

MINUTES

OF THE

EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

PARRSBORO', N. S., Sept. 10th, 1886.

The NOVA SCOTIA EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION assembled in its Thirty-sixth Annual Session at 10 o'clock a. m., the Moderator, Rev. P. S. McGregor, in the chair.

Devotional exercises were conducted for half an hour.

The Secretary then reported the following brethren as delegates to the Association :

Amherst,—Rev. D. A. Steele, Bros. Wm. M. Reid, Geo. W. Christie, J. M. Layton, R. T. Keilor.

Advocate Harbor,—Rev. D. McKeen, Dea. Arch. McLellan, Bro. M. Atkinson.

Antigonish,—D. Graham Whidden.

Aca'ia Mines,—Rev. F. D. Davison, Dea. I. D. Cook, Bros. Andrew Durning, F. H. Johnson.

Cow Bay, C. B.,—Rev. M. B. Shaw.

Diligent River,—Dea. D. H. Jenks, Bros. James Alexander, Fred. Canning, Byron Hatfield, James Howard.

Great Village,—Rev. T. B. Layton.

Greenville,—Bro. George Hunter.

Linden,—Rev. T. M. Munro.

Lower Steviacke,—Rev. E. T. Miller.

Lower Economy and Five Islands,—Dea. Josiah Soley, Bros. J. J. Soley, C. W. Soley, John Taylor.

Little River,—Rev. T. M. Munro, Bros. F. H. Rushton, Levi Johnson, J. L. Purdy, Ralph Thompson.

Maccan,—Deas. Wm. Blenkhorn, Amos Atkinson.

Mira Bay, C. B.,—Rev. M. B. Shaw.

New Glasgow,—Rev. P. S. McGregor.

Onslow,—Rev. C. H. Martell.

Parrsboro',—Deas. F. L. Jenks, T. J. Seaman, Bros. D. J. Taylor, W. J. Godfrey.

Portaupique,—Deas. T. D. Davison, Somerville Fulton, Bros. G. A. Fulton, E. W. Fulton, Robert Blair.

Truro,—Rev. J. E. Goucher, Deas. Richard Upham, Wm. Faulkner.

River Hebert,—Rev. I. R. Skinner, Deas. E. B. Christie, J. W. Wood, Bro. Albert Mills.

River John,—Rev. P. S. McGregor.

Spring Hill,—Rev. Joseph Murray, Bros. Wm. Schurman, A. G. Purdy, J. W. Johnson.

Wallace,—Bros. Parmensa Peers, James Colter, Edward Howard.

Westbrook,—Rev. Joseph Murray, Dea. Stephen Roscoe, Bro. Havelock Atkinson.

Oxford,—Rev. T. M. Munro, Bro. P. Slade.

Centreville and Mount Pleasant,—Rev. T. M. Munro.

Guyboro',—W. A. C. Rowse (Lic.)

Pugwash—Revds. C. C. Burgess, H. Bool.

Little Glace Bay, C. B.—Rev. M. B. Shaw.

The following officers for the year were then chosen :—

Moderator,—Rev. Joseph Murray.

Secretaries,—Revds. T. B. Layton, M. B. Shaw.

Treasurer,—D. J. Taylor.

Revds. J. W. Manning and H. Foshay were delegates from the Central Association.

The following were invited to a seat in Association : Revds. A. W. Sawyer, D.D., George Churchill and Mrs. Churchill, Missionaries, Revds. G. F. Miles, J. A. McLean, F. M. Young, G. E. Day, D.D., General Financial Agent, C. Goodspeed, Editor of *Messenger and Visitor*, Bros. Hans Mills, W. L. Barsz of Halifax.

Committee were appointed as follows :

Arrangements,—Rev. F. Beattie, H. Pool, Bro. Hans Mills.

Education,—Revds. D. A. Steele, C. H. Martell, A. W. Sawyer, D.D., Bro. Wm. Schurman.

Missions,—Revds. F. Beattie, J. E. Goucher, George Churchill, Dea. Richard Upham, W. A. C. Rowse (Lic.)

Sabbath Schools,—Revds. T. M. Munro, D. F. Davison, Bros. Levi Johnson, P. Slade, A. G. Purdy.

Denominational Literature,—Revds. E. T. Miller, J. W. Manning, Dea. Josiah Soley, Bros. D. J. Taylor, Wm. M. Reid.

Temperance,—Revds. P. S. McGregor, G. F. Miles, Bros. Parmenas Peers, Edward Howard, G. A. Fulton.

To examine and read Letters,—Revds. C. C. Burgess, G. F. Miles, J. E. Goucher.

On Circular Letter,—Revds. T. M. Munro, D. A. Steele, Herbert Foshay

On ways and means of securing money in this Association for the Convention Fund,—Revds. P. S. McGregor, C. H. Martell, J. E. Goucher, M. B. Shaw, D. A. Steele, Dea. Josiah Soley, Bros. F. H. Rushton, Wm. Schurman, James Colter.

Committee on Arrangements reported in part. Adopted.

The committee to examine and read letters occupied the remainder of the session, which was closed by prayer by Rev. G. F. Miles.

Friday—Afternoon Session.

Opened with prayer by Rev. H. Foshay.

The reading of letters was resumed and finished, except the one from Canso.

Resolved, That this letter be not at present read.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire into the action of the council (*ex parte*) lately giving a deliverance in reference to certain difficulties in which members of the church at Canso were involved.

And further Resolved, That such committee be requested to suggest to this Association any course of action they may deem advisable toward the church at Canso.

And further Resolved, That Revds. C. H. Martell, A. W. Sawyer, D.D., — F. Beattie, G. F. Miles, and C. C. Burgess be such committee.

A collection was taken for the Secretary, amounting to \$13.50.

The Report on Sabbath Schools was presented by the chairman, Rev. T. M. Munro; and addresses were given by Rev. M. B. Shaw, W. A. C. Rowse (Lic.), Revds. D. A. Steele, P. S. McGregor, G. F. Miles, A. W. Sawyer, D.D. On motion, report adopted. (See App. A.)

Resolved, This Association express their pleasure in listening to the letters from the churches, especially the smaller ones who have been keeping up regular prayer and conference meetings during the year without a pastor; and also request the Secretary to send letters of fraternal greeting, and assure them that our prayers ascend to the God of all grace for their temporal and spiritual welfare.

Session closed with prayer by Rev. I. R. Skinner.

Friday—Evening Session.

Opened with devotional exercises.

Committee of Arrangements reported in part, making the following appointments for the Sabbath:—

Parrsboro',—11 a. m., Rev. C. Goodspeed.

" —2 p. m., Address to the Sabbath School, Revds. H. Foshay, J. E. Goucher, Dr. Sawyer, Dr. Day.

" —4 p. m., Associational Sermon by Rev. F. M. Young.

" —7 p. m., Rev. J. W. Manning.

" (*Methodist*), 11 a. m., Rev. D. A. Steele.

" " 7 p. m., Rev. T. M. Munro.

Diligent River,—11 a. m., Rev. George Churchill.

Port Greville,—3 p. m., Rev. C. H. Martell.

" (*Methodist*), 7 p. m., Rev. C. H. Martell.

Five Islands,—10.30 a. m., W. A. C. Rowse (Lic.)

Lower Economy,—3 p. m., W. A. C. Rowse (Lic.)

West Brook,—11 a. m., Rev. C. C. Burgess.

Also recommending that the Report on Denominational Literature be presented Saturday morning.

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The Report on Temperance Saturday afternoon.
The Report on Education Saturday evening.

The Report on Missions presented. Interesting addresses were delivered by Revds. C. H. Martell, George Churchill, D. A. Steele, J. W. Manning, G. F. Miles, Bro. J. Greshom Aikman.

Bro. and Sister Churchill sang a hymn in Telugu.

A collection was taken for Missions; after which a special appeal was made, asking the Association to contribute \$100 towards paying deficit in Home Mission work. This met a liberal response, and whole collection amounted to \$74.74.

Report was then adopted. (See App. B.)

A Committee on Obituaries was appointed, viz., Revds. D. A. Steele, H. Foshay, E. T. Miller.

Session closed with prayer by Rev. D. A. Steele.

Saturday—Morning Session.

Opened with prayer by Dea. Wm. Faulkner.

Rev. C. H. Martell presented a final (verbal) report on the Pictou building fund, stating that it was lost in consequence of the failure in business of Mr. T. M. King of Antigonish. This report was accepted.

On motion, the Secretary was requested to have this report inserted in the digest of Association business to be published in the Year Book.

On motion, the order of business was changed, and the Report on Denominational Literature was presented by Rev. E. T. Miller, and spoken to by Revds. C. Goodspeed, J. W. Manning, Bros. Wm. Faulkner, D. Graham Whidden, W. A. C. Rowse (Lic.), Revds. F. D. Davison, E. T. Miller, and adopted. (See App. C.)

The order of business was resumed.

Rev. P. S. McGregor, chairman of Committee on Finance, presented their report, which was spoken to by the chairman, Bro. D. Graham Whidden, Revds. J. E. Goucher, C. Goodspeed, Bro. Wm. Faulkner, Rev. J. W. Manning. Report adopted. (See App. D.)

On motion, Cape Breton is to be one district, and Rev. J. W. Bancroft to be the chairman of that committee.

On motion, the committee referred to in this report were requested to present a report of their work to the Association next year.

The Committee to examine and read the Circular Letter reported, recommending its adoption.

In the absence of the writer, Rev. E. P. Coldwell, the letter was read by Rev. D. A. Steele, and on motion handed to the Editor of the *Messenger and Visitor* for publication.

Session closed with prayer by Rev. G. F. Miles.

Saturday—Afternoon Session.

Opened with singing, and prayer by Bros. Wm. Schurman and W. L. Barsa.

On motion, a collection was taken to assist the New Glasgow church in paying the interest on the debt on their parsonage, which amounted to \$5.92.

The Report on Temperance was presented by Rev. P. S. McGregor, and spoken to by Rev. G. F. Miles, Br. R. T. Keilor, W. A. C. Rowse (Lic.), Rev. P. S. McGregor, Bros. William Blenkhorn, Josiah Süley, D. J. Taylor, Revds. F. D. Davidson, D. McKeen. Report adopted. (See App. E.)

The committee appointed last year to confer with a similar committee to be appointed by other Associations to take into consideration the advisability of preparing Articles of Faith and Covenant, &c., &c., reported that nothing had been done in the matter.

The Committee of Arrangement presented their final report, which was adopted, viz.:

That this Association hold its next session with the Baptist Church at Little River.

That Rev. Joseph Murray preach the Association Sermon.

That Rev. C. C. Burgess be his alternate.

That Rev. M. B. Shaw write the Circular Letter.

Committee on Education,—Revds. D. A. Steele, P. S. McGregor.

“ *Missions*,—Revds. C. H. Martell, J. E. Goucher.

“ *Denominational Literature*,—Revds. C. C. Burgess, I. R. Skinner.

“ *Sabbath Schools*,—Revds. F. D. Davison, H. Bool.

“ *Temperance*,—Bro. Wm. Cummings (Lic.), W. A. C. Rowse (Lic.)

“ *Arrangements*,—Revds. T. M. Munro, T. B. Layton.

Resolved, That 800 copies of the Minutes be printed for the churches.

On motion, bills for stationery, postage, printing, &c., amounting to \$10, were ordered to be paid.

The committee appointed to investigate the Canso church difficulty reported, recommending the appointment of a committee to visit said church and seek to restore union. Report adopted. (See App. F.)

Resolved, That Revds. C. H. Martell, W. B. Bradshaw, and G. E. Day, D.D., be that committee.

Also Resolved, That this Association pay their expenses.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be tendered to the railway and steamboat authorities who granted reduced fares to the delegates attending this Association.

Session closed with prayer by Dr. Sawyer.

Saturday—Evening Session.

Opened with prayer by Bro. Wm. Faulkner.

Report on Education was read by Rev. D. A. Steele, and spoken to by Revds. A. W. Sawyer, D.D., G. E. Day, D.D., C. Goodspeed, A.M. Report adopted. (See App. G.)

Resolved, To express the thanks of this Association to the people of Parrsboro' for their kind hospitality.

Resolved, That this Association send an expression of their sympathy and love through their Secretary to Rev. Samuel Thompson.

Also Resolved, That a tangible expression of this be given by taking a collection.

The sum of \$14 was then cheerfully contributed.

On motion, any of our brethren attending other Associations be our delegates.

The following brethren were chosen as delegates to the Convention, viz., Wm. Faulkner, D. Graham Whidden, Wm. M. Reid, and J. Gresham Aikman.

On motion, adjourned to meet at Little River on the second Friday of September next, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

Closed with singing, and prayer by Rev. C. Goodspeed.

JOSEPH MURRAY, *Moderator.*

T. B. LAYTON, }
M. B. SHAW, } *Secretaries.*

APPENDIX.

(A)

Report on Sabbath Schools.

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools respectfully report that they regard the institution of the Sabbath School as being one of grand importance, and therefore should occupy a much wider place in the Association. Next to the religious family it is the most efficient auxiliary the church has to guide the young into the ways of peace and safety, and consequently the Sabbath School has a most momentous bearing on its present efficiency and future triumph. In view of this fact, it becomes a question for serious consideration whether the time has not arrived when the Sabbath School should be more fully recognized as an integral portion of the work of the church to be sustained and fostered, to be supported and controlled by it, and thus the church make itself directly responsible for whatever of success or failure may accrue, instead of holding aloof from it as though it were an independent force.

As the object of the Sabbath School is to learn the way of salvation and duty to God and man through study of the Bible, your Committee believe that great care should be taken in the selection of teachers whose hearts and lives are pious. We believe the spiritual prosperity and enlargement in the Sabbath School depend much on the character of those employed as teachers. How can one teach what he does not know? And how can he apply to others what he has never applied to himself? Your Committee would therefore recommend that our churches select, so far as possible, those who have a Christian experience, and whose lives are consistent and Christian, to instruct the young in the ways of wisdom and truth, salvation and holiness in our Sabbath Schools. It is the opinion of your Committee that the church should also appoint the superintendent and teachers in a Conference of the church.

Your Committee also believe that the time has come when all the members of the church professing godliness should manifest a deeper interest in the work of the Sabbath School by their presence, prayers and sympathy than has been witnessed in the past. The work of the Sabbath School, like all other Christian work, claims the hearty co-operation of the entire church.

In conclusion, your Committee would urge the necessity upon all the churches that have schools connected with them to provide for their schools a good, sound religious literature. To this end we would recommend to their favorable consideration and patronage our Baptist Tract and Book Room in Halifax.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

T. M. MUNRO, *Chairman*.
 REV. D. F. DAVISON.
 L. JOHNSON.
 A. S. PURDY.
 P. SLADE.

(B)

Report on Missions.

The cause of Missions is the cause of God. In the work of the Divine Redeemer was embodied the two great departments of Mission work,—Home and Foreign. These are not two but one, interwoven with and interdependent upon each other. The Christ-like character of individuals, churches and denominations consists in the harmonious blending of both. To be indifferent to the cause of Missions is to be unlike Him, who came to seek and save that which was lost—to be disobedient to the great command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

It is to us a source of gratification that both departments of the work are engaging the earnest prayerful attention of our denomination. During the past year on the Home field, General Missionaries have been constantly employed in visiting destitute localities and assisting churches. Fields have been so grouped and arranged that constant supply has been secured, and a number of fields have been supplied by Student Missionaries. The work done by the Home Mission Board in this matter has secured the approbation of the denomination, and a rich blessing from God. We believe that never before has so great a work been performed, and that never before has God more richly blessed.

Many large and important fields lie vacant; ground that should be occupied by us is not reached on account of want of men and means. God is placing before us in the Home field great opportunities of usefulness. Let us not be disobedient to the heavenly vision.

On the Foreign field Brother and Sister Hutchinson, Brother and Sister Archibald, and Sisters Wright and Gray have diligently toiled, and not without results. Slowly it may be, but surely, the work goes on, and evidence is constantly afforded that the foundations of heathenism are crumbling, and the final triumph of Christianity rapidly approaching.

Brother and Sister Sandford and Brother and Sister Churchill are still with us, and have done good work in visiting the churches, diffusing Missionary information, and awakening a deeper interest in the world's evangelization. They return in a few weeks to their fields of labour, accompanied by Bro. Harrington. We trust that all may have the sympathies and prayers of God's people. In the words of Carey, "The mine is deep, brethren, hold the ropes."

Although death has not visited any of our Missionaries, we mourn with the Canadian and American Boards over the death of Brethren Currie and George, with whom so many of us had the pleasure of a personal acquaintance. They fell on the field, and have entered into their reward. To the bereaved families we tender our sincere sympathy, and pray that the God of the widow and fatherless may make them the special objects of his care.

With fields home and foreign whitening to the harvest, it becomes us to enter more vigorously than ever the great field, and with enlarged contributions, more fervent prayer and deeper sympathy, manifest to the world how deeply we are interested in the world's evangelization.

Respectfully submitted.

F. BEATTIE, *Chairman.*

(C)

Report on Denominational Literature.

Your Committee beg to report that we view with thankfulness the steady growth of our agencies for the dissemination of our denominational influence. The business of our Book Room is slowly but steadily increasing. We would respectfully urge that our churches and Sabbath Schools and our people generally patronize our Book Room as much as possible, since it is prepared to furnish everything necessary as cheaply and of as good quality as can be procured elsewhere.

Your Committee think that we, as a people, should assist as much as lies in our power the Colportage-work of the Book and Tract Society.

We are rejoiced to know that the subscription list of the *Messenger and Visitor* is rapidly growing, and that it has reached the goodly number of 6,240. Believing that the influence of the paper under its present skillful management is very great in the direction of furthering our interests as a denomination we earnestly trust that every Baptist family will soon be in receipt of its weekly visits, and to this end we would urge with all earnestness upon our people the claims of what we believe to be an exceedingly valuable addition to our denominational literature.

E. T. MILLER, *Chairman*.

(D)

Report on Finance.

Your Committee beg leave to recommend the propriety of heartily co-operating with the Finance Agent appointed by the Convention in working up the Convention plan, and would further recommend that the Association be divided into districts, each county constituting a district, and that the pastors of each district be a committee to correspond with the churches in their county and hold public meetings where our denominational objects may be brought affectionately and intelligently before our people, and where collections will be taken for the Convention plan, and systematic giving instituted for churches that are not now giving systematically, the funds to be sent to the Finance Agent of the Convention. Your Committee recommend that the oldest pastor in each district be the chairman of the committee in his county, (viz.: the pastor who has been settled in the county for the longest time), and that the Finance Agent be asked to tabulate a statement of funds raised within the bounds of this Association, that it may be presented to the body at its next session.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

P. S. MCGREGOR, *Chairman*.

(E)

Report on Temperance.

Resolved, That in view of the appalling results of the blighting liquor traffic in the past, and especially its serious hindrance to the successful spread of our common Christianity at home and on our foreign mission fields, we record our approval of advanced legislation to suppress this worst of all evils, and urge our people to use all legitimate means in their power to lessen and finally destroy this terrible business, looking forward to the early enactment of a full and ample prohibitory law as the only sure remedy for this acknowledged curse.

P. S. MCGREGOR, *Chairman*.

(F)

Report on Canso Matters.

Your Committee appointed to consider the difficulty in the Baptist Church at Cape Canso, beg to submit the following report:—

Your Committee regret exceedingly the existence of serious difficulties in one of the oldest churches in this Association, caused by unwise and injudicious exercise of church discipline, which has produced a sad condition of affairs in a once prosperous church.

We have full confidence in the brethren composing the Council (*ex parti* so called), and regret that the action taken by the church prevented it from being a mutual Council.

We recommend that the letter from the church to the Association be read, and also the letter from certain aggrieved brethren.

We recommend the appointment of a committee of three brethren to go to Canso and effect reconciliation if possible, and report to the Association next year.

C. H. MARTELL, *Chairman*.

(G)

Report on Education.

Your Committee would draw the attention of parents and guardians to the institution at Wolfville.

The College is doing good work. The training of young people is painstaking and thorough. It is the aim of the governing body to impart a solid rather than a superficial education. While not able, on account of limitations imposed by want of adequate resources, to provide as many chairs as in this day are deemed necessary, on the whole, the College presents as wide a range of studies as other universities have had where the countries were under similar conditions. A young country cannot have an old college. Endowments are the growth of years, and of centuries. At the same time, your Committee see that much may be done in an advanced

direction. We of the present must do our share to make the college worthy of patronage by the generation now rising. There is one step which we conceive might be taken to facilitate progress in the direction indicated. It is well known that on account of the existing system of scholarships, but a small income is received from tuition fees. These fees are charged in similar institutions, while we are obliged to content ourselves with an imaginary revenue from monies long since subscribed in the form of scholarships. We would respectfully suggest to the Board of Governors that the time has arrived when those who are able to pay their class-fees should pay at the same rate as in other institutions. Our wealthier people surely will be willing to pay for value received in this as in everything else. We believe that the indications are, that it will be impossible to keep open the privileges of the College much longer on such free terms.

Our academics, male and female, are in a prosperous condition. They have had during the year past a larger average attendance than in any previous term. The outlook for the next year is bright. A large class have matriculated for college. Miss Wadsworth, a lady of good record from the United States, has been appointed principal of the Seminary. Your Committee would gratefully make a note of the fact that the religious interest which has from the beginning characterized our efforts in the higher education, continues unabated. There have been several baptisms during the year. The students have "gone round about the villages preaching," while a missionary spirit is cultivated among themselves.

Your Committee trust that the connection always maintained between the people and these institutions may still be kept as close as possible. "The churches cannot flourish without the college, while, on the other hand, the college must depend upon the churches." We would recommend these schools, with their professors and teachers, to the patronage of our people. Do not put your children in jeopardy by sending them to institutions whose spirit is utterly alien to the principles of the New Testament. Support your own. Give them your entire sympathy. Let your prayers daily ascend for their welfare. Give, beyond the mere fees asked for tuition, of your substance, in order that these schools may be equipped for all the demands of an advancing age. Fifty years have well nigh passed since our College opened her doors to all, without any test, save that of the love of learning. The denomination has increased in intelligence, in wealth, in numbers, and in true piety. Let our people make a substantial return to mark the jubilee of the founding of the College.

Finally, your Committee would call renewed attention to the fact that the Baptists of the Dominion have, by the generosity of the Hon. Mr. McMaster, a Theological Seminary adequate to the needs of our students for the ministry. Some little has been left for the people to contribute in aid of the young men studying there; and we would suggest that, at the proper time, there be a compliance on the part of the churches with the recommendation of the Convention, that a collection be taken up to assist in defraying some necessary expenses by the students.

Respectfully submitted.

D. A. STEELE, *Chairman*.

Report on Obituaries.

REV. GEO. ARMSTRONG, D.D.,

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Was born in Ireland, Dec. 5th, 1814; brought, when an infant, by his parents to St. John's N.F., where they continued till his 16th year; then removed with them to Sydney, C.B., where, three years after, he was converted, and was in the following year baptized by Rev Dr. Crawley. Studied at Horton Academy and Acadia College, where he graduated June, 1844. He was ordained at Port Medway in 1848; was subsequently pastor at Chester; became in 1854 pastor at Bridgetown, and so continued for 20 years; then was pastor at Sydney for two years; was editor of the *Christian Visitor* for three years. He also was pastor at Kentville, and at the time of his death had just assumed the pastorate at Hawkesbury, C.B. Such is the summary of the life and work of a good brother, who was well known throughout the churches of this Association. Bro. A.'s genial manners made him a general favorite. He held the principles of the new Testament, in all things endeavoring to show himself an example of good works; in his doctrine showing uncorruptness, gravity, sound speech, that cannot be condemned." For many years his brethren honored him by a seat upon the boards of the denomination, and in all the great questions under their purview he took a hearty interest.

Our beloved brother was called upon suddenly:

"At midnight came the cry,
He started up to hear;
A mortal arrow pierced his frame,
He fell, but felt no fear."

On the 7th of June, 1886, he passed over the river to join the great host of the servants of God in heaven. The remains were carried to Bridgetown, where "devout men carried him to his burial and made great lamentation over him." Bro. A. was twice married and leaves several children, one of whom is the Rev. J. J. Armstrong.

REV. WILLIAM GEORGE

Was a native of Berwick, N. S., where he was baptized in 1858 by Rev. E. M. Saunders, D.D. He was ordained at Little River, Cumberland Co., Nov. 28th, 1865. In the following year, when retiring from the anniversary exercises at Acadia College in June, his wife and sister were drowned in the Basin of Minas, near Partridge Island, while attempting to land in an unseaworthy boat. He himself barely escaped with his life. He then determined to obey the call of God which he had hitherto resisted, to go to the foreign field. After some time spent at Acadia College, in 1869 he was accepted by the Board of Foreign Missions, and was sent to Henthadah, Burmah, to labor in connection with the American Baptist Missionary Union. On the inauguration of the Independent Foreign Mission by the Convention, Bro. George was transferred to the control of the American Union, in whose service he continued till his death. Previous to his setting out for the East he married Miss Oressa Lowe, daughter of Deacon Moses Lowe, of Amherst. After laboring some years in Henthadah, in loving fellowship with the late Rev. A. R. R. Crawley, he organized a new station at Zeegone. He was very

successful here, much of his strength being expended in jungle work, and many of the natives being won to Christ. In 1879 he returned, accompanied by Mrs. George and family, to this country, and took up his residence in Amherst. Here he labored in conjunction with the pastor, rendering much valuable aid. In 1882 Mr. and Mrs. G. again went to Burmah, where he continued his labors until the 3rd of July, 1886, when his health being completely shattered he was compelled to abandon the field. By medical advice he left for Calcutta, where he was placed in the hospital, and steadily sank till the 3rd of August, when he was removed to a higher sphere. He had just completed his 50th year.

Mr. George was physically a large man, his mental endowments good, his spiritual forces strong. While he was above the average as a preacher he was essentially a Missionary, always ready to go to the houses of the people to engage them about their souls. Many in this Association will remember his warm appeals, and his efforts to lead them in the way of life. "The memory of the just is blessed." Better to die young laboring for the welfare of the heathen, and to lie in a far distant grave, than to spend a long life at home in attaining mere worldly success.

"Go to the grave; at noon from labor cease;
Rest on thy sheaves; thy harvest task is done;
Come from the heat of battle, and in peace
Soldier, go home; with thee the fight is won."

D. A. STEELE.

[NOTE.—Owing to the press of business the above report was not ready at the time of the closing of the Association; but the writer takes the liberty of forwarding it as the Report of the Committee.]

LICENTIATES.

James Morrison, Onslow.
Wm. McKenzie, West Bay, C. B.
James W. Tingley, Margaree, C. B.
F. G. Harrington, Sydney, C. B.
C. K. Harrington, Sydney, C. B.
Caleb Huntington, Grand Mira.
Wm. Cummings, Truro.
John A. Marple, Margaree, C. B.
C. L. Stearns, Goshen.
Eli Angevine, Wallace.
Crawford P. Wilson, Belmont.
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Statistics of the Churches in the N. S. Eastern Baptist Association for the year ending July 31, 1886.

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CHURCH.	PASTOR AND POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	Year of Settlement.	CLERK AND P. O. ADDRESS.
1 Amherst	D. A. Steele, M.A., Amherst.	1867	James Moffatt, Amherst.
2 Advocate Harbor	S. Thompson,	.....	William Read, Advocate Harbor, Cumberland Co.
3 Amherst Shore	No Pastor	.....	Charles D. Rockwell, Amherst Shore, Cumberland Co.
4 Acadia Mines	F. D. Davidson,	.....	George H. Lawrence, Acadia Iron Mines, Colchester Co.
5 Antigonish	No Pastor	.....	D. Graham W. Hadden, Antigonish.
6 Brookfield	No Pastor	.....	Charles D. Carter, Brookfield, Colchester Co.
7 Beulah*	No Pastor	.....	Charles H. Travis, Amherst.
8 Crow Harbor	No Pastor	.....	Elias Handley, Crow Harbor, Guysboro' Co.
9 Cow Bay, C. B.	No Pastor	.....	John J. McInnis, Cow Bay, C. B.
10 Cape Cove	M. B. Shaw,	.....	Thomas C. Cook, Cape Cove.
11 Cape Breton and Mount Pleasant	T. M. Munro, Oxford, Cumberland Co.	1885	John Bigelow, Antigonish, Cumberland Co.
12 Diligent River	No Pastor	.....	D. H. Jones, Diligent River, Cumberland Co.
13 Great Village	John Miles, Great Village, Colchester Co.	.....	H. R. Jones, Highland Village, Colchester Co.
14 Guysboro' and Manchester	J. J. Armstrong, Guysboro'	.....	H. R. Jones, Highland Village, Colchester Co.
15 Grand Mts., C. B.	E. P. Coldwell, B.A., Sydney, C. B.	1884	C. R. O'Connell, Guysboro'
16 Go ben	No Pastor	.....	C. R. O'Connell, Huntingdon P. O., C. B.
17 Greenville	No Pastor	.....	John R. Sutherland, Goshen, Guysboro' Co.
18 Glenville and River Philip	No Pastor	.....	Henry Hunter, Greenville, Cumberland Co.
19 Homeville, C. B.	No Pastor	.....	William Holmes, Cow Bay, C. B.
20 Hawkesbury, C. B.	No Pastor	.....	Peter Paint, Port Hawkesbury, C. B.
21 Isaac's Harbor	L. B. Gates, Isaac's Harbor, Guysboro' Co.	1885	W. H. Giffin, Isaac's Harbor, Guysboro' Co.
22 Little Chignecto	T. M. Munro, Oxford, Cumberland Co.	.....	Oliver K. Hunter, Linden, Cumberland Co.
23 Little Chignecto Bay	No Pastor	.....	James E. Hitchins, Little Chignecto Bay, C. B.
24 Lower Economy	E. T. Miller, Lower Economy, Colchester Co.	.....	R. N. Sibley, St. Andrews, Colchester Co.
25 Lower Economy and Five Islands	No Pastor	1884	Josiah Soley, Lower Economy, Colchester Co.

26 Little River	T. M. Munro, Oxford, Cumberland Co.	1885	T. M. Johnson, Purdy P. O., Little River, Cumb. Co.
27 Maccan	David McKee, Cumberland Co.	1883	E. Atkinson, Maccan, Cumberland Co.
28 Mabou, C. B.	C. H. Haverstock, E. Margaree, C. B.	1883	Robert Frizzle, Brook Village, Mabou, C. B.
29 Margaree, C. B.	C. H. Haverstock, N. E. Margaree, C. B.	1883	Joseph Tingley, N. E. Margaree.
30 Mira Bay, C. B.	P. S. McGregor, New Glasgow, N. S.	1882	A. J. Spencer, Mira Gut, C. B.
31 New Glasgow	No Pastor	1882	J. S. Sullivan, Stellarton, N. S.
32 New River	D. McLeod	1882	David F. Wells, East New Annan, Colchester Co.
33 North Sydney, C. B.	J. H. Bancroft	1882	J. S. Nickerson, New Harbor.
34 Onslow, East	C. H. Martell, B.A., Central Onslow, Colchester Co.	1878	A. G. Munro, North Sydney, C. B.
35 Onslow, West	C. H. Martell, B.A., Central Onslow, Colchester Co.	1878	E. Douglass, Truro.
36 Oxford	C. H. Martell, B.A., Central Onslow, Colchester Co.	1878	Charles M. Dickson, Central Onslow, Colchester Co.
37 Oxford	T. M. Munro, Oxford, Cumberland Co.	1885	W. R. Smith, Oxford, Cumberland Co.
38 Parrsboro'	T. M. Munro, Oxford, Cumberland Co.	1885	Elijah Spencer, Parrsboro', Cumberland Co.
39 Portapique	F. Beattie, Parrsboro', Cumberland Co.	1885	T. D. Davidson, Portapique Mountain, Colchester Co.
40 Pugwash	W. R. Waters, Lower Ecosse, Colchester Co.	1884	S. M. Lowe, Pugwash, Cumberland Co.
41 Port Hillford	C. C. Burgess, Pugwash, Cumberland Co.	1879	James McConnell, Port Hillford, Guysboro' Co.
42 Prince Street—Truro	J. E. Goucher, Truro	1873	M. J. Walter, Truro.
43 River John	I. R. Skinner, B.A., River Hebert, Cumberland Co.	1884	M. J. Porter, River Hebert, Cumberland Co.
44 River John	E. P. McGregor, New Glasgow	1884	Nelson Sullivan, River John, Pictou Co.
45 Sydney, C. B.	E. P. Caldwell, B.A., Sydney, C. B.	1884	H. C. Harrington, Sydney, C. B.
46 Spring Hill	J. D. Martell, New Harbor	1883	A. G. Purdy, Spring Hill.
47 Seal Harbor	No Pastor	1883	Elijah Crooks, Seal Harbor.
48 St. Mary's, 1st	No Pastor	1883	Z. H. Hewett, Sonoma, Guysboro' Co.
49 St. Mary's, 2nd	No Pastor	1883	Robert McKee, Cross Roads, Guysboro' Co.
50 Tracadie	C. H. Martell, B.A., Central Onslow, Colchester Co.	1883	Frederick Bowden, East Tracadie.
51 Upper Londonderry	No Pastor	1883	Richard McCully, Debert Station, Colchester Co.
52 Upper Stewiacke	No Pastor	1883	E. N. Bentley, Upper Stewiacke, Colchester Co.
53 Westchester	David McKee, Cumberland Co.	1883	Frederick McGowan, Westchester, Colchester Co.
54 Willamdale and Millvale	H. Boul, P. O., Cumberland Co.	1883	Alexander B. Brown, Willamdale, Colchester Co.
55 Wallace	S. E. Miller, (Lic.), Spring Hill, Cumberland Co.	1883	Ralph W. Filmon, Willamdale, Cumberland Co.
56 Westbrook	S. E. Miller, (Lic.), Spring Hill, Cumberland Co.	1883	P. C. Woodland, Wallace Bridge, Cumberland Co.
57 Westbrook	S. E. Miller, (Lic.), Spring Hill, Cumberland Co.	1883	Stephen Rogers, Westbrook, Cumberland Co.

OTHER ORDAINED MINISTERS:—Obed Chute, Upper Stewiacke; Henry Boul, Pugwash; D. W. C. Dimock, Truro; Henry Eagles, St. Mary's; T. B. Layton, Great Village; G. F. Miles, Amherst; E. G. Sibley, Wittenburg.

Statistics of the Sabbath Schools in the Churches of the Nova Scotia Eastern Baptist Association FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 31, 1886.

NAME OF CHURCH.	No. of Schools.	SUPERINTENDENT'S NAME.	No. Scholars Enrolled.	Average Attendance.	No. of Teachers.	No. Adults in Classes.	Volumes in Library.	Moneys expended on Scholars.	Moneys raised for Benevolent Objects.	No. of Sundays in Session.	No. Scholars Baptized.
1 Amherst.....	1	M. D. Pride.....	330	175	21	5	500	\$156 10	\$24 34	51	1
2 Advocate Harbor.....	1	Alfred Knowlton.....	40	25	3	10	89	12 00	.....	50	2
3 Acadia Mines.....	1	G. H. Lawrence.....	40	28	6	12	230	.....	.....	50	2
4 Antigonish.....	1	D. Graham Whidden.....	40	30	4	12	160	20 00	.....	45	22
5 Brookfield.....	2	Chas. D. Carter and Ezra Stephens.....	45	35	8	8	144	30 00	.....	52	2
6 Cow Bay, C. B.....	1	L. G. D. Carr.....	48	38	8	8	150	30 00	.....	51	7
7 Canso.....	1	Leapt Whitman.....	68	50	6	15	100	38 73	3 76	51	7
8 Digby River.....	1	Frederick Cannon.....	40	24	3	10	10	.....	.....	40	4
9 Digby Village.....	1	I. C. Layton.....	35	30	4	25	50	4 00	.....	45	22
10 Guysboro' and Manchester.....	1	J. McG. Cunningham.....	15	12	5	20	50	.....	.....	24	5
11 Guysboro'.....	1	C. D. Nichols.....	45	37	5	10	40	9 00	.....	50	5
12 Guysboro'.....	1	Henry Hunter.....	50	30	4	12	100	15 00	18 04	50	5
13 Greenville.....	1	Thomas Holmes.....	100	58	4	32	100	.....	.....	.....	.....
14 Greenville, C. B.....	1	Abraham Cox.....	30	28	4	12	100	.....	.....	.....	.....
15 Isaac's Harbor.....	1	Wm. Hunter 1st.....	49	38	6	32	100	.....	.....	.....	.....
16 Little Glace Bay.....	1	John Y. Ross.....	64	56	6	32	100	.....	.....	.....	.....
17 Lower Stewnicke.....	1	Joseph E. Taylor.....	1	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....

Treasurer's Report.

*The Eastern Baptist Association in account with D. J.
Taylor, Treasurer.*

1886.—Sept. 10th to 13th.—Cash received from	
Seal Harbor.....	\$ 1 00
Cow Bay.....	5 00
Little Glace Bay.....	2 00
Advocate Harbor.....	2 00
Westchester.....	2 00
Mabou, C. B.....	2 00
Goshen.....	2 00
New Annan.....	1 00
Canso.....	2 00
Great Village.....	3 50
Mira Bay, C. B.....	2 50
Wallace.....	18 00
Hawkesbury.....	5 00
Greenville.....	15 20
Pugwash.....	8 00
Westbrook.....	6 00
Collection Home Mission debt.....	74 36
Sabbath Collections.....	27 64
By total receipts.....	\$179 20
To paid bills at Association.....	\$10 00
" Rev. T. B. Layton, Secretary, for printing	
Minutes, &c.....	30 00
" amount forwarded to Treasurer Home Missions.	74 36
" " paid Gen. Finance Agent, G. E. D.....	64 84
	\$179 20

The Table on pages 16, 17, contains some errors respecting the residences of Ministers. This list may be taken as the correct one supplied by the Clerk of the Association.

Ministers of the N. S. Eastern Baptist Association.

NAME.	Place of residence.	Date of Ordination.	Place of Ordination.
Armstrong, J. J.	Great Village	1874	Greenville.
Boal, H.	Pugwash	1869	Coatbridge, G. B.
Beattie, F.	Parrsboro	1870	Shediac, N. B.
Bancroft, J. W.	North Sydney, C. B.	1875	Windsor.
Bradshaw, W. B.	Antigonish	1877	North River, P. E. I.
Burgess, C. C.	Pugwash	1880	Argyle.
Coldwell, E. P.	Sydney, C. B.	1850	Wentworth.
Chute, Obed	Up. Stewiacke	1841	Chester.
Dimock, D. W. C.	Truro	1884	Penfield, N. B.
Davison, F. D.	Acadia Mines	1842	Kempt, Hants Co.
Eagles, Henry	St. Mary's	1859	Gag town, N. B.
Geucher, J. E.	Truro	1861	Mahone Bay.
Gates, L. B.	Hawksbury	1882	Lower Stewiacke.
Haverstock, C. H.	N. E. Margaree, C. B.	1872	Musquash, N. B.
Layton, T. B.	Great Village	1854	River Hebert.
McKeen, David	Athol	1873	Cape Breton.
McLeod, D.	New Harbor	1877	Newport.
McGregor, P. S.	New Glasgow	1846	Newcastle, N. B.
Miles, G. F.	Amherst	1878	Onslow.
Martell, C. H.	Central Onslow	1884	L. Woodstock, N. B.
Miller, E. T.	Wittenburg, Col. Co.	1865	Guysboro.
Murray Joseph	Spring Hill	1869	Centreville, N. B.
Munro, T. M.	Oxford	1876	Andover, N. B.
Skinner, I. R.	River Hebert	1865	Wolfville.
Steele D. A.	Amherst	1885	Banning, S. Cal.
Sibley, E. G.	Wittenburg	1886	Cow Bay, C. B.
Shaw, M. B.	Cow Bay, C. B.	1852	West Brook.
Thompson, Saml.	Advocate Harbor		