....	4 42
R. M. Raymond.....	9 00

\$13 42

Granville.

Island Collection.....	0 60
J. Shaftner.....	0 62½
Stoneybeach Collection....	3 33
J. Halfyard.....	0 82½
W. Armstrong.....	0 50
R. Delap.....	1 07
Mrs. R. Hall.....	0 50
Mrs. Lent.....	0 50
S. Hall.....	5 00

12 78

Rev. P. F. Murray..... 0 50

Hillsburgh.

Collection.....	9 17
D. Lent.....	5 00
Mrs. A. Harris.....	0 62½
J. Chute.....	4 00
N. Mitter.....	2 00
Geo. Mitter.....	5 00
J. O. Dunn.....	5 00

30 79½

Clements.

Waldec Line Collection....	2 48
Goat Island Collection.....	5 31
Mr. Potter.....	1 00
Hessian Line Collection....	5 88
J. Gillial.....	0 50
C. Hix.....	0 25
J. Potter.....	0 25
Mrs. R. Potter.....	0 25
J. Berry.....	0 18
D. Wright.....	0 50
B. E. Milbury.....	0 25
A. Lantz.....	0 25

17 10

Total.....\$1055 69

Amount of Moneys received on Real Estate Fund.

1869.
Sept. 28. Saml. Brown, (his subscription....) \$40 00

Per Bro. Moses.

Oct. 5. James Freeman.....	4 00
Rev. J. C. Morse.....	5 00
Rev. A. Chipman.....	5 00
Thos. Munro.....	5 00
Rev. G. D. Cox.....	20 00
Nelson Corning.....	10 00
Jacob Kempton.....	5 00
Rev. C. Bandall.....	20 00
Rev. J. C. Morse.....	25 00
Stephen Patten.....	1 00
Rev. A. Cogswell.....	5 00

1869.
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H. H. Chute.....	\$5 00
Richard Clark...	5 00
Nelson Miller....	5 00
Freeman Marshall	5 00
Holland Payson..	5 00
Cash from Sec'y of last year.....	2 50
Rev. R. D. Porter	10 87 1/2
	<u>\$142 87 1/2</u>
1870. Rev. J. E. Ba'com	4 00
March 3. John Welch per Rev. C. Randall.	5 00
Jacob Nelly	5 00
April 16 H. & P yson.....	5 00
Je-se Harris.....	1 00
Jos. Sutherland.....	1 00
	<u>\$21 00</u>
Total.....	\$163 87 1/2

Account of Moneys received for Current Expenses.

1869.	
Oct. 5.	From Estate of Col. Shattner... \$20 00
1870.	
Jan. 10.	S. Selden..... 9 00
March 1.	Wm Churchill... 10 00
June 18.	John T. Sabean... 10 00
	Jacob Wyman... 3 00
	Col. at N. Tusket 7 54
	Mrs. T Brooks... 1 00
	<u>Total..... \$60 54</u>

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FRENCH MISSION PREMISES IN ACCOUNT WITH WILLIAM R. DOTY, TREASURER.

1869.		
Nov. 6.	To Cash to Joseph Shaw.....	\$275 00
1870.		
July 30.	" " Missionary.....	250 00
" 30.	" " H. C. Sabean and Brothers.	32 48
" 30.	" " for Agents expenses.....	42 50
" 30.	" " to Missionary.....	19 71
Sept. 13.	" " Wm. Shaw.....	591 00
" 13.	" " Sec.....	5 00
	To balance.....	1215 69
		<u>96 87 1/2</u>
		\$1312 56 1/2

1869.		
Sept. 25.	By Cash in hand.....	\$ 90 00
" 28.	" " per Secretary.....	40 00
Oct. 5.	" " ".....	146 87 1/2
1870.		
Mar. 5.	" " ".....	5 00
April 18.	" " ".....	7 00
May 26.	" " ".....	115 00
June 1.	" " ".....	160 00
July 30.	" " ".....	625 00
Aug. 1.	" " C. E. Gates.....	4 00
	" " Sec.....	99 69
		<u>1812 56 1/2</u>

Examined, and found correct, W. R. Doty, Treasurer.
JAMES E. POTTER.
JAMES CROSBY.

FRENCH MISSION IN ACCOUNT WITH WM. CHURCHILL,
TREASURER.

1869.		Dr.		
Sept. 25.	To bal. per acct. render'd. Association.	\$	11	66
1870.				
Jan. 17.	" H. A. Grantham Ins. of house at Tuskot		12	00
	" do do House at Saulnierville		12	00
Sept.	" paid the Missionary on this year's salary	285	75	821 40
1869.		Cr.		
Sept. 27.	By Andrew Harris per W. Dunn	\$	4	00
	" Richard Marshall Est. bequest		20	00
	" A female friend in Newport		4	00
Nov. 1.	" Western Association		192	86
" 7.	" Rev. J. H. Saunders		20	00
" 20.	" A member of Mabou church per S. Seldeh		2	00
1870.				
Jan. 22.	" S. Selden, from Mrs. McClure, omitted		1	00
	" do Mrs. Moir		3	00
	" do Corporal Skinner		1	50
" 27.	" Rev. J. H. Saunders		9	00
Feb. 16.	" Wm. Churchill, subscription in 1st. Yarmouth Church		10	00
	" Pine Grove ch. per Rev. W. H. Porter		5	00
June 18.	" Rev. J. H. Saunders		21	54
Sept. 24.	" Reubin Raymond, Esq., Beaver River, subscription		8	00
			806	90
	E. E. To balance			\$14.50

Examined and found correct.

JAMES E. POTTER.

JAMES CROSBY.

WM. CHURCHILL, Treasurer.

Yarmouth, Sept. 19, 1870.

(C)
ON SABBATH SCHOOLS:

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools present the following report:

It is gratifying to learn from the Letters to the Association that the Churches are so earnestly engaged in Sabbath School operations. Still we believe that greater efficiency may be attained in this important work. As large numbers are yearly gathered from the Sabbath Schools into the churches, it is desirable as far as possible, that the Pastor

of the Church should have a general oversight of the schools in his field and should give his influence and exertions to promote their advancement.

Infant classes ought to be formed, and the most efficient teachers provided for them. Their object should not be to teach them to *read*, but to impress their tender hearts with useful lessons from the word of God and instrumentally lead them to the blessed Saviour.

While we do not disapprove of Sabbath School Concerts and Festivals if rightly conducted, yet there is reason to fear that in our zeal to make our schools popular and attractive, we may lose sight of the higher object which should ever be kept in mind—the salvation of every child committed to our care.

It is the opinion of your Committee that the school might often be enlarged and a general interest awakened by appointing suitable young ladies to act as missionaries, whose object should be, to get new names, to look after the poorer families and urge every child in the community to attend the sabbath school.

Your Committee also recommend that district or county Conventions be held quarterly, for ministers, superintendents and teachers to deliberate on the best measures for conducting Sabbath Schools.

Respectfully submitted,

E. O. READ, *Chairman.*

(D)

ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee report that they find among the people of our Denomination a growing interest in all departments of Education. When we consider that a vital connection exists between intelligence and the highest efficiency of the church, we must admit our obligations to support as far as we are able, every effort made to diffuse sound learning and extend the benefits of thorough education.

The reports from our Institutions at Horton show that they are having a good measure of prosperity, and that they continue to deserve the confidence and patronage of the Denomination, your Committee feel that it is especially import-

ant that Pastors and leading laymen should be continually directing the attention of young men of promise to the Academy as a place when they may be educated for the responsibilities of life. If we wish to reap the benefits which the College and Theological Department are designed to give, the attendance at the Academy ought to be large and to represent the different portions of the Province.

Your Committee learn that the Governors of the College design to make an effort to raise funds to provide enlarged accommodations for academical instruction. The wants of our Institutions evidently demand that this effort should be made, and we commend the plan of the Governors to your sympathy and support.

In behalf of the Committee.

A. W. SAWYER.

(E)

INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND IN ACCOUNT WITH CHARLES RANDALL, TREASURER.

1869.

DR.

Forwarded to Rev. Robert Morton, as ordered by the Association.....	\$40 00
Do. Rev. Henry Saunders.....	40 00
Do. Widow Jackson.....	20 00
Do. Widow Caldwell.....	20 00
Postage.....	30
Total.....	\$120 30

1869.

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By Cash brought forward in September, 1869.....	\$159 12½
Received of B. B. Moses, Treasurer of Association of '69.....	86 84
Jan. 1st., 1870, received Interest on Mortgage.....	160 00
Jan. 27th, do.....	1 32
March 2nd, do.....	5 28
June 1st, do.....	2 40
Total.....	\$414 96½

In hand this date in Cash and Notes..... 294 66½

CHARLES RANDALL, TREASURER.

Audited and found correct.

JAMES E. POTTER.

JAMES CROSSY.

(F)

ON TEMPERANCE.

The Committee on Temperance beg to report, and in doing so we would quote largely from the Blessed Old Book. We begin with the words of one of the wisest of men, and he inspired.

"Who hath woe? Who hath sorrow? Who hath contentions? Who hath babbling? Who hath wounds without cause? Who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine. Look not upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth its colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder."

"Woe to them that rise up early in the morning that they may follow strong drink; that continue until night till wine inflame them; and the harp and the viol and the tabret and the pipe and WINE are in their feasts, but they regard not the work of the Lord, neither consider the operation of his hands."

"Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise."

"Awake ye drunkards and weep, and howl ye drinkers of wine."

Such are some the words that the Holy Spirit useth respecting strong drink. Such are the cautions He gives.

Let us hear the same voice respecting "Total Abstinence from all intoxicating liquors, as a beverage." We have in the Bible an inspired Record of what was probably the First Tee-total Society. Here is the pledge: "WE WILL DRINK NO WINE." (Jer. xxxv. 6.) Here is the constitution of that society: "YE SHALL DRINK NO WINE; NEITHER YE, NOR YOUR SONS FOREVER." Here is the manner in which the members of that Total Abstinence Society kept their pledge. "Thus have we obeyed the voice of Jonadab the son of Rechab our father in all that he charged us, *to drink no wine all our days, we, our wives, our sons, nor our daughters.*" In that society all the women were enrolled as well as all the men; and all the little boys and girls as well as all the adults: They adopted the constitution, they took the pledge, and they kept it. And here follows the divine approbation of both the constitution and the pledge, and the blessing of God upon the memberr of the Society in

their fidelity to their pledge. "And Jeremiah said unto the house of the Rechabites Thus saith the Lord of Hosts, the God of Israel, BECAUSE ye have obeyed the commandment of Jonadab your father and kept all his precepts, and done according to all that he hath commanded you, THEREFORE thus saith the Lord of Hosts, the God of Israel, Jonadab the son of Rechab shall not want a man to stand before me forever."

Here is recorded for the benefit of all ages a *model* Total Abstinence Society, with *model* members, and the deep and impressive sanction of Heaven upon it. Let us go and do likewise. Let us fill the world with such Societies as that.

We cannot close without word from the New Testament. "Be not drunk with wine, but be filled with the spirit." Here is a *model* "constitution" for the christian. The command in both its parts comes from authority much higher than that which bound the Rechabites. Both the BE NOT! and the BE! are binding, and the negative is of comparatively small value, without the *positive*. Christians in their zeal for the one, too often seem to forget the other. Let us as followers of Christ engage in every good work but let us never lose sight of our high and holy principles. "Whether we eat, or drink or whatever we do, do all to the glory of God, "I bring under my body and keep it in subjection, lest while I have preached to others I should become a castaway." It is good neither to eat flesh, nor drink wine NOR TO DO ANYTHING whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended or is made weak." This comprehends all; We must seek to save the drunkard, and to save all from becoming drunkards. But woe be to us if in our zeal for lesser good, we overlook the greater,—if we destroy the soul in order to save the body—if we by sacrificing religious consistency to the dictates of worldly prudence. The gospel of the grace of God, is not only the best, it is the ONLY real reformer. Intemperance is best destroyed by destroying all sin—the branch dies when the root is killed. And the blood of Jesus Christ the Son of God applied to the soul cleanseth it from ALL SIN. Let this omnipotent power be used and Temperance and every other virtue will triumph.

All which is respectfully submitted,

S. T. RAND, *Chairman.*

(G)

ON OBITUARIES.

The Committee, to whom obituaries were referred, beg leave to report:

As we contemplate the work of death during the last associational year, we have cause of gratitude to Him, with whom are "the issues of life and of death," for the exercise of his mercy in the preservation of the lives of most of his ministerial servants, connected with the churches represented in our body to-day. One alone—the Rev. James Reid—has been called to his reward. He was a faithful laborer in the Master's vineyard—ardent in piety, humble in spirit, modest in deportment, sound in doctrine, earnest in zeal, and untiring in the discharge of duties devolving upon him as a preacher of righteousness.

During the year, two prominent and worthy lay brethren have gone the way of all the earth namely, Bro. William Randall, of the Nictaux Church, and Bro. Walter Ricketson of the Annapolis and Upper Granville Church. These brethren for very many years were Clerks of the Churches to which they respectively belonged.

Respectfully submitted.

ANGUS M. GIDNEY, *Chairman.*

(H)

ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

The command to keep holy the sabbath day, with its promises must be applicable in all ages. Your Committee therefore earnestly recommends to the households and in all their social relations, both by precept and example to illustrate this truth; and that it be faithfully inculcated in our Sabbath Schools.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. SAUNDERS.

(I)

ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Report of the Committee on our Foreign Mission:

The duty of those who are blessed with the gospel of Christ to impart that inestimable blessing as extensively as

may be in their power to those who are destitute of it, is unquestionable.

The means, therefore, best adapted to the accomplishment of this highly desirable object evidently ought to be adopted. If then, it can be satisfactorily shewn, the giving of our money to the American Baptist Missionary Union, of the United States, to be disposed of by them, solely according to their pleasure, in the support of their Missionaries, with the whole credit given to them, is the most effectual way to enlist the energies of people in the Foreign Missionary enterprise, to obtain an increase of funds, and consequently to extend the Redeemer's kingdom among the heathen, your Committee are ready to acquiesce in it.

We are not aware, however, that any one has yet even attempted to refute the sentiment advanced, some years since, by Dr. Warren, when he stated, relative to the Baptists of the Provinces: "Till they have a field and laborers of their own toiling under their supervision, and depending on them for support and sympathy, it is certain their resources will not be called out as they should be." This view, which cannot fail to commend itself to the judgment of every intelligent and unprejudiced person, was sent out to establish an independent Mission. Though our numbers and resources were then far inferior to what they now are, yet, where comparatively little had been previously done, sufficient means were readily furnished to equip, send forth, and sustain a Mission family. No doubt can be reasonably entertained that the establishment of a Foreign Mission of our own would now be attended with similar results, and to a much greater extent.

This does not seem to have been denied, nor even questioned, at the late Meeting of Convention; and yet a course was pursued obviously calculated to prevent, or at least to postpone indefinitely, the accomplishment of this important object.

The Foreign Missionary Board, consisting of fifteen men, chosen by the Convention, had on mature deliberation, and with such knowledge of the subject as others generally would not be consistently expected to possess, agreed with entire unanimity to attempt the establishment of a Mission among the Sgau Karens in Siam. Brethren and sisters, approved by the Board, and, justly held in esteem by those acquainted with them, were earnestly desirous to enter this

field without any avoidable delay ; and all things appeared to be in a favorable train.

It seems, however, that certain influences, which were brought to bear on a majority of the members of Convention induced them to disregard and frustrate the prudent measures adopted by the unanimous agreement of the Board, by requiring them to devote a large portion of the funds, principally contributed to establish a Mission of our own, to the support of a man who had forsaken us and joined the Union ; of whom Dr. Warren officially says, " Mr. George will hold the same relation to our body as any other Missionary. He will be a Missionary of the Union, laboring under the direction of the Executive Committee, and making his official returns to them." This action of the Convention your Committee regret and seriously desire that it may never be repeated. To us also it is evident that the Board ought not to be charged with having withdrawn support from native preachers ; since this was not their action, but that of the Convention which devoted all the funds in hand to the support of a Missionary of the Union.

It affords your Committee pleasure to know, that sister De Wolfe is laboring diligently and usefully in imparting religious instruction to women and children among the Sgau Karens, whom she can now address in their own language ; as also that sister Norris is on the eve of her departure, to engage in the same " work of faith and labor of love." In conclusion your Committee affectionately recommend this zealous sister to the sympathies, prayers, and liberality of our people, especially our sisters, whose generosity has already in many places, been very commendably evinced.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES TUPPER, *Chairman.*

Monies Paid in at the Western Association at Clementsvale, N. S., September 24th, 1870.

CHURCHES.		Home	Missions.	Foreign	Intra	Ministers.	Material	Education.	French	Acadia	Totals.
1	Acadia French Mission	\$2 00		\$0 75					\$13 25		\$16 00
2	Annapolis and Upper Granville	23 00	8 00	8 00	3 00				7 00	7 00	48 00
3	Ayle	10 50	3 00	3 00					1 85		15 00
4	Brookfield	10 00	4 00	4 00	2 00		1 00		20 00		37 00
5	Beaver River	3 75	2 50	2 50	3 75		1 25		2 87½		14 12½
6	Caledonia	50									50
7	Clements	20 00	5 00	5 00			3 06		15 00	5 00	53 05
8	Digby		4 00	4 00							4 00
9	Digby Neck, 1st	16 80	10 00	10 00						1 00	26 80
10	Greenfield	3 52	1 08	1 08							5 60
11	Haupston	1 50	4 95	4 95	50				5 20		12 15
12	Hillgrove	2 75	3 75	3 75	3 50		1 25		2 25	50	14 00
13	Hillsburgh, 1st	8 00	8 25	8 25	1 00		2 00		3 00		21 25
14	Hillsburgh, 2nd	4 13	3 47½	3 47½					3 52		11 12½
15	Jordan River	1 00							1 00		2 00
16	Kempt	3 38½		3 50					1 50		8 38½
17	Lake George		8 00	8 00							8 00
18	Lewis Head	2 60									3 60
19	Lichfield	2 00									2 00
20	Little River, or Digby Neck	4 00	2 00	2 00					2 95		8 95
21	Liverpool	8 00	4 00	4 00					2 44		14 44
22	(No name given in MS, probably Long Island—S. S.)	15 00			6 00				5 62		20 62
23	Lower Aylesford and Upper Wilmot	10 00	32 00	32 00	6 47		1 50		6 00		60 97½
24	Lower Granville	9 00	50 00	50 00	2 00		7 04		8 75		68 04½
25	Milton	16 00	38 00	38 00	5 00		3 00		2 00	8 00	78 75
26	Middlefield		2 00	2 00	1 00						5 00

Statistics of Sabbath Schools in the Western Baptist Association, September, 1870.

SCHOOLS.	SCHOLARS.			Av'ge attendance.	TEACHERS.			No. in Bible Class.	Members of Ch'rch in B. C. and S. S.	Vols. in Library.	Expended during the year.	
	No. of Schools.	Male.	Female.		Total.	Male.	Female.					Total.
Westport.....	1	30	40	70	6	6	12	12	300	\$20 00		
1st Hillsburg.....	1	50	43	93	5	3	8	10	4	200	17 00	
Lewis Head.....	1	28	11	39	20	1	21	4	...	...	...
Wood's Harbor.....	1	92	30	122	4	5	9	8	75	7 50	...	
Annapolis and Upper Granville.....	2	45	38	83	75	4	13	22	23	100	23 00	
Deerfield.....	1	35	50	85	7	4	11	...	25	200	17 00	
Beaver River.....	3	12	18	30	25	3	28	5	9	15	50	...
Wilmet Mountain.....	2	55	65	120	95	7	102	13	18	710	22 00	
West Yarmouth.....	2	40	53	93	8	9	17	24	48	110	20 00	
Milton.....	1	119	90	209	112	13	125	24	24	...	7 78	
Hillgrove.....	1	25	18	43	30	3	33	5	...	35	...	
Port Midway.....	1	14	17	31	22	3	25	8	13	...	...
2nd Digby Neck.....	1	22	33	55	45	4	49	6	8	...	0 85	
Hampton.....	1	15	20	35	30	3	33	7	38	31	...	
Wilnot.....	3	88	80	168	130	9	139	20	40	380	31 00	
1st Digby Neck.....	2	68	67	135	100	4	104	12	15	400	16 00	
Ohio, Yarmouth.....	1	40	70	110	70	6	76	10	...	110	34 00	
Digby.....	1	17	23	40	30	3	33	6	...	100	10 00	

New Albany
Brookfield
Niagara

New Albany	2	15	18	33	21	5	3	8	9	300	.....
Brookfield	1	35	40	75	60	4	4	8	10	16	70
Nictaux	5	148	184	332	225	13	12	25	60	80	20 10
Graywood and Milford	1	8	6	14	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....
Springfield	2	32	24	56	50	4	3	7	.....	.....	50
Liverpool	1	45	55	100	78	6	8	14	7	19	.....
Litchfield	1	10	15	25	20	3	4	6	.....	.....	16 00
St. Mary's Bay	1	10	15	25	20	3	4	6	.....	.....	3 75
Mill Village	2	15	25	40	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	3 50
Pubnico	2	31	24	55	21	2	7	6	11	150	.....
1st Ragged Island	1	30	35	69	.....	.....	.....	13	6	12	235
Frepport	1	24	28	62	32	4	6	10	.....	.....	77 13 00
2nd Hallsburg	1	40	40	80	75	4	8	12	13	18	150 18 00
Argyle	1	24	24	48	41	3	5	8	15	6	150
Clemens	1	22	24	62	50	4	5	9	10	11	148
Greenfield	1	107	113	220	158	14	14	28	26	30	557 43 50
West Sherbrook	3	37	21	56	67	6	3	9	.....	.....	31 156 17 55
Kempt	1	12	19	31	21	1	2	3	.....	.....	9 200 3 95
Lower Granville	2	60	65	125	105	8	7	15	22	40	.....
Tusket	5	.....	150	150	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21 00
New Tusket	2	21	29	100	61	8	5	13	.....	.....	.....
Lake George	2	18	30	48	40	3	4	7	6	12	.....
Middlefield	1	30	40	70	34	7	3	12	.....	.....	3 50
Caledonia	1	15	15	30	26	1	4	5	25	200	7 20
Lower Aylesford and Upper Wilmot	1	35	40	75	60	5	4	9	10	50	8 00
1st Yarmouth Central School	3	91	104	195	163	10	9	19	.....	.....	220 18 00
" " Salem School	1	.....	156	156	136	7	8	15	.....	.....	579 167 00
" " Milton School	1	42	35	77	77	7	8	13	.....	.....	143 34 13
" " Milton School	1	.....	60	50	3	3	7	10	8	.....	.....
	71		3890								486

Digby..... 1 17 23 40 30 3 4 7 6..... 100 10 00

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Western Baptist Association of Nova Scotia.

ART. 1.—This body shall be called the Western Baptist Association.

2.—It shall be composed of delegates appointed by the Churches of which they are members, together with delegates from Corresponding Associations. Each Church connected with the Association shall have the privilege of sending one delegate or more, but no church shall be entitled to send more than five in addition to its pastor.

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

4.—The Association shall meet annually on the last Saturday in September, at 10 o'clock, A. M. at such place as it may appoint, and the services shall be commenced with public worship. Should the interests of the body seem to demand it, a special meeting may be held at any time intervening, on requisition therefor being made by five of the churches through their pastors.

5.—The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk, and a Treasurer, all of whom shall continue in office until the election of their successors.

The Moderator shall preside in all the meetings; nominate all committees of not more than three, unless otherwise provided for, take the direction of all the religious services, and call special meetings pursuant to requisition.

The Clerk shall record all the transactions and prepare the Minutes for publication.

The Treasurer shall receive all monies and other property contributed for any of the purposes of the Association and dispose of the same according to the will of the donors, or, when the will of the donors is not expressed, according to the votes of the Association.

6.—Each church connected with the Association shall send annually a Letter, containing an account of its history during the year preceding, specifying the number added by baptism, by letter, and by restoration; the number removed by dismission, by exclusion, and by death; and the whole number then in fellowship. If any church shall neglect, for three successive years, to send such a letter, it shall be considered as having withdrawn from the Association, 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.

7.—The Association may receive any church which shall apply for admission by sending a letter and delegates, and shall give satisfactory evidence as to its faith and order.

8.—The Association shall not, in any case, interfere with the internal concerns of the churches, but it may dissolve its connection with any church which, after proper examination, shall be judged by the Association to have departed essentially from the Baptist faith and practice.

9.—The religious sentiments of this Association are those expressed in the "Declaration of Faith and Practice of the Baptist Churches in Nova Scotia."

10.—This Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the number present at any annual meeting.

RULES OF ORDER.

RULE 1st.—At each annual meeting the Letters from the Churches shall be at once handed in; from which the clerks shall immediately make out a list of Delegates.

2nd.—After religious worship the officers shall be chosen. The choice of the Moderator shall be made by ballot.

3rd.—At every sitting business shall be opened and concluded with prayer.

4th.—Brethren invited to a seat with us, may speak on all subjects under consideration, but vote on none.

5th.—No subject shall be discussed without a motion thereon being first made and seconded.

6th.—Every speaker shall address the chair; and no person shall speak oftener than twice on the same subject, unless by permission of the body.

7th.—When a church is received into the Association the Moderator shall give to one of its delegates the hand of fellowship.

8th.—At the commencement of each sitting the Minutes of the last one shall be read and corrected, and of the last before the final adjournment.

9th.—All resolutions shall be presented in writing.

10th.—Motions made and lost shall not be recorded unless so ordered at the time.

11th.—No delegates shall be allowed to leave the Association before the business is finished, without permission of the body.

12th.—These rules shall be distinctly read from the chair at the opening of the Session.

ASSOCIATIONAL RECORD.

Year.	Place.	Baptized.	Members.	Moderator and Clerks.	Sermon.	Circular Letter.	Monies.
1861	Yarmouth	526	5147	Revds. R. B. Dickie, G. Armstrong, and S. Brown.	Rev. I. E. Bill, Ps. lxxii. 19.	.....	£156 7 10
1862	Milton, Q. Co.	114	5217	Revds. W. Burton, G. Armstrong, and J. E. Balcom.	Rev. W. Burton, 1 Cor. ii. 2.	Rev. C. Randall—Defence of the truth.	211 19 8
1863	Westport, Dig. Co.	71	5454	Revds. C. Randall, J. E. Balcom, and W. G. Goucher.	Rev. Jas. Parker, 2 Cor. v. 7.	Rev. R. W. Cunningham—Christian Warfare.	293 9 11
1864	Clements	477	4940	Revds. N. Vidito, J. E. Balcom, and G. Armstrong.	Rev. J. Davis, Heb. xiii. 7.	Rev. J. C. Morse—Christian Love.	331 41 5
1865	Clarence	468	5928	Revds. J. Davis, J. E. Balcom, and W. G. Goucher.	Rev. S. N. Bentley, M.A.—Ps. li.	.....	199 1 6
1866	Caledonia	386	5910	Revds. W. G. Parker, I. J. Skinner, and J. H. Saunders.	Rev. H. Angell, M.A.,—Acts ix. 81.	Rev. S. N. Bentley, M.A.—Revivals.	224 6 7
1867	Hebron	298	5965	Revds. G. Armstrong, J. V. Tabor, and J. H. Saunders.	Rev. C. Tupper, D.D.—1 Cor. xv. 58.	Rev. A. Martell—Missions.	312 9
1868	Bridgetown	342	6154	Rev. C. Randall, and J. V. Tabor, and Bro. J. H. Sanders.	Rev. J. C. Morse, Phil. ii. 16.	Rev. C. Tupper, D.D.—Reciprocal duties of parents and children.	225 3 10
1869	Aylesford	722	6760	Revds. G. Armstrong, H. Angell, and J. H. Sanders.	Rev. G. Armstrong, M.A. Ps. xiviii. 12, 81.	Rev. T. A. Higgins, M.A.—Discipline.	225 3 9

1869 | Ayestork. | 722 | 6 | 00 | Revus. G. Armstrong, R. Angell, and J. H. Sanders. | M.A. Ps. xlviii. 12, 31. | Discipline.

1860	Hillsburg	317	6845	Revds. W. G. Parker, H. Angell, and J. H. Sanders.	Rev. T. A. Higgins, M.A.—Is. i. 4.	Rev. A. H. Munro, M.A.—Church Efficiency.	224	6	9
1861	Beaver River	163	6892	Revds. J. C. Morse, H. Angell, and A. W. Bars.	Rev. T. C. Delong, Is. iii. 1.	Rev. J. A. Stubbart—Communion.	270	9	1
1862	Liverpool	358	7160	Revds. W. G. Parker, J. H. Sanders, and I. Wallace.	Rev. J. A. Stubbart, Is. xxvi. 4.	Rev. G. Armstrong, M.A.—The first day of week, the Christian Sabbath.	\$	998	53½
1863	Yarmouth	529	7478	Revds. N. Vidito, J. H. Sanders, and Bro. J. M. Parker.	Rev. W. G. Parker, Phil. iii. 16.	Rev. R. D. Porter, M.A.—Ob- ligations of Ch. Members.	1090	88	
1864	Paradise	186	7516	Revds. I. Wallace, J. M. Parker, and J. H. Sanders.	Rev. Chas. Randall, 1 Cor. iii. 9.	Rev. G. Armstrong, M.A.—Unity.	1066	42	
1865	Milton	188	7479	Revds. H. Angell, J. H. Sanders, and Bro. J. M. Parker.	Rev. N. Vidito, Rom. viii. 30.	Rev. G. Armstrong, M.A.—Unity.	1066	15	
1866	Lower Granville	498	7870	Revds. W. G. Parker, D. O. Parker, and W. H. Richan.	Rev. J. H. Sanders, Is. lxxv. 17.	Rev. Sam. Richardson, M.A.—Family Religion.	1117	88	
1867	Hillsburgh	169	7879	Revds. N. Vidito, D. O. Parker, and W. H. Richan.	Rev. J. Wallace, M.A.—Rom. xiv. 7.	Rev. W. G. Goucher—Our position as a denomination	978	23	
1868	Long Island	410	8080	Revds. I. Wallace, D. O. Parker, and W. H. Richan.	Rev. N. Vidito, Gal. vi. 14.	Rev. I. Wallace, M.A.—Spirituality of mind.	845	78	
1869	Hebron	384	8155	Revds. W. G. Parker, R. D. Porter, and W. H. Richan.	Rev. A. H. Munro, M.A.—2 Cor. ii. 1.	The Pastor's Work.	1098	91	
1870	Clementsvale	210	8069	Revds. Jas. Parker, R. D. Porter, and W. H. Richan.	Rev. R. D. Porter, M.A.—1 Cor. i. 24.	Rev. I. Wallace, M.A.—Home Missions.	1382	52½	
						Rev. Jno. Rowe—Ministerial support.			

ERRATUM,—In the Table of Statistics pp. 12, 13, Hebron Church is inserted twice—once No. 17, as “Hebron,” and again No. 56, as “Yarmouth 2nd.” This will make a correction necessary in the totals: Baptisms 210. By Letter 65. Dismissed 159. Died 109 and Present Membership 8089.

Omitted from List of Ordained Ministers :

Rev. J. Melbourne Parker, Port Williams, Annapolis Co., was ordained at Springfield, October 5th, 1865.