

Minutes
OF THE
SIXTEENTH SESSION
OF THE
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BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
OF
NOVA SCOTIA.

HELD AT NORTH SYDNEY, C. B.

Saturday, Monday and Tuesday, July 21, 23, & 24, 1866.

TOGETHER WITH

THE CIRCULAR LETTER, &c.

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CONSTITUTION OF THE EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OF NOVA SCOTIA.

ARTICLE 1st.—This body shall be called the Eastern Baptist Association of Nova Scotia, and shall consist of Delegates representing the Churches of which it is composed, each of whom shall be a member of one of those churches, together with Delegates from corresponding Associations, and such others as may, by the Association, be invited to sit in Council.

ART. 2nd.—Each church connected with the body may send five Delegates besides its Pastor.

ART. 3rd.—The object of this Association being the cultivation of Christian Union, the promotion of individual godliness, and by mutual consultation, to seek, in the use of Scriptural measures, the extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom—it disclaims all authority over the Churches, and shall in no case interfere with their internal concerns, or their entire scriptural independency. Yet it may dissolve its connection with any Church that, upon sufficient examination, shall be judged by the Association to have departed essentially from Scripture principles or Baptist faith and practice.

ART. 4th.—This Association shall meet at such time and place as it may appoint, and the meetings shall be opened with devotional exercises.

ART. 5th.—The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, who shall preside at all the meetings, nominate all the Committees not otherwise provided for, and perform all the duties naturally connected with such office; a Clerk, who shall keep a record of all the business transacted, prepare the Minutes for the press, and attend to their distribution; and a Treasurer, who shall receive all the monies contributed for the purposes of the Association, and dispose of them according to its direction. All the officers shall remain in office till their successors are chosen.

ART. 6th.—The religious sentiments of this body are those expressed in the Articles of the Faith and Practice of the Baptist Churches in Nova Scotia.

ART. 7th.—The Association may receive any Church which, by letter, shall apply for admission, and shall give satisfactory evidence of its faith and order, in agreement with the religious sentiments of this body; and each Church belonging to this body shall.

send annually a letter, containing an account of its history for the year preceding, particularly of its additions and diminutions, with its number then in fellowship,—also, money to assist in publishing the Minutes. Any Church that for three successive years omits sending letters, Delegates, or money, shall be considered withdrawn from the Association, and shall be discontinued from the Minutes unless sufficient reason may appear to account for the omission, or provided it may appear desirable to make some inquiry, by committee or otherwise, and report at the next meeting of the Association.

ART. 8th.—This Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members at any annual meeting of the Association.

RULES OF ORDER.

RULE 1st.—At each Annual Meeting the letters from the churches shall be first handed in, from which the Secretary shall immediately make out a list of Delegates.

RULE 2nd.—After religious worship the officers shall be chosen. The choice of the Moderator shall be made by ballot. No brother shall be chosen Moderator two years in succession.

RULE 3rd.—The first letter read shall be from the Church with which the Association is assembled.

RULE 4th.—No subject shall be discussed without a motion first made and seconded, and no person shall speak on any subject more than twice unless by consent of the Association.

RULE 5th.—When any church is received, the Moderator shall give to one of its delegates the right hand of fellowship.

RULE 6th.—At the commencement of each sitting, the Minutes of the preceding one shall be read and approved, and of the last sitting, before the final adjournment.

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

RULE 8th.—All resolutions shall be presented in writing.

RULE 9th.—Each meeting for business shall be commenced and concluded with prayer.

RULE 10th.—No delegate shall leave the Association before the business is finished, without permission of the body.

RULE 11th.—These rules shall be read by the Moderator at the commencement of every annual session of the Association.

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MINUTES.

NORTH SYDNEY, C. B., July 21st, 1886.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Association convened in the Baptist Chapel, at the usual hour, 2 o'clock, P. M.

Rev. D. W. C. Dimock, Moderator of last year, occupied the chair. Prayer was offered by Rev. G. Richardson.

From the Letters handed in the following list of Delegates was prepared:—

- Amherst*.—Rev. G. F. Miles.
- Advocate Harbor*.—Rev. T. A. Blackadar.
- Antigonish*.—Bro. T. M. King.
- Bedeque, P. E. I.*—Rev. M. P. Freeman.
- Cape Canso*.—Rev. D. A. Steele.
- Charlottetown, P. E. I.*—Rev. John Shaw.
- Crowe Harbor*.—Rev. J. Murray.
- East Point, P. E. I.*—Rev. J. Shaw.
- Glenville and River Philip*.—Rev. W. George.
- Goose River*.—Rev. G. F. Miles.
- Great Village*.—Rev. J. E. Balcom.
- Guysboro*.—Rev. J. Murray and Bro. John Morgan.
- Isaac's Harbor*.—Rev. H. Eagles.
- Little River*.—Rev. W. George.
- Lot 49, P. E. I.*—Rev. E. N. Archibald.
- Lower Stewiacke*.—Rev. A. Chipman.
- Mabou, C. B.*—Rev. J. F. Kempton, Dea. J. L. Tremain, and Bro. David Smith.
- Margaret, C. B.*—Rev. J. F. Kempton, Dea. Lachlan McDonald, and Brethren Robert Burton, Murdock McDonald, and Murdock McLean.
- Maccan*.—Rev. G. F. Miles.
- Mira Bay, C. B.*—Dea. Charles Martell; Brethren Benj. Spencer, Arnold Holmes, and Parmenas Spencer.
- New Harbor*.—Rev. J. Murray.
- North River, P. E. I.*—Rev. E. N. Archibald.
- North Sydney, C. B.*—Revs. T. H. Porter, Jr., H. Ross; Dea. John Meloney; Brethren Alex. Moore, Alex. Grant and N. H. Dobson.
- Onslow*.—Rev. W. G. Parker.
- Parvabro Village*.—Rev. T. A. Blackadar.
- Sand Point*.—Rev. J. Murray.
- St. Mary's 1st*.—Rev. H. Eagles.
- St. Mary's 2nd*.—Rev. H. Eagles.
- St. Peter's Road, P. E. I.*—Rev. J. Shaw.

Sydney, C. B.—Revds Geo. Richardson and W. B. Boggs; Dea. John Peters; Brethren H. E. Meloney, H. C. Creed, and J. C. Dumaresq.

Tracadie.—Rev. J. Murray.

Truro.—Rev. D. W. C. Dimock.

Tryon, P. E. I.—Rev. M. P. Freeman.

Upper Londonderry.—Rev. J. E. Balcom.

Upper Stewiacke.—Rev. A. Chipman.

West and Clyde Rivers, P. E. I.—Rev. M. P. Freeman.

DELEGATES FROM OTHER ASSOCIATIONS.

Western.—Revds. Geo. Armstrong and J. Melbourne Parker.

Central.—Revds. Dr. Cramp, Dr. Crawley, W. Burton, S. T. Rand, and Brethren S. Selden and Daniel Mosher.

INVITED.

Revds. Wm. McPhee; Brethren J. G. Paint, Geo. Dobson, J. Stubbart, Thos. Armstrong, H. Morrow, Mark Ingraham, and Thomas McLean.

Rev W. G. Parker was then elected Moderator; Rev. W. B. Boggs, Clerk; Bro. T. M. King, Assistant Clerk, and Bro. Nelson H. Dobson, Treasurer.

The Rules of the Association having been read by the Moderator, the following Committees were chosen:—

TO EXAMINE AND READ LETTERS.—Revds. Dr. Cramp, J. E. Balcom, and D. W. C. Dimock.

NOMINATION AND ARRANGEMENTS.—Revds. Geo. Armstrong, T. H. Porter, Jr., W. B. Boggs, J. Murray, G. F. Miles, J. F. Kempton, and H. Ross.

The Letters from the Churches were then read, from which the statistics were obtained. [See page 14.]

Some discussion followed the reading of the Letters, with regard to the manner of reporting persons received by experience, without a letter of dismissal.

Resolved, That those letters which contain statements of admission or dismissal of members by methods not in harmony with the ordinary usages of the Denomination, be referred to the Committee on Questions in Letters.

On motion, Brethren Hance Mills, William Faulkner, John King, H. C. Upham, and W. F. Cullen, were appointed Delegates from this Association to the Convention.

Also Resolved, That Ministering Brethren belonging to this Association, who may attend said Convention, be requested to act as Delegates. That the Minutes of this Association be furnished to the Churches, as last year.

That the Letter from the Greenville Church be referred to the Committee on Questions in Letters.

That all unappropriated monies from the Churches be devoted to Home Missions.

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The following were appointed a Committee on "Departed Brethren:"—Revds. M. P. Freeman, E. N. Archibald, and W. George.

Resolved, That Rev. G. F. Miles preach the Associational Sermon next year; that Rev. D. A. Steele be his alternate; and that Rev. A. Chipman write the Circular Letter.

The Committee of Nomination and Arrangements presented the following report, which was adopted:—

COMMITTEES.

ON THE CIRCULAR LETTER.—Revds. Geo. Armstrong, D. A. Steele, and Dea. Alex. Moore.

ON MISSIONS.—Bro. S. Selden; Revds. J. Shaw, E. N. Archibald, A. Chipman, H. Ross, J. F. Kempton, and W. McPhee; Deacons L. McDonald, and J. Peters, and Bro. J. G. Paint.

ON EDUCATION.—Revds. J. E. Balcom, J. M. Cramp, D. D., G. F. Miles, Geo. Armstrong, and Brethren H. C. Creed, and N. H. Dobson.

ON QUESTIONS IN LETTERS.—Revds. D. W. C. Dimock, T. A. Blackadar, W. Burton, Dr. Crawley, A. Chipman, G. F. Miles, and Dea. J. L. Tremain.

ON CHRISTIAN MESSENGER.—Revds. E. N. Archibald, J. Murray, Geo. Richardson, and Brethren David Smith, and Mardock McLean.

ON SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.—Revds. T. H. Porter, Jr., D. A. Steele, W. George, J. M. Parker, and Brethren J. C. Dumaresq, H. E. Meloney, and Rob. Burton.

ON TEMPERANCE.—Bro. T. M. King, Revds. G. F. Miles and H. Eagles; Deacons John Meloney, and Charles Martell, and Brethren Alex. Grant, Benj. Spencer, D. Mosher, and H. Morrow.

That there be a Prayer Meeting at 6 A. M., each morning during the Session.

That all Committees meet at 8.30 o'clock on Monday morning.

That the morning sessions commence at 10 o'clock and close at 12.30. Afternoon—commence at 2.30 and close at 5.30. Evening—commence at 7.30.

That in the absence of the Brother appointed to preach the Associational Sermon and his alternate, Rev. Dr. Crawley be requested to perform that duty.

That the Committee on Education report on Monday afternoon.

That Monday evening be devoted to a Missionary meeting.

That the Sabbath School Convention be held on Tuesday forenoon.

That services be held on Lord's day as follows:—

At 11, A. M., Baptist Chapel, North Sydney, Rev. Dr. Cramp; Sydney, Rev. Dr. Crawley; Sydney Mines, (Presbyterian Church), Rev. G. Armstrong; Little Bras d'Or, (Presbyterian Church), Rev. John Shaw.

At 3, P. M., North Sydney, Rev. W. G. Parker; North Bar, Rev. J. E. Balcom; N. W. Arm, Rev. W. George.

At 5.30, P. M., Little Bras d'Or, (Presbyterian Church), Rev. W. Burton.

At 7, P. M., North Sydney, Rev. G. F. Miles; Sydney, Rev. D. A. Steele; North Bar, Rev. D. W. C. Dimock; Sydney Mines, Rev. S. T. Rand; N. W. Arm, Rev. M. P. Freeman.

Adjourned, after prayer.

On Lord's day, services were held as above.

Monday, July 23. Morning Session.—

The Associational Sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. Crawley, from Philippians iii. 13, 14. After prayer by Rev. J. Shaw, the usual collection was taken for Home Missions.

Minutes of previous session read and approved.

Several Letters from Churches were then read, which had been received since the Saturday afternoon session.

Resolved, That Rev. T. H. Porter, Jr., Bro. S. Selden, and Rev. W. B. Boggs, be a Committee to take charge of letters received from Churches after the Association closes.

The Committee on the Circular Letter reported, and, the Letter having been read, it was resolved that it be referred again to the Committee.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. A. Chipman.

Afternoon Session,

Prayer by Rev. J. E. Balcom. Minutes read and approved.

The Report on Departed Brethren was then read and adopted. (Appendix E.)

The Committee on Temperance reported. Remarks were made by Bro. H. C. Creed, Revds. W. George, H. Eagles, Bro. S. Selden, Revds. G. Richardson, S. T. Rand, G. F. Miles, T. H. Porter, Jr., and Dr. Cramp. The Report was then adopted. (Appendix C.)

The Committee on the Circular Letter recommended that it be slightly abbreviated and printed with the Minutes. Their report was then adopted.

The Report of the Committee on Education was read. Remarks were made by Revds. G. Armstrong, E. N. Archibald, Dr. Cramp, Dr. Crawley, S. T. Rand, G. F. Miles, D. W. C. Dimock, H. Ross, D. A. Steele, J. E. Balcom, M. P. Freeman, and Bro. H. C. Creed. The Report was then adopted. (Appendix B.)

The Committee on the "Christian Messenger" presented their report which was adopted. (Appendix D.)

Prayer by Rev. T. A. Blackadar. Adjourned.

The evening was devoted to a Missionary meeting, which was opened by singing, and prayer by Rev. Dr. Cramp. The Report of the Committee on Missions was read and adopted. (Appendix A.) Bro. Selden then read a part of the Annual Report of the N. S. Baptist Home Missionary Society.

The first Resolution was moved by Rev. D. W. C. Dimock, and seconded by Rev. G. F. Miles :

1. The instruction of our Lord was—"beginning at Jerusalem." We consequently regard *Home Missions* as demanding our first efforts. The experience of the past in our denomination teaches us that such labors are approved by our Lord and Master. We consequently hereby pledge ourselves to continue and increase our efforts to extend a knowledge of Christ in this land, and to pray for a blessing on the labors of those sent out in this work.

The resolution was also spoken to by Revds. J. Shaw, J. F. Kempton and W. McPhee. A verse having been sung, and a collection made for Home Missions, the resolution was adopted.

The second Resolution was moved by Rev. Dr. Cramp, and seconded by Rev. Geo. Armstrong, and adopted :

2 The *Acadian French* are our fellow-countrymen and have special claims on our christian sympathy and prayers. We therefore urge on the churches to give their practical approbation and liberal support to the French Missionary operations under the direction of the N. S. Western Baptist Association.

The third Resolution was moved by Dr. Crawley and seconded by Rev. J. E. Balcom, and adopted.

3. The carrying forth of the Gospel to the heathen world we esteem as a christian duty resting on all our churches and people. The employment of Native preachers in foreign countries, we, in common with all christian bodies, regard as the best means of reaching the people generally. Our being driven to this mode of employing foreign mission funds may be considered as special favor shewn to us, seeing that we are at present unable to find a minister suited to go from our midst. Whilst the fact that more than a dozen of these Burmans and Karens are supported by funds from these Provinces calls for gratitude to God, the existence of so much darkness in the world calls for continued effort and prayer that the Lord would send forth laborers into his harvest.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. Murray.

As a result of the meeting, Brethren Miles and Balcom agreed jointly to support a Native Preacher in Burmah for a year; also Brethren T. M. King and N. H. Dobson made the same offer.

Tuesday, July 24. Morning Session.

The Association opened at 10 o'clock, with prayer by Rev. E. N. Archibald.

The Committee on Questions in Letters presented their report which was adopted clause by clause as follows:—

1. That the next meeting of this Association be held with the Upper Londonderry Church, in the Debert River Meeting House, at 2 o'clock P. M., on the first Saturday in July, 1867.
2. That the name of Salmon River Church be omitted from the Minutes, as it and the Grand Mira Church are the same.
3. That the name of Glenville Church be changed to Glenville and River Philip.
4. That with reference to the inquiry respecting the dismission of members who have withdrawn from a Baptist Church, and united with a body of different faith and order, this Association is of opinion that it would be inconsistent to give a dismission to such, and would be unwise to depart from our usual practice in such cases.

On the last clause remarks were made by Revds. Dr. Crawley, G. F. Miles, J. Murray, Dr. Cramp, W. Burton, W. McPhee, E. N. Archibald, G. Armstrong, H. Ross, H. Eagles, and T. H. Porter, Jr.

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Letters from the Churches at Westbrook, and West and Clyde Rivers, were read.

The Association then suspended its Session in order to give opportunity for a meeting of the Sabbath School Convention. The meeting was opened by Bro. S. Selden, the President of the Convention. The statistics of Sabbath Schools in connection with this Association, were read by Bro. T. M. King.

Rev. J. Murray spoke on "The adaptation of the Sabbath School to the wants of the church and the world."

Rev. J. E. Balcom gave an address on "The characteristics of a good Sabbath School Teacher."

Rev. D. A. Steele spoke on "The rewards bestowed on Sabbath School Teachers in their work."

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. Dr. Crawley.

Afternoon Session.

Opened with prayer by Rev. Wm. George.

Bro. Dimock presented the claims of the brethren in Pictou with regard to obtaining a place of worship.

The following Resolution was moved by Rev. G. F. Miles, and seconded by Rev. T. H. Porter, Jr.

"In view of the claims of the Church of Christ, connected with this Denomination, at Pictou, the Association recommends the purchase of a building and lot in that town, in which to worship, and we hereby pledge ourselves to aid an agent employed for the accomplishment of that object, as God gives ability."

After remarks by Revs. Dr. Crawley, Dr. Cramp, D. W. C. Dimock, J. E. Balcom, A. Chipman, G. Armstrong, W. Burton, and Brethren S. Selden and T. M. King, the above resolution was adopted.

Rev. D. W. C. Dimock was appointed our Agent for the Pictou Mission.

Resolved, That Rev. D. W. C. Dimock, and Bro. R. J. Griffiths be a Committee to purchase certain property in Pictou, for the use of the Baptist Church there; and to invest the same in the best manner to ensure the purpose of such purchase, and to save the Denomination from loss—either by investing the same in the Missionary Board, or otherwise, as shall seem best advised—with power to sell the same if necessary, in case of debt accruing thereon.

Resolved, That Rev. G. F. Miles, and Rev. T. A. Blackadar be a Committee for directing the Agency of the Pictou Mission, and for securing a substitute, in case of the Agent's failure to fulfil his mission.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence reported. Remarks were made by Revds. T. H. Porter, Jr., G. Armstrong, D. W. C. Dimock, M. P. Freeman, Dr. Cramp, and Bro. Lachlen McDonald. The Report was then adopted. (Appendix F.)

Resolved, That Brethren Porter, Boggs, and Creed be a Committee on Statistics; that blank forms be printed and sent to all the churches of this Association, previous to our next meeting; and that the expenses of printing and circulating said forms be paid out of the funds of the Association.

On motion, Bro. Selden was appointed Auditor of the Account of the Infirm Ministers' Fund, and was requested to publish the same in the Minutes.

Resolved, That Revds. G. F. Miles, and J. E. Balcom, and Brethren B. Douglas, J. M. Layton, and A. S. Blenkhorn be the Board for the management of the Infirm Ministers' Fund.

Rev. H. Eagles was requested to investigate the circumstances of the Indian Harbor Church, and report at our next meeting.

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of this Association are hereby tendered to the members of the Baptist Church and congregation at North Sydney, and to other friends in the vicinity, for their kind hospitalities during the present session.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be tendered to the other Denominations who have opened their meeting houses to us for preaching.

Resolved, That Revds. J. E. Balcom and D. W. C. Dimock, and Brethren S. Selden, and W. F. Cullen be a Committee to make arrangements for the conveyance of brethren to the Association next year.

The Treasurer's Report was then submitted.

On motion, The Treasurer was ordered to pay over the various sums to the respective Boards.

The Report was then adopted.

The Union Hymn having been sung, the Association adjourned to meet next year with the Upper Londonderry Church. Prayer by Rev. Geo. Richardson.

W. G. PARKER, *Moderator*.

W. B. BOGGS, *Clerk*.

North Sydney, July 24th, 1866.

MINISTERS IN THE EASTERN ASSOCIATION.

NAMES.	Residence.	Date of Ordination.	Place of Ordination.
Rev. E J Archibald.	North River, P E I	Jan'y 7, 1866	N River, P E I
" J E Balcom....	Great Village....	March 26, 1853	Long Island.
" M A Bigelow...	Antigonishe....	Sept 14, 1859	Guysboro.
" T A Blackadar.	Pugwash.....	Sept 5, 1865	Parrsboro....
" Wm B Boggs..	Sydney, C B....	Sept 24, 1865	Sydney
" Obed Chute....	Upper Stewiacke	Feb'y 7, 1850	Westchester.
" A Chipman....	Stewiacke,	Nov 16, 1862	River Philip.
" D W C Dimock.	Truro	Dec 6, 1841	Chester.
" J Davis.....	Ch Town, P E I.	June 1829	Southsea, G B.
" H Eagles	St Mary's.....	Aug 1842	Kempt, Hants.
" M P Freeman..	Bedeque, P E I..	July 5, 1863	Bedeque.
" William George	Little River	Nov 28, 1865	L River, Cum.
" J H Kempton..	Margaree, C B...	June 5, 1864	Mira, C B.
" Geo F Miles...	Amherst		
" Joseph Murray.	Guysborough ...	Oct 29, 1865	Guysborough.
" D McKeen.....	L Forks, Maccan	Sept 13, 1854	River Hebert.
" R McDonald...	Margaree, C B..	Aug 23, 1853	Margaree, CB.
" Saml McLeod..	Ulga, P E I.....		
" W McPhee	Baddeck, C B...	July 10, 1863	Guysboro.
" D P McQuillan.	Mira Bay, C B..	July 1836	Baddeck.
" T H Porter, Jr.	N Sydney, C B..	Nov 6, 1861	Lr Stewiacke.
" Malcom Ross ..	West River, P E I	June 3, 1843	N River, F E I
" Hugh Ross	N Sydney, C B..	Sept 1847	Mira Bay, C B.
" Geo Richardson,	Sydney, C B	March 5, 1822	Hnds Plains.
" James Reid....	Bass River	June 1840	Onslow.
" John Shaw.....	East Point, P E I,	Oct 14, 1832	Three Rivers.
" Benj Scott.....	Onslow	Sept 18, 1832	P E Island.
" D A Steele.....	Canso.....	June 20, 1865	Wolfville.
" S Thompson...	Economy	Sept 1852	Westbrook.

Statistics of the Churches in the Eastern Baptist Association.

CHURCHES.	Date of Organization.	Pastor.	Year of Settlement.	CLERK, AND POST OFFICE ADDRESS.		INCREASE		DECREASE		TOTAL.
						By Baptism.	By Letter, &c.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	
						3	4	1	1	47
Advocate Harbor	1840	T. A. Blackadar	1865	Archibald McLellan, Advocate Harbor,		5	3	1	6	246
Amherst	1840	G. F. Miles	1865	B. Douglass, Amherst		1	1	1	1	30
Amherst Shore	1843	Thos. Blakeney	1865	Charles D. Rookwell, Amherst Shore.		32	5	1	3	125
Antigonish	1826	M. P. Freeman	1862	Edward Lidston, Free Town, P. E. I.		1	5	1	1	50
Bedeque, P. E. I.	1846	D. A. Steele	1865	Thos. C. Cook, Cape Canso		3	1	1	1	89
Brookfield	1836	John Davis	1838	J. Desbrisay, Charlottetown, P. E. I.		2	1	1	1	29
Cape Canso	1862	Samuel Thompson				5	1	1	1	35
Cape Wolf	1836	John Shaw				17	4	2	2	14
Charlottetown, P. E. I.	1862	William George	1866	H. A. Davison, River Philip		2	1	1	1	33
Coddle Harbor	1847	Thomas Blakeney	1866	George Smith, Goose River		2	1	1	1	22
Crewe Harbor	1847	Thomas Blakeney	1866	George Smith, Goose River		2	1	1	1	24
Diligent River	1847	Thomas Blakeney	1866	George Smith, Goose River		2	1	1	1	88
Earlton	1847	Thomas Blakeney	1866	George Smith, Goose River		2	1	1	1	36
East Point, P. E. I.	1847	Thomas Blakeney	1866	George Smith, Goose River		2	1	1	1	46
Five Islands	1847	Thomas Blakeney	1866	George Smith, Goose River		2	1	1	1	29
Glenville and River Philip	1847	Thomas Blakeney	1866	George Smith, Goose River		2	1	1	1	29
Goose River	1847	Thomas Blakeney	1866	George Smith, Goose River		2	1	1	1	19
Goshen	1847	Thomas Blakeney	1866	George Smith, Goose River		2	1	1	1	22
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Guysboro	1836	J. F. Balcorn	1866	Amos Fountain, Great Village		62	1	1	1	75
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Circular Letter.

FROM THE EASTERN NOVA SCOTIA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
TO THE CHURCHES OF WHICH IT IS COMPOSED.

Dear Brethren,

The subject to which we invite attention in this our annual epistle, is that of **THE JEWS**. They claim our attention and regard as being a portion of the human race; and they claim peculiar regard, as being among the most interesting portions of that race. To them do we owe, instrumentally, all we enjoy in the present, and all we hope for in the future. From them sprung "the desire of all nations." "Out of Zion went forth the law and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem." This fact alone invests the Jew with an interest which nothing can enhance.

In treating this subject, we may advert to the present condition of the Jews; to the claims which they have on our christian sympathies; and then present some incentives suited to call into activity such sympathies. During the long lapse of eighteen centuries the Jew has stood forth conspicuous before the world, a monumental attestation of the truth of the divine word. The destruction of the city of their solemnities, and their dispersion over the earth, was a literal fulfilment of prophetic threatening, uttered long ages before, by the servants of God. "If ye will not for all this, hearken unto me, but walk contrary unto me, then I will walk contrary unto you also in fury, and I, even I will chastise you seven times for your sins; I will scatter you among the heathen and will draw out a sword after you, and your land shall be desolate and your cities waste." "And thou shalt become an astonishment, a proverb and a

byword, among all nations whither the Lord shalt lead thee." "The Lord shall scatter thee among all people, from the one end of the earth unto the other." In harmony with these and numerous other predictions of the prophets the present condition of the Jew is that of isolation from man, and alienation from God. Because of their stiffnecked rebellion, because they would have it so, they are given up to the rejection of the Messiah, whose coming, and the time and circumstances of whose coming, he that runneth may read.

Their case presents to our view with terrible conspicuousness the blinding process, the hardening power of unbelief, and its far reaching, fearful consequences. Scathed and blasted, we find this people dispersed among the nations and deprived of those privileges which are denied to no others. Like those great rivers which disembogue, and with distinct current, flow out far into the ocean, so do this people, though among, coalesce not with the nations of the earth. Wherever we travel we find the children of Abraham everywhere and always the same, groping in the darkness of a dispensation long since passed away. "For until this day remaineth the same veil untaken away." They have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. "Being ignorant of God's righteousness," of the divine and only way of justification, "and going about to establish their own righteousness, they have not submitted themselves to the righteousness of God." Such is the condition of the Jew. He is, under disabilities from man, he is under the frown of Heaven, and in a condition the most wretched which falls to the lot of humanity.

Having adverted to their present condition, let us now, with much brevity, glance at the second part of our subject, and notice the strong claims which they have on our christian sympathies. The sentiment of the great Apostle reverberates along the centuries and makes a responsive echo in every christian heart: "I am debtor both to the Greeks and to the Barbarians, both to the wise and to the unwise." "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," is the great command of him who "spake as never man spake." This excludes none, but embraces all the human race. And if there be a people, to whom beyond another, we owe a debt of gratitude yet unpaid, it

is that people, descended from faithful Abraham. As the depositaries of the glorious revelation of God to man, through them have come down to us the scriptures of eternal truth. In these sacred oracles are contained those cheering and sublime teachings, those far-reaching, all-embracing prophecies which fill the entire field of vision to the close of time, and nerve the christian's heart for the great warfare of life.

That nothing may be wanting to incite to an energetic response to the claims which the condition of this people make upon us, we have presented before us the sure word of promise. "The children of Israel shall abide many days without a prince, without a king, without a sacrifice and without an image, without an ephod and without a teraphim. Afterward shall they return and seek the Lord their God and David their king." "And it shall come to pass that as I have watched over them to pluck them up, to break down and destroy and afflict, so will I watch over them to build and to plant, saith the Lord." And what is Ezekiel's vision of the reviving of the dry bones but an illustrious promise of a more glorious revival than has yet occurred, when that people shall turn to the Lord from whom they have revolted? Says the evangelical prophet: "It shall come to pass in that day that the great trumpet shall be blown, and they shall come who were ready to perish in the land of Assyria, and the outcasts in the land of Egypt, and shall worship the Lord in the holy mount of Jerusalem." Let us hear the decisive and final utterance of the great Apostle of the Gentiles: "I would not brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits, that blindness in part is happened unto Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in, and so all Israel shall be saved." There shall be a general turning of Israel to the Lord their God.

Again, have we not in the response of this people, to the claims of the Gospel in the earlier ages of Christianity, a bright promise of their glorious destiny? From the Acts of the Apostles we hear that many Jews early embraced the truth. By the preaching of Peter on the day of Pentecost three thousand were converted; not long after, five thousand had embraced the truth as it is in Jesus; and to the Church were daily added such as should be saved.

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Along the subsequent centuries, we have from time to time cheering pledges that God has not forgotten to be gracious to his ancient people. In order to prove this we have but to refer to the Jews of the 5th Century, in the islands of Minorca, Cyprus, and Crete, when large numbers were brought to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Through the dark, gloomy periods of the middle ages, the Lord ever had his witnesses among the descendants of the Father of the faithful.

We cannot here notice, except in the most cursory manner, the influence of the Reformation of the 16th Century, on the condition of the Jews. It may suffice to say, that the revival of literature, the study of the sacred languages, and of the Holy Scriptures, the study of oriental customs and manners, and that of the Hebrews in particular, led to a deeper interest in this people than had existed for long ages before. Then was awakened in the breasts of christians a very general sympathy in behalf of the ancient people of God. We learn that Luther, in his latter years, expressed the warm emotions of his heart towards them. And history informs us that Oliver Cromwell had thoughts and plans with reference to their re-establishment.

In the 17th Century a pious preacher of Strasburg named Schaddeus, translated the four gospels and the Acts of the Apostles, into the Hebrew, and at his own expense published them, under the name of the Pentateuch of the New Testament. Not long after this John Muller published a letter to the Jews, on the Salvation of Christ. The success of these two works was great, and many were brought thereby to enjoy the blessings of salvation.

In order further to encourage and incite us to the performance of duty, in this noble work, let us briefly notice the condition of this people during the past and present century, and the efforts which have been put forth for their conversion. We have thus far noticed only individual efforts. But early in the 18th century christian communities took the work in hand. The Meravian brethren were not backward in this noble cause. Zinzendorf had enlarged views of Israel's destiny, and ever treated the Jews with great consideration and affection.

The first society especially formed in their favor took place at Halle, in Germany, in 1728, under the name of

"the Jewish institute of Callemberg." In this institution we have a triumphant proof of the power of prayer. Said the pious and venerable Prelate, Hochestetter: "there are three things which in prayer, I have long asked of God.— 1st. That he would be pleased to pour out an abundant effusion of his Spirit on christians in Germany; 2nd. That he would be pleased to send forth laborers into the vast field of Pagan lands; 3rd. That he would remember the vine of Israel and have mercy upon it." This last prayer was answered, and the noble institution above noticed, was established. Young Callemberg, the founder, continued for thirty-two years, to direct it. This establishment continued for sixty-four years, and sent forth Jewish missionaries through Europe, Asia, and Africa, who proclaimed salvation through the blood of the Lamb.

Whilst European christians have put forth such noble and successful efforts, christians in America have not forgotten their duty in this great work. In the cities of New York and Boston, central Jewish societies exist, with hundreds of branches throughout the Union. On the shores of the Hudson are lands, which christians of the United States have assigned to Jews who have fled from persecution in other countries. The Lord has largely blessed the efforts of American christians in this noble cause.

Permit us now, before concluding, to present some of the many motives which urge us to labor and pray for Israel's conversion.

1st. *Sympathy for the suffering* calls for our prayers and our efforts. Has ever a people endured such numerous and long continued wrongs, as have the Jews. Theirs have been the rigors of an Egyptian endurance, for age on age. Their unceasing cry has been, when the morning came, "would God it were evening," and at evening, "would God it were morning," because of the terror which has seized upon them. Nor let any in reply to this, say "such was the prediction of the prophet, and such the purpose of heaven." Divine purpose and human duty, so far from running always in parallel lines, are not unfrequently seem opposed, the one to the other. By the "determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God," was our Lord's betrayal; yet was it by "wicked hands that he was crucified and slain."

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2nd. *Gratitude* calls upon us to put forth a helping hand. Who was the first great missionary to the human race? Though the Prince of the kings of the earth, he was a Jew. Though "Immanuel, God with us," he was of Abraham's seed. David's Lord was David's son. And allied to the great missionary, as to the flesh, were the first subordinate missionaries. They gave us the gospel; our privilege and duty in return, is, to present it to them.

3rd. *The Command* of our risen Lord is, "*begin at Jerusalem*." To the Jew first in point of time was the gospel preached, was the word of salvation sent; and as long as Israel's race is found far from God and righteousness, the command comes, clear and distinct from the Captain of Salvation, "beginning at Jerusalem."

4th. When faith would fail and courage sink prophecy reassures us "Behold I will gather you from the nations, I will bring you into your own land, I will cleanse you from your pollutions, I will give you a new heart, I will put my spirit within you, and make you walk in mine ordinances" "so all Israel shall be saved."

5th. Finally, Do not the signs of the times present a powerful motive to hasten into the field, which promises such a glorious harvest?

1. Among these signs is the marked change which is taking place in the civil condition of the Jews. We find alike in England and France, in Germany, Holland and Russia, yea, everywhere, that the civil disabilities under which they so long labored are fast being removed.

2. There is at this time, a disposition on the part of the Jew to listen to the christian such as has never before existed since the time of the Apostles.

3. The general expectation of this people is another cheering sign. At the advent of the blessed Jesus, there was a general expectation of some near, unknown, but great event; and such is now the state of expectancy on the part of the peeled and scathed sons of Abraham.

4. Lastly, the numerous conversions which have taken place among them, within the past few years, is one of the extraordinary and encouraging signs of these times. In Berlin, where there are not 7,000 Jews, no less than 1,000 have professed faith in Jesus Christ. We are told that in Hungary and Gallicia, the field seems white, ready to the

harvest. In Russia, within the last 15 years, about 2,000 have embraced the truth. Some cases of thrilling interest have lately occurred in America, of the conversion of Jews, the recital of which, did space permit, would cause our hearts to leap for joy. And let us recur to the generally well known fact, that more Jews have been converted within the last quarter of a century, than during the previous period of seventeen hundred years.

Is there nothing, Dear Brethren, in these, and in such facts as these, to awaken our highest expectations and our fullest activities with reference to Israel's destiny? Are we desirous of blessings richer far than all the abundance of corn or wine? Behold the sure high-way to such blessings: "I will bless him that blesseth thee, and curse him that curseth thee." Castigations the most rigorous have ever fallen upon Israel's persecutors, while those which have shown them favor, have shared in the richest benedictions. This is a fact which deserves to be deeply pondered. Are these rich promises for those who propagate the gospel? Are there in store for them rich blessings of heavenly favor? Does their peace flow as a river, their righteousness as the waves of the sea? But if there be blessings richer and fuller for the diffusion of heavenly truth among one people more than another, it is for those who say unto Israel, "Arise, shine, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee?"

Though the time has not yet come, it may be drawing near, when it will be our privilege and duty, as a body of christians, to establish a Jewish Mission. May we unite with our praises for blessings enjoyed, our activities and prayers, for their largest diffusion, and be in readiness, at the divine call, for every good word and work.

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APPENDIX.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

The Committee on Missions beg to report:—

That they regard the legacy left by our Saviour to his disciples—"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," as binding in its obligations on every believer, and demanding the utmost effort of every Christian man, woman, and child to the end of time. Our ability to aid in the extension of Christ's Kingdom is the measure of our duty. Every one who has partaken of the riches of grace and mercy purchased by Christ's life, death and resurrection, will, by personal effort, and by combining with his brethren, endeavour to communicate to the perishing a knowledge of the way of life.

The institutions for appropriating the benevolence of the Baptist churches in this land—the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Society embracing our missions in the English and Gaelic languages; the French Mission that to the Acadians; and our Foreign Mission that to the millions of British Burmah, present to us opportunities of carrying out our Master's direction to the fullest extent.

The Home Missionary Society claims our first consideration. Your Committee regret to learn that, in consequence of the smallness of the amounts contributed in some fields visited by the missionaries, there have been demands made on the Board which have involved them in liabilities amounting to about \$900, and that it will therefore be necessary to use greater caution in making appointments during the current year.

Your Committee deeply regret that this should be the case when such urgent calls are made from many places, and such a wide door is opened for preaching the truth as

it is in Jesus. Under these circumstances we would urge more attention to systematic efforts, by weekly, monthly, or quarterly contributions in behalf of this benevolent object.

The growing character of the population in many parts of the Central and Eastern Associations, especially in the mining districts, renders it exceedingly important that missions be sustained in their midst.

Your Committee regard the operations of the Missionary Board as affording much ground for encouragement. The fact that 19 men have been employed during the year, making on the whole 306 weeks or $5\frac{3}{4}$ years of labor expended, at a cost of 10 or 1200 dollars, shews that these combined efforts are an economical appropriation of mission funds. The fact that 69 persons have been baptized on a profession of faith in Christ is another reason for devout gratitude to the Divine Spirit, and indicates that his blessing rests on our labors.

The recommendation to the churches to release their Pastors for missionary visits your Committee deem very important. An agreement between neighboring pastors to hold missionary meetings in their churches would, we think, have a very salutary influence in keeping awake missionary interest and zeal amongst the brethren.

Our Foreign Missionary operations by means of Native preachers we regard as a wise arrangement; but we think it also highly important that the Board should, as early as possible, secure a man from this country, to go out, having the sympathy of the churches, and being sustained by them, who shall be prepared to take direction of the labors so efficiently performed for several years by our respected and beloved brother, Rev. A. R. R. Crawley. Our warmest thanks are due and are hereby tendered to our brother for these labors of love, which at present none could so well or effectually perform.

The French Mission we regard as a highly important part of the operations for the evangelization of this land, and would recommend a careful perusal of the Report of the French Missionary Board, given with our last year's Minutes, and more liberal donations and subscriptions towards sustaining the mission to the Acadian French.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

S. SELDEN, *Chairman.*

(B)

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee has much pleasure in reporting that—

The work of educating the youth of our Province is being promoted with increasing efficiency. Under the operation of enlightened legislation, the common-school system has been greatly improved, and the advantages of general instruction are now being enjoyed by a larger number of individuals than ever before in Nova Scotia. In view of the bearing of intelligence and mental culture upon the moral and religious condition of the people, we regard this as subject of congratulation for our Association as a body of Christians.

Concerning our own institutions at Wolfville we have to report that, while much has yet to be done to make them in all respects what the Denomination would have them,—yet they continue to hold a high and rising position among the educational institutions of the country. It is gratifying to know that measures have been taken to remedy past defects, and to render the appliances of education there existing more perfect and satisfactory than ever before. We believe that, under judicious management, our seminaries will afford facilities for the intellectual culture of our young men and women second to none in the Province.

Acadia College has been signally owned and blessed of God as an instrument of good. Not only have many there received a sound mental training, but have been educated in the principles of pure Christianity, and become the followers of Christ. The past history of our Institutions shows clearly that God has set his seal of approbation upon them. This stimulates their friends to patient, persevering efforts to sustain them and render them more efficient.

During the past year 36 students have received instruction at the College, and about 80 in the Academies. Six young men, having passed through the Collegiate course, graduated on the 5th of June last. Year after year, those who have completed the course prescribed go forth to enter upon honorable pursuits in life, benefitting their fellow-men and promoting the cause of truth and religion. Some of them are now in our midst, whose efficiency in the discharge

of their duties testifies to the advantage of a sound Christian education.

There is cause for rejoicing in the fact that Dr. Cramp has consented to continue in the Presidential Chair another year, and that Dr. Crawley is again employed at the scene of his former labours.

Your Committee feel assured that, when the Baptists of these Provinces take into consideration the benefits which have resulted to our Denomination from our Institutions of learning,—when they look upon those in their midst preaching faithfully and successfully the gospel which they love,—who have there been trained for their work,—their attachment will be strengthened and their liberality increased.

Respectfully submitted.

J. E. BALCOM, *Chairman.*

(C)

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The Committee on Temperance beg leave to report as follows:—

They cannot lose sight of the fact that intemperance is still, as it long has been, an agency of great evil to mankind, nullifying to a great extent the efforts of the Church in its labors in the cause of the Master. Entering our households those dear to us by nature's ties are led by its seductiveness beyond the pale of Christian influences. And in the family of Christ how often are the hearts of his children made sad by seeing some of their number led captive for a season by this enemy of our race.

While we recognize temperance effort as belonging to, and in harmony with, the labors of the Christian church and feel that total abstinence should be characteristic of the true follower of Jesus, we at the same time cordially welcome every organization which seeks in common with us to save our fellow-man from the dire results of intemperance, and as individual Christians heartily unite our efforts to their sin educating the people in the principles of Total Abstinence.

Respectfully submitted.

T. M. KING, *Chairman.*

(D)

REPORT ON THE "CHRISTIAN MESSENGER."

Your Committee beg leave to express their hearty and continued interest in our denominational organ. From the manner in which it is conducted, the quality of its matter, and the grateful welcome which we are aware it everywhere receives, as often as it repeats its visits, we do unhesitatingly place it in the front rank among the forces that centralize and unite our people. We rejoice in its increasing circulation. It is our opinion that if a man has but \$3.00 a year to spend in religious reading, he could not do better than to enclose \$2.00 to the editor of C. Messenger.

We do earnestly recommend all pastors of churches to be active agents within the sphere of their influence; and in token that this is made in good faith we do pledge ourselves to the same course.

In behalf of the Committee,

E. N. ARCHIBALD.

(E)

REPORT ON DEPARTED BRETHREN.

Your Committee have to add to the list of departed brethren the name of the Rev. Wm. Dobson, who exchanged the scene of his labors on earth for the rest of heaven on the 8th of March, 1866, at Tryon, P. E. Island.

The efforts of our departed brother both in Nova Scotia and P. E. Island, during the seven years of his ministry, met with a good measure of success, and in the various fields of his labors there are many who will long remember him as a faithful and earnest preacher of the gospel. The truths he proclaimed during his ministry were his solace when confined to the sick chamber. He was enabled to rest upon the word of the unchanging God, and peacefully to fall asleep in Jesus.

Respectfully submitted.

M. P. FREEMAN.

REPORT ON SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence would report their gratification at the action of the last Association in recommending the adoption by our Churches of the system of benevolence urged by the Apostle in 1 Cor. xvi. 2. Admitting the necessity of raising money for benevolent purposes, and of system in order to do it well, and remembering that our object should at the same time be to train the donors in the right discharge of a difficult duty and the proper exercise of a rich grace, they cordially commend this plan as the most Scriptural, and in all respects the best ever devised for accomplishing this twofold purpose. And it is their belief that a departure from it and the substitution of human methods have largely operated to render the sentiment expressed at the public Anniversary of the Missionary Union so sadly truthful—"To move Christians to give as the Lord has prospered them—alas that it should be said—is one of the most difficult problems of the day."

In carrying out this plan most effectively two things are essential;—first, its unanimous and hearty adoption by churches, and second, its equally cordial adoption by individuals. If there is a failure in either of these, there must be a corresponding failure in the working of the system. It will therefore be evident that only faithful and persevering effort on the part of those interested, can bring about the desired result.

Your Committee regret that so few of our churches have reported the adoption of the plan, but believe that this has been in no small measure the result, in some cases of a want of understanding of its working, and in others of there being already in operation a system deemed equally good. They would unanimously express the hope that this matter will be more seriously considered, and our returns next year shew more favorable results.

And for the more mature consideration of the subject they would invite attention to a communication in the C. M. of June 6th, headed "The letters to the Eastern Baptist Association;" to a tract by Rev. Parsons Cooke, entitled "Religion and Beneficence;" a pamphlet published by the

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B. P. Society, called "The Primitive rule of giving for Benevolent purposes, by J. R. Scott," and all other works upon the subject, of which there are not a few. Much good would doubtless result from the free circulation in our churches of one or more of these publications.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. H. PORTER, JR., *Chairman.*

INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND, in acct. with B. DOUGLAS & Co.

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Amherst, July 1st, 1866.

Summary of Statistics of the N. S. Baptist Sabbath School Convention:

	Scholars.	Teachers.
Western Association,	2280	324
Central Association,	2618	345
Eastern Association,	1532	188
	6430	857

* A slight error occurs in the total number as given on page 40 of the Western Association Minutes.

Statistics of Sabbath Schools in the Eastern Baptist Association. July, 1886.

SCHOOLS.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	SCHOLARS.			TEACHERS.			Members of Church in B C. and S. S.	Volumes in Library.	Expended during the year.	
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Amherst.....	W. F. Cutten.....	69	91	160	7	8	15	14	500	\$61 00	
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Sydney, C. B.....	H. Clifford Creed.....	29	44	73	4	7	11	12	170	34 00	
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Isaac's Harbor.....				40					100		
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Guy'sboro.....	Christopher Jost.....			12					100		
Clam Harbor.....	James Hull.....			40					200		
Manchester.....	James Atwater.....			70					50		
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NINTH ANNIVERSARY

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N. S. Baptist Home Missionary Society.

The N. S. Baptist Home Missionary Society held its Ninth Annual Meeting in the Baptist Meeting House at Hantsport, on Monday, 18th June.

In the absence of the President and Vice Presidents, the Rev. Dr. Pryor was called to the chair.

The Secretary read the report of the Board of Managers, which was adopted, and ordered to be printed and circulated under the direction of the Board.

The following resolutions were ably spoken to and unanimously passed.

1. Moved by Rev. David Freeman and seconded by Rev. A. F. Porter:

Resolved, That the success that has heretofore crowned the Missionary work in these Provinces, calls for expressions of gratitude to Almighty God, and affords some encouragement to all who love the souls of their fellow men, to do all in their power to support the Mission cause.

2. Moved by Rev. W. H. Porter and seconded by Rev. A. Shields:

Resolved That in view of the present depressed state of the funds of the Home Missionary Board, and the increasing and urgent demands for Missionary labour, the Churches composing this Association be most respectfully and earnestly requested to contribute more largely to the funds of the Mission in order that the existing debt may be speedily liquidated, and that the destitute portions of our province may receive the word of life.

3. Moved by Rev. E. M. Saunders and seconded by Rev. A. Chipman:

Resolved, That whereas our H. M. Board are at the present time, in consequence of an empty Treasury, rendered powerless to appoint Missionaries to any of our Home fields, it is the especial duty of our Churches in these Associations which are supplied with Pastors to release them for a longer or shorter period to labour in our Home Mission field.

Ezra Churchill, Esq., authorized the Board to draw upon him for one hundred dollars (\$100) payable in six and twelve months.

The officers of the Society and Board of Managers were appointed for the ensuing year, as follows:

Officers of the Society.

J. W. Nutting, *President.*

J. W. Barss, { *Vice Presidents.*

John Klug, }

D. McN. Parker, M. D., *Treasurer.*

R. N. Beckwith, *Secretary.*

George Robins, *Auditor.*

Board of Managers.

Rev. J. E. Balcom.

" J. M. Cramp, D. D.,

" S. W. DeBols,

" D. W. C. Dimock,

" David Freeman,

" J. E. Goucher,

" A. S. Hunt,

" G. F. Miles,

" John Pryor, D. D.,

" A. F. Porter,

" James Parker,

" R. R. Philp,

Rev. R. M. Saunders,

" I. J. Skinner,

" D. M. Welton,

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Louis Estano,

H. N. Paint,

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Alex. Robinson,

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D. Thompson,

Francis Webber.

Adjourned, to meet next year with the Eastern Association.

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REPORT.

Your Board beg leave to submit their ninth Annual Report.

While we have to acknowledge with reference to the results of the last year's efforts, that they by no means come up to our desires, yet we have great cause for gratitude and thanksgiving to God, that more work has been done than on any previous year. This year we have had the services of 19 missionaries, last year 16. The number of weeks' services last year were 238, this year 306. 897 sermons are reported this year, against 530 last year. Last year 139 Prayer and Conference meetings were held, this year 330. 2079 family visits were made this year, against 978 last year. The baptisms last year were 29, this year 69 willing converts have put on Christ in baptism. Last year 4488 miles were travelled by your missionaries, this year 6036.

From the appeals for additional pecuniary aid made to you in the *Messenger* by your Board, and from the Circulars sent to the Churches, you will be prepared to hear that the Society is greatly embarrassed by debt, contracted during the past year, so that not only are we now unable to employ missionaries, but our liabilities to those already employed are about 900 dollars. This deficit has arisen from the very small collections made by some of our missionaries, and that, too, in places where the largest amounts have been expended, as well as from the amount of labour performed in excess of that of previous years. While some of our missions have been nearly self-supporting; others, —as for instance the Pictou mission,—has cost the Society the sum of \$353.25, while the collections made there during the year for the Society have been but \$62.75.

Now it is very sad for us to be compelled to say, that while the fields for occupation were never more inviting, are white unto the harvest, and while at almost every monthly meeting of the Board, urgent entreaties are made

to us, to send missionaries to those pining for the bread of life, yet we are compelled to leave the ripened harvest unreaped, and to refuse the earnest requests of our beloved friends, because our churches fail to send the needful pecuniary supplies. Unless immediate material support for carrying on the operations of our Society be sent us, we have to submit to the consideration of their successors, that no missionaries be hereafter appointed, unless they engage to make their mission nearly or quite self-supporting.

And inasmuch as your Board are best acquainted with the destitute fields and the requisite demands on the funds, they beg leave also to submit that all appointments for the year be left to their judgment and discretion. One great reason of our present embarrassment being the appointments made by the Board at the Eastern Association at its last session.

And now, dear friends and Brethren of our Churches, will you not help, even though in order to do it, you may have to make some sacrifices. Many of our Churches in the Province are emphatically the results of missionary zeal and labour, surely the debt of gratitude you owe to God for giving you the blessing of the living ministry, and stated preaching of his word, call upon you to contribute liberally and cheerfully of your means to the sacred cause of our domestic missions. A year or two ago we had to beg for laborers for the work, now we have willing laborers, but are destitute of funds to send them out. We earnestly entreat you to wipe off from our churches this reproach; and this year place your Board so largely in funds, that not only shall they be enabled to satisfy the demands made upon them, but largely to increase the sphere of their labors.

Our period of active exertion will soon be over; in the grave, whither we are hastening, there will be no opportunity for doing good. Whatsoever our hand, therefore, findeth to do, let us do it with our might. If we do not intend that our final reckoning shall be that of a piggardly and slothful servant, let us break from the shackles of a covetous heart, and of spiritual indolence, and up and work for our God, and contribute generously to his cause. Who would care to hoard up riches for himself and family, if he must die under the cutting reflection that he had been an

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unprofitable steward of his employer's money; for all you have is the Lord's, and to Him you must render your account. Brethren and friends, we may not mince matters. Our churches must come up to their duty and give generously, and free the Home Missionary Board from its embarrassment, or Christ's cause must suffer, and the Blessed Redeemer be grieved in the house of his friends.

The following extracts from the reports of your missionaries will give the needful information respecting their labours and successes and discouragements, and so far as we can judge, we certainly have reason for gratitude and continued labor.

Cape Breton

Rev. Wm. Burton spent 13 weeks and 2 days in the service of the Board at Margaree and vicinity.

Preached 51 sermons, attended 5 Conference and Prayer meetings, visited 112 families, baptized 2, administered the Lord's Supper 3 times, delivered 3 temperance lectures. Collected in aid of the Society \$84.92. Travelling expenses \$17.02.

Bro. Burton writes as follows, on the 7th Oct., 1865:—Margaree is a most inviting field, and should at once be occupied. Send some wise and prudent Brother there at once if possible. I feel deeply for their spiritual welfare, the urgency of the case prompts me to write thus.

Rev. John Shaw has performed 10 weeks and 4 days mission on the above Island, visiting Strait of Canso, Mabou, Margaree, North Sydney, George's River, Boulardrie Island, The Bar, South Sydney, St. Ann's and the Big Glen. Collected for the Society \$80. Travelling expenses \$5.40.

On the 13th Feb., 1866, the following report was sent in to the Board:—How many sermons I preached, families I visited, lectures I gave, prayer and conference meetings I attended, &c., &c. I cannot precisely tell, for I lost my note book, and have to furnish this report from memory. One thing I know, I preached, visited, attended prayer and conference meetings, lectured and conversed as often and as much as I conveniently could. I broke bread with the

disciples twice. Whether any good has been done, and, if so, to what extent, "The final day will reveal."

My mission was pleasing to myself and I hope not altogether unprofitable to such as I had the privilege of laboring among. The reception met with, the kindness shewn, and the liberality manifested, on the part of the people, proved that your missionaries are welcomed to the Isle of minerals.

After the lapse of ten years I had the pleasure of meeting with the fruits of former labours, scattered over the Island from the Strait of Canso to Mira Bay; but some have fallen asleep. Brethren, send to Cape Breton. "The field is white already to the harvest." Upper Baddeck, Big Glen, St. Ann's, and Boulardrie Island are large missionary fields, chiefly settled by Gaelic people; they need one to labour among them capable of preaching in Gaelic and English. Could you not send them one?

Rev. J. F. Kempton has been in the service of the Board at Mira Bay and vicinity 39 weeks and 3 days during the present year. Preached 108 sermons, attended 123 prayer and conference meetings, made 457 family visits, baptized 14, distributed 1898 pages of tracts, collected \$123.02. 150 copies of religious papers circulated monthly.

The following extracts are from a letter received and published in the *Messenger* on the 10th Jan., 1866:

My heart has been cheered of late by seeing the work of the Lord prosper. It is really blessed after having labored almost constantly for three years past, and seeing scarcely any fruit gathered for Christ, to witness the manifestations of the Spirit's power and love, in the restoration of the wandering child of God, and in the conviction and conversion of souls to Christ. I can safely say this I have witnessed of late.

This thought has given me much comfort and encouragement for a year past,—that some of God's children were crying to him day and night for the bestowal of his Holy Spirit. I felt that these supplications must prevail, and they did prevail! God heard them, and he is now verifying his promise to them. To his name be everlasting praise. Let what he has done encourage both us and others who may read these lines to "wait upon God," feeling sure that he will cause them to triumph in the end.

My heart felt almost in an agony of anxiety sometimes that God would be with us at our Quarterly Ministerial Conference to be held in Nov. last, and that he would bless the exercises to our good and that of the people. Yet the prospect seemed so dark that I confess my faith almost failed me. But a goodly number of the Church met on Saturday in Conference and God was present.

It was very evident that a work of grace had commenced. I was not surprised, therefore, the next morning after our brethren left to learn that one soul had been set at liberty from the shackles of sin, and made to rejoice in the pardoning love of Jesus.

Since then the work goes on. We hold no extra meetings. But every few days we are called on to rejoice with the Angel of God over the repenting and the forgiving sinner. Thirteen have been led to tell of hope in God, ten of whom have been buried with Christ in baptism. Others are evidently under deep conviction of sin.

I have been particularly pleased with the appearance of the work. There is nothing that looks like undue excitement. We desire to give all praise to God for what has been done, and pray that the glorious work may continue.

On the 24th Jan. Bro. K. writes to the Board as follows: I am glad to state the work of grace still continues. Our meetings have, however, been greatly thinned, on account of the measles appearing among the people. Almost every family for many miles around us have been or are now attacked by this malignant disease. Many, very many, especially among the children, have died. Several deaths have occurred among those of more advanced years. One mother of a large family, a member of our Mira Church, died of this disease a few days ago. But we desire to bless God for the precious testimony she left behind of the value of the religion of Jesus. Although she had only a few hours warning that her departure was near, she was fully prepared to go; and joyfully bade all her dear ones adieu, and in heavenly raptures went forth at midnight to meet the Bridegroom. My soul felt comforted and strengthened as I stood by her bedside and saw her "lean her head on Jesus breast and breathe her life out sweetly there." Truly the place seemed like "the house of God,—the gate of heaven."

How different was a scene I witnessed only the day before in almost the next house! A brother and sister lay in the next room, a few feet from each other,—both struggling at the same time with the “King of Terrors.” The brother was 20 years of age, and the sister 22. One week before they were both stout, healthy, and to all appearance very far from the door of death,—now they were both in the last stages of inflammation of the lungs, the result of cold after measles. They were both unconverted. My very soul felt anguish as I looked upon them and tried to point them to the Lamb of God. The poor young man was too far gone to be made keenly sensible of his real condition. The disease seemed to affect his head and blunt his faculties, so that it was with great exertion we could get his attention fixed on the concerns of the soul. Notwithstanding this, I tried to direct him to Christ on the cross. But all I fear in vain. Seeing his state I turned to the dying sister who lay panting for breath, and gazing with the utmost anxiety upon her poor brother, and greedily devouring every word that fell from my lips. I repeated John iii. 14–18, to her, and tried to picture the love of God manifested in the death of Christ on the cross. She seemed to grasp the glorious plan of salvation. She said *she thought she could trust Christ*. She continued sinking for a few hours after, but her faculties were not in the least impaired. Her brother breathed out his last, and death drew on apace to bear her soul away. But she turned her attention to Christ crucified; she called on him for mercy; and a few hours before she died light burst upon her agonised soul, and she rejoiced in a newly-found Saviour. Her soul mounted high on the wings of faith, and triumphed over death,—but triumphed in Jesus’ name. She told her parents and all who came to see her what a deliverance Christ had given her. Those who witnessed it told me it was perfectly amazing to hear her language. Her voice continued strong to the very last. She expired nine hours after her brother; but left strong reason to hope that she went to dwell with Christ.

April 24th.—The following additional particulars were forwarded to the Board:

The gracious work of the Lord that manifested itself among us last November and December still continues to

go forward. Though we cannot tell of many conversions to God, yet I think we may safely speak of four or five who have since my last report given expression to comfortable hopes in Christ. Four have been baptized, making in all 14 since the work commenced. Several others now waiting for baptism are detained by illness. A great deal of sickness, and many deaths have taken place among us of late. In several of those who died we have the strongest reasons for believing them to be "sleeping in Him."

One of these, a little boy of 9½ years, died in ecstasies of joy. He had been sick about a fortnight, but not supposed to be dangerously ill, till a few hours before his death, when the diphtheria set in and terminated his earthly career. He appeared greatly distressed about his state before God, for several days before his death, and frequently requested prayer to be made to God on his behalf. On Saturday morning, the day he died, he requested his parents to send for Mrs. K. and myself to come and visit him. On arriving we found him evidently very anxious about his soul. I read and commented upon Isaiah lv. 1-7, and then tried to implore the Divine favour in his behalf; an hour or two more passed which were indeed hours of distressing anxiety to some of us. We saw that he was rapidly sinking and had no reason to hope that his sins were forgiven. Yet nothing was said to lead him to think he was near his end or to excite his natural feelings in any way. At length, when alone with him, I said, "Tommy, we are exceedingly anxious about your soul; we don't know, but fear that you may not get well." He replied quickly, "If I do not, I believe that Jesus will pardon all my sins." Shortly after, he called his mother to his side, and said, "Oh, the Sunday School, the Sunday School!" (He had been several years a member of the S. S.) A few moments after this he called his elder brother to him, and rising upon his knees in bed, and fixing his eyes upon his brother's face, with a look which I think I can never forget, said, "Charley, good bye! I'm going to heaven. Will you seek Jesus, and meet me in heaven?" etc., etc. He then talked most delightfully of his happiness in Christ, declaring that the blood of Christ had washed all his sins away. After this he called his parents, brothers, sisters, his grandpa, uncles, aunts, hired man and maiden, and all of his playmates who

were there, and embraced them one by one, imploring them to seek Jesus and meet him in heaven. He told his father that 'twas hard to part with his parents, but added, "'Tis better to go to heaven and live with Jesus.'" Shortly after he called his father again, and taking him around his neck, said, "I see Jesus, Jesus is mine, and I am his; Jesus is mine, and I am his," and he repeated these words till the sound died away upon his lips. He spoke no more for three hours after this; when he revived again, and from that till he died, which was several hours, he talked much of his happiness and of going to heaven to live with Jesus. Once as I leant over his bed to enquire if he desired anything, he threw his little arm most affectionately around my neck exclaimed, "Oh I'm so happy, as happy as you would be if you were going almost." After this he suffered much for a few moments, and then rising upon his hands and knees and looking upward repeated distinctly, till the lips moved without sound, "Joy, joy, joy." Then laying his head upon his pillow, he gasped a few times for breath and was gone.

It was the most delightful death scene I ever witnessed or read of. Let no one doubt if children of nine years of age, can understand the nature of sin, repent and be converted and rejoice in the assurance of pardon and salvation.

Cumberland County

Rev. Thos. Bleakney has performed 6 weeks and 3 days missionary labour in the above county. Preached 38 sermons, attended 10 conference and prayer meetings, made 61 family visits, travelled 460 miles, baptized 2, collected \$75.52.

On the 4th of April the following report of labour performed was published in the *C. Messenger*:

On the first of Sept. last I visited Tatamagouche; spent some few days with them and returned. I visited them again in October, November and December, found the cause very low at first, but in December some merey drops fell upon us. Our meetings became more interesting. Many of the youth manifested deep seriousness. Two came at our last meeting in December and offered them-

selves as candidates for baptism, and were immersed in January. Two others are also received, waiting for my return to follow the Saviour in his holy ordinance. In February, one brother who some years since professed faith in Jesus with the Wesleyan brethren, and was immersed upon a profession of his christian faith, upon further acquaintance with the word of God and with Baptist Churches in their faith and practice, came and asked admission into our fellowship, and is now walking with us in love. May the Lord continue to bless and save the people. There is a good ear for Baptist preaching in all the region where I have travelled. More labour is wanted. May the Lord send more labourers.

Bro. J. A. Steadman, licentiate, spent 10 weeks in the service of the Board, under the direction of Rev. G. F. Miles. Preached 43 sermons, attended 20 conference and prayer meetings, visited 266 families, travelled 645 miles, distributed 100 pages of religious tracts, Sabbath Schools addressed, 14; Temperance lectures delivered, 4. Collected \$9 85. Travelling expenses, \$5.

Bro. Steadman reports as follows:—Most of my time was spent in the destitute parts of the country. The people came out well to hear the word. The Church worshipping at Westbrook are anxious to erect a place of worship, and they have raised, by subscription, \$500 towards it. They are about making an effort to raise as much as they can to support a minister among them at Half-way River, the Forks, and Spring Hill.

Cumberland and Colchester Counties.

Rev. James Parker laboured 4 weeks in the above counties. Preached 17 sermons, attended 2 conference and prayer meetings, visited 61 families, distributed 1128 pages of tracts, travelled 500 miles. Collected \$5 50. Travelling expenses, \$5 75.

Bro. Parker visited Little River, River Philip, East Branch, Glenville, Pugwash and Tatamagouche.

The Church at Glenville had about lost its visibility. After labouring a few days with them, had the pleasure of seeing the Church resuscitated, and a determination ex-

pressed to maintain the public worship of God, by holding prayer and conference meetings.

Rev. S. Thompson is labouring with the churches at Westchester Mountain, Glenville, Wentworth, and New Annan, and has received from the Board \$40.

The report received by the Board states that Brother Thompson usually preaches twice on the Sabbath, and once or twice during each week, and attends three conference meetings monthly. He has baptized 8 persons during the year.

Halifax County.

Rev. Obed Parker has spent 6 weeks in Dartmouth and vicinity. Preached 27 sermons, attended 11 conference and prayer meetings, made 57 family visits. Collected \$17. Expenses \$11.

Bro. Parker reports as follows:—In closing my last six weeks' mission ending July 20, 1865, I see much to encourage and cheer, although I have felt much discouraged and depressed here at times. Our Sabbath morning service at Dartmouth, on the 16th July, was the most interesting since my arrival in this place. At the Eastern Passage where we have held service in the afternoon, there is a prospect of a rising interest. I have visited Lawrence-town, where the word of the Lord was listened to with interest; have also visited Waverly and held three meetings, one in the Baptist Meeting-house, the others in the Hall situated in the village, which was filled to overflowing.

At the Esnor neighborhood the Baptist cause is increasing, and a Sabbath School has been commenced. I have visited Tufts' Cove several times, and a Sabbath School has been organized there under the Superintendence of Bro. Rhuland, of the Granville Street Church, Halifax.

Rev. A. F. Porter has been labouring in Dartmouth since July 1, 1865, having been 52 weeks in the service of the Board, for which he receives at the rate of \$100 per annum. Service to be held every Sabbath morning.

Bro. Porter reports as follows:—I have been able to preach once every Lord's day, and occasionally twice during the year. The congregations have generally been small,

but very attentive. Sometimes, I have been a little encouraged to hope that the cause would again revive here; at other times the prospect looked dark.

This is a hard field. The Baptists are very much scattered, so that it is impossible to get much of a congregation in Dartmouth. I have no doubt, however, that if there was a stated Missionary on the ground who could go among the people and visit all the sections of the church, including Waverly, in the course of time a considerable Baptist interest would spring up.

It is sad to see this important field neglected for want of means. I have often heard the Macedonian cry from Waverly, but have not been able to visit them. Quite large congregations can be had at Cole Harbour Road and at Tutts' Cove. I should like to visit these places. The brethren and friends in Dartmouth have made an effort to liquidate a debt on their Meeting-house, but have not been able to raise more than half the amount; for this reason their returns in aid of the mission are small. Preached 55 sermons, visited 50 families, attended 45 prayer and conference meetings. Collected \$18.07½. Administered the Lord's Supper 9 times. Received into the church one who had been previously baptized, but had been for several years a member of the Wesleyan body. He is a worthy young man, and bids fair to be useful. I cannot report any conversions. 3 persons seem to be under deep concern of mind; I hope they will soon be on the Lord's side.

Hants County.

Rev. Geo. Wethers has performed 12 weeks Missionary labour during the year in the above county, visiting statedly the following places: Maitland, Rockville, Dimock Settlement and Upper Kennetcook. Preached 42 sermons, attended 3 conference and prayer meetings, visited 44 families, many of them monthly; travelled 760 miles.—Collected for the Society \$77.58, twenty dollars of which was due on the preceding years' mission.

MAITLAND.—Bro. Wethers writes encouragingly of this field of labour, although there have been no additions to the church by baptism. He says: I think your care for the

little band of disciples in that region has not been without some good results. Several with whom I have conversed seem much impressed with the value of religion, and concerned about their soul. We have occupied the new meeting house during the winter where our congregations have always been large. Bro. S. Fisk has started a Sabbath School there under very encouraging circumstances.

At Beckwith and the Dimock Settlement the attendance at our meetings has been small, but those who do come, have been very attentive.

The Lord has opened a door for Baptist preaching in Upper Kennetcook. I have visited them several times. I hope the Board will continue to assist the above field of labour.

WALTON AND KEMPT SHORE.—Rev. R. R. Philp has laboured 12 weeks in the above places.

Preached 36 sermons, attended 5 conference and prayer meetings, visited 50 families, baptized 1, travelled 500 miles. Collected \$26; travelling expenses, \$3.

On the 31st May the following account of the mission appeared in the *Messenger*:

Walton is a small but thriving village, depending chiefly upon ship building and plaister quarries; the other resources such as the manganese mines, fisheries, and cultivation of the soil are not as yet receiving much attention. There are but few Baptists in Walton. They have, however, a very good meeting house, and when there is preaching there is a good congregation. I had the pleasure of baptizing one person, an aged widow.

KEMPT SHORE.—The Rev. B. Vaughan, the Pastor of the Kempt Baptist Church, has for the past few months been unable, by reason of ill health, to attend to his pastoral duties. I received a cordial welcome from both pastor and people, and supplied, during my short stay, the various preaching stations within the bounds of the church. The congregations were not large, owing to the unusually wet season. My appointments, however, were all kept, and frequently the attendance much better than I expected. They are a united church, but they lamented their spiritual lethargy and weakness. Amidst the smouldering embers I found many sparks of living fire.

Lunenburg County.

Bro. Jas. F. Morton, Licentiate, laboured 10 weeks in the following places, under the direction of Rev. W. E. Hall: Northfield, Kitty Settlement, New Cornwall and the Branch. Preached 20 sermons, attended 10 conference and prayer meetings, visited 61 families, travelled 412 miles, distributed 380 pages of religious tracts. Collected \$2.73½; travelling expenses, 90½.

Bro. Morton writes as follows, on the 1st Sept., 1865:—There are small Baptist Churches at New Cornwall and the Branch, but my time has been chiefly spent in Northfield and the Kitty Settlement. The large majority of the people in Northfield are Lutheran, the rest are mostly Episcopalian; in the Kitty Settlement the greater proportion are Presbyterian. The prospect, at first was indeed discouraging, there being but two or three Baptists surrounded by a prayerless people who are looking to the Church rather than Christ for their salvation. The congregations, however, have been very attentive, regular, and on the increase, and some are manifesting quite an interest.

This is undoubtedly an encouraging field for further labour, and I feel assured that the efforts of a faithful Missionary would be crowned with abundant success.

Rev. Augustus Shields has laboured 12 weeks in the service of the Board in the above county.

On the 6th Jan., Bro. Shields writes as follows:—When I entered this field, the prospect was indeed discouraging. Sin and alienation scattered the little flock, very small before. Few manifested any interest in the cause of our blessed Lord. "Zion's ways mourned and few came to her solemn meetings." But this state of things has in a measure passed away, and a brighter day is evidently about to dawn on the heritage of the Lord. Multitudes are now constantly crowding to our services, and a degree of attention and respect shewn to our meetings and sentiments never evinced before, especially at Mahone Bay. Here I baptized for three Sabbaths in succession. The influences exerted by this significant and Heaven-ordained and approved rite, were evidently salutary on the minds of persons heretofore opposed.

This is a vast field for Missionary labour. I extended my labours to North West, Heckman's Island, Peninsula, New Cornwall and Mahone Bay. My success was not as great as I desired, but thanks be to God for the few tokens of his approval bestowed. We are looking for a season of refreshing. This is just *our want*, and that of all our churches, and the want of the world.

Preached 45 sermons, held 18 conference and prayer meetings, made 104 family visits, distributed 804 pages of tracts, baptized 3. Collected for the Society \$34.26, travelling expenses \$3.50.

Rev. W. E. Hall has performed a mission of 10 days at New Ross

The following report was sent in the 21st May. As we have so much destitution of Baptist preaching in those parts, our church concluded that what it does for Home Missions this year it will do in the county. So they passed a vote at our last business meeting to send me on a mission to New Ross for ten days, and that a report of the work should be made to the Board. I visited 17 families, preached 10 sermons, attended 1 conference meeting, and administered the Lord's Supper to the church the first time they have had it in about four years. Collected for the society \$3.58½. Beside the above I attended one business meeting of the Church and Society, at which steps were taken to finish their meeting-house this season. I found the little church in a very dark state. If the Board can send them help in the Autumn after their House is done, I believe it will be for good. Do remember them.

Rev. D. G. Shaw spent 6 weeks in the service of the Board at Tancook Island. Preached 10 sermons, attended 11 conference and prayer meetings, made 67 family visits, baptized 1, travelled 140 miles. Collected \$25, travelling expenses \$6.70.

Bro. Shaw reports as follows: I arrived in Lunenburg on Saturday, 15th July, meeting here with several friends of former acquaintance who were very anxious that I should stay a few days with them. I tarried one week, preaching and visiting from house to house, it was a refreshing season to God's people and I trust not unprofitable to others.

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friends had been expecting me for some weeks. The church here has had to contend with many things quite adverse to their prosperity. Having no "Shepherd to seek after the flock and to feed it with the sincere milk of the word," and owing to its isolated position almost entirely excluded from the privileges of attending elsewhere to those means of grace so necessary to the growth and prosperity of a church, as may naturally be expected, a spiritual declension is almost invariably the result. Through the praiseworthy efforts of a few individuals the prayer-meeting has been continued every Sabbath, and I found during my stay among them, that by the strong desires and earnest petitions of several of the members that they were determined by divine grace to persevere in the way of the Lord. Many were the expressions of gratitude to the Board for their remembrance of them.

Pictou County.

Rev. Alfred Chipman remained 6 weeks in Pictou County during the present year, from 1st June to 15th July. Collected for the Society \$37.20; travelling expenses, including the previous 10 months, \$20.

On the 27th September Brother Chipman writes as follows:—About the middle of June I commenced a regular Sabbath evening service in Pictou Town, and continued it about one month, or until my place was supplied by Bro. Laugridge. At first our Hall was nearly filled, subsequently the attendance fell off much, probably owing to the recommencement of preaching in the Morrisonian chapel. That much of my labour in that Town, as elsewhere, was sadly imperfect, no man is more conscious than myself. The fruit of such labour or of that which may have been better put forth, will also probably remain a longer or shorter time invisible.

I spent about two weeks more in the County; had some precious visits; enjoyed a Sabbath in Merrigomish; left that place with much reluctance, and there still comes from the hearts of our brethren and sisters there the yearning entreaty to our Board,—send us further aid.

Rev. R. J. Langridge having received an appointment

of 12 months to Pictou, at a meeting of the Board held during the Eastern Association of last year, has been since that time labouring in Pictou Town.

On the 5th June Bro. Langridge forwarded a report, from which the following extracts have been taken :

Since my arrival in this place, I have attempted, in my feeble way to advance the cause of the Redeemer who has done so much for me. With the exception of about 3 weeks, (during which I was very ill,) I have preached, lectured, visited, &c., endeavouring to make use of every means to benefit my fellow-men. Experimental religion has been my chief topic, in the pulpit, and in the house. The life-giving power, flowing from a hearty belief of the truth as it is in Jesus. I have been encouraged, by the attendance and attention of the people, and I trust some impressions have been made that will never be erased,—though as yet none have come forward to join our ranks, and increase the number of our struggling little band. When I first entered upon my labours here, my congregations were very small, amounting to about 20 persons in the morning and about 40 in the evening.

After about two months in the small Hall, Bro. Griffith rented the Assembly Hall, a much larger building, and easier of access. I published a list of subjects, and our congregations greatly increased, numbering about 35 in the morning and from 400 to 500 on Sabbath evenings. Our Tuesday evening meetings, I trust, have proved profitable to those who have attended, often 20 to 25 present; but the great drawback is the want of a building of *our own*. I have received great kindness since my sojourn here, especially during my affliction, by persons of different denominations. I have been treated with Christian courtesy by ministers of the town.

I regret we have done so little towards increasing the mission funds, but you must remember that the rent of the Hall is very high, and takes all the collections, yea, Bro. Griffith has had to pay no small sum to make up the deficiency. Collected in the Hall, for the rent, Fourteen pounds and some odd shillings. The members of our church are poor and therefore unable to do much.

In the former part of my time, I visited River John, but found the distance of 20 miles too long to drive to be

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in Pictou on Sabbath evenings. The friends there have, in consequence of bad roads, neglected to assemble themselves together for prayer. They have a frame building, but not yet finished, owing to the want of co-operation on the part of the friends. I can't say much about Merrigomish, as I have not visited the place lately. I do think the prejudices of many in this part have been removed.

The following is a summary of my labours: Sermons preached, 134; Prayer and Conference meetings attended, 17; visits made, 269; miles travelled, 319; administered the Lord's Supper 8 times. Collected for the Society, \$62.75.

My prayer is that my successor may be made more useful in this vineyard, where souls are neglecting the great salvation, notwithstanding all the efforts put forth by the respective ministers of the town.

Prince Edward Island.

Rev. Ben. Scott laboured 13 weeks on the above Island. Preached 38 sermons, attended 3 conferences, besides prayer and other religious meetings, visited 204 families, travelled 500 miles, dispensed the Lord's Supper twice, ordained 1 deacon, and addressed Temperance meetings. Collected for the Society \$100; travelling expenses, \$10.

On the 4th Oct. Bro. Scott writes as follows:—

Lot 49.—The small Baptist Church is still endeavouring to pursue its course in view of the time when it shall be favoured with more pastoral labour. The congregations were large and very attentive to the word preached as well on week evenings as on the Lord's day. We held a Conference meeting, dispensed the Lord's Supper and ordained one deacon. I spent four weeks here preaching and "going from house to house."

Grand River.—This is a new but large and growing settlement. The protestant part of the community is composed of Presbyterians, Baptists, Bible Christians and Wesleyans. There is a Sabbath School in connection with the Baptist Church at Annandale; much good has resulted from it. The Church and their friends purpose erecting forthwith a Baptist Meeting house at Dundas,

which is becoming the centre and rallying point of this field of labour. I laboured seven weeks at this place, fully believing it was not in vain in the Lord. This field is "white to the harvest" and affords much encouragement.

St. Peter's.—This is an old and extensive settlement. The Protestants are mostly Presbyterians. They opened their new meeting-house for our preaching. The Baptists are few in number, and have no place of public worship. I laboured here a fortnight, sowing the seed of the kingdom, with much hope that the harvest will be gathered in due season.

Uigg.—Preached one Sabbath here in exchange with Elder Samuel McLeod, for the benefit of the Gaelic people at Grand River.

The Island is a most interesting field for missionary labour, and should the plan of operation be well formed, generally speaking, the expenses of the mission will be realized from the people.

Bro. John McDonald laboured 10 weeks in the service of the Board on the above Island. Preached 38 sermons, attended 12 conference and prayer meetings, visited 80 families, travelled 700 miles; travelling expenses, \$18.50. Collected for the Society, \$41.09.

Bro. McDonald writes on the 6th Sept., 1865:—During the mission assigned me, I laboured at Cavendish, Bedeque, Clyde River, North River, Tryon, Long Creek, East Point, Three Rivers, and Uigg. It is not for me to say what amount of good has been done. Serious attention to the means of grace was almost everywhere apparent.

Miscellaneous.

Rev. D. G. Shaw has laboured 24 weeks among the colored people in the Central and Eastern Associations.

Preached 78 sermons, attended 24 conference and prayer meetings, made 119 family visits, baptized 40 persons, restored 25 excluded members, travelled 1100 miles, distributed 13 copies of church articles. Collected for the Society, \$45.54; travelling expenses \$13.52.

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On the 16th Feb. Bro. Shaw sent in his report, from which the following extracts were taken:

Having finished my mission to Tancook, I returned, by way of St. Margaret's Bay, to Hammond's Plains, to set in order, if possible, our new chapel for the approaching yearly meeting. We succeeded, and held therein a series of deeply interesting meetings. As is usual on those occasions there was a very large gathering together both of white and colored friends, who manifested much joy on the occasion. I think you will say, Brethren, we have done well towards our meeting-house. The outside is finished, the floor laid, seats and pulpit erected, and the walls ceiled up to the window, and all paid for; it now remains to lath and plaster, finish the gallery, and paint when it will be completed. But where are the means to come from? Many thanks to the friends who have helped us, and many prayers that the Lord will stir up the hearts of others to offer willingly to the house of the Lord.

From here I returned home, tarried one week and preached one Sabbath at Windsor Plains. I then left for Preston. On Sabbath, Oct. 1st, preached and baptized 12 adults in the beautiful lake near the Nelson meeting-house,—the fruits of seed sown last fall.

I desire to "praise God for his goodness and for his wonderful works to the children of men." I visited Lake Thomas, near Waverly, preached one Sabbath, and administered the Lord's Supper. Returning to Halifax, I took passage on board the packet, Capt. Hadley, for Guysborough, where I arrived on the 23rd Oct. Capt. H. would take no pay for my passage, and both himself and wife, who was on board, manifested much interest in our efforts to improve the moral and spiritual condition of the colored people. 25th I went to Crow Harbour, preached there twice, and as often at Half Island Cove; returned to Guysborough on the 30th, left for Tracadie in company with Bro. Kennedy, and on Wednesday reached my much desired field of labour, in behalf of which so much was said at the Association in Canard.

One very serious difficulty was felt during my labour with this people,—the want of a meeting-house. A frame, boarded in and roof shingled, and nearly without floor or windows, and remaining thus for the last four or five years,

tells a true but sad tale of the lamentable state of the church in Tracadie. As was the temporal, so I found the spiritual building, rent with dissensions, and scattered by reason of sin, the meetings given up, except in shadow, till this "Zion had become a wilderness," through the prodigal conduct of a large number of its members. I am happy to say I found a few who were willing to come up to "the help of the Lord." We continued our meetings nearly every day; they became more and more interesting; those from afar came until, by force of numbers, smoke and cold, we were driven from the miserable hovel, bearing the name of a school-house, to seek an asylum in the more commodious apartments of the neighbouring dwelling houses. At length the darkness gave way to the light of the gospel, as it shined unto them. Backsliders began to come home, wicked men and women believed, repented, and were baptized, confessing their sins and their love to Jesus. Among the Roman community there was no small stir: numbers of them attended our baptisms and some our meetings. One of them, a married woman, after enduring a great conflict within and sore trials without, was brought, through grace, to taste the joys of pardoned sin, and, gladly following her Saviour's example, was baptized.

I remained in this field between three and four months, —much longer than I had at first anticipated, but the circumstances of the case forbid my leaving sooner.

Dear Brethren, it requires but a short experience to see that Tracadie, including Manchester and Guysborough, furnishes a very extensive field for missionary effort. The fields are white and ready to the harvest,—where are the labourers? A missionary should be stationed constantly in this single field, which can be enlarged to almost any extent, by including various contiguous white settlements, the coloured population alone amounting to between 800 and 1000 souls. I baptized at Tracadie 28, restored to church fellowship 25 excluded members, some of them of long standing.

No. of Missionaries employed, all of whom but 3 are ordained,....	19
Weeks services, (upwards of 5½ years,)	306
Sermons reported,.....	897
Prayer and Conference meetings held,.....	330
Family Visits,.....	2079
Baptisms,	69
Miles travelled,.....	6036
Tracts distributed by five,.....	pages, 4260
150 copies of religious papers circulated monthly by one.	
13 copies of Church Articles circulated by one.	
25 excluded members restored by one.	
The Lord's Supper administered 26 times.	
14 addresses to Sabbath Schools delivered by one.	
7 Temperance lectures delivered by two.	

GROSS RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasurer's hands June 1st, 1865,.....	\$130 59
Received during the year,.....	934 79
Borrowed upon interest at 6 per cent,.....	279 00
Collected by the missionaries,.....	959 93
	<u>\$2304 31</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Collected and retained by the Missionaries,.....	\$839 63
Travelling expenses of do.	120 30
Disbursed by Treasurer for labour performed to	
May 31, 1865,.....	458 87
Do. do. to May 31, 1866,.....	829 04
Printing Reports, &c., &c.,.....	40 00
Balance in Treasurer's hands,.....	16 47
	<u>\$2304 31</u>

Present liabilities of the Board, say.....\$900 00

CONTRIBUTIONS.

HALIFAX COUNTY.

DARTMOUTH.

Collected by Miss Sarah Meagher.

Mrs Lowe	\$2 00
Mrs Payzant	2 00
Mrs G. Coleman	1 50
Mrs Bettinson	2 00
Mrs E. Meagher	1 00
Mrs Joseph Graham	1 00
Miss E. Meagher	0 50

\$10 00

Collected by Annie Hoskins.

John Smith	0 25
Margaret Hoskins	0 25
Frederick Hoskins	0 12½
Emilia Hoskins	0 25
Josiah Ross	0 37½
Mrs George Morash	0 25
Isabella Morash	0 30
Eunice Turner	0 25
Mrs Stephen Bissett	0 25
Miss Melissa Wambolt	0 12½
Mrs John Hoskins	0 25
Mrs A. Tilott	0 12½
John Ritchie	0 12½
Samuel Ritchie	0 12½
Mrs M. Ritchie	0 25
David Isner	0 25
A Friend	0 12½
Edward Rives	0 25
Mrs Fuller	0 40
Sarah McNab	0 25

\$4 57½

Collected by Mrs. Porter.

Judson Newcomb	1 00
Samuel Newcomb	0 50
A Friend	1 00
Mrs Porter	0 50
Milton Porter	0 25
Freddie Porter	0 12½
Willie Porter	0 12½

3 50

In all,\$18 07½

PRESTON.

Collected by Rev. D. G. Shaw.

Preston and Lake Thomas, \$4 17	
Widow J. Bowden	5 00
Mrs Ann Sylvie	0 25
Jane Bowden	0 25
Abraham Devoce	0 50
Caroline Devoce	1 00
Catherine Elms	0 70
Widow Rachel Dismond	0 62½
Mrs Susantiah Elms	0 25
Julia Williams	0 25
Peter Bowden	0 25
Widow Horton	0 25
Widow J. Bowden	1 00
Alexander Elms	0 50
William Bowden	0 50
Margaret Backus	0 25
Jane Dea	0 25
Martin Clyke, Sen.	0 25
Mary Bowden	0 25
Rachel Jordon	0 25
Jane Paris	0 25
Gideon Bowden	0 45
John Devoce	0 25
Joseph Devoce	0 50
Deacon Gairo	0 50
and 12 weeks board.	
Coll, per E. H. Jordon	18 25
do. do.	1 60
Sundry articles, say	7 00

45 54½

LUNENBURG COUNTY.

MAHONE BAY AND NORTH WEST.

Collected by Rev. A. Shields.

Gideon Longille	1 50
Samuel Dorey	1 00
John Eisenhaur	1 00
John Andrews	1 50
Mrs C. Silver	0 75
Mrs L. Hickman	0 50
Mrs Sarah Eisenhaur	0 25
Mrs Catherine Eisenhaur ..	0 25
James Eisenhaur	0 25
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John Eisenhaur	0 25
Jonas Eisenhaur	0 25
Mrs Adelaide Jodery	0 25
Miss Sophia Westhaver	0 25
Maria Strum	0 25
Elizabeth Spidle	0 25
Mrs M. Amburgh	0 50
Miss M. Ritcy	0 30
Miss E. Ritcy	0 30
Jacob Westhaver	0 50
Mrs E. Dorey	0 25
Jacob Dorey	0 25
Isaac Dorey	0 25
John Helslen	0 25
Edward Mason	0 25
J. E. Mader	0 50
J. B. Longille	1 00
George Spidle	1 00
Israel Tanner	0 50
Collections	7 50
Mr George Hubley	0 25
Mrs Sophia Hubley	0 25
G. A. Hubley	0 12 1/2
J. W. Hubley	0 12 1/2
Miss A. Eisenhaur	0 25
Obadiah Parker, Esq.	0 50
Mrs Sophia A. Parker	0 50

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NEW CORNWALL.

Collected by Rev. A. Shields.

Mr J. Spidle, Sen	1 00
Caleb Spidle	1 00
J. Spidle, Junr	1 00
Solomon Spidle	1 00
Mr Nicholas Spidle	0 25
S. Hallimore	0 50
Mrs Louisa Spidle	0 25
Mrs C. Spidle	0 25
Mrs Mary Dauphney	0 25
Mrs Eliza Dauphney	0 25
Johnny Dauphney	0 12 1/2
Zilla Dauphney	0 12 1/2
Mrs Sophia Spidle	0 25
Mr J. Eisenhaur	0 25
Mrs C. Eisenhaur	0 25
Alfred Eisenhaur	0 25
Mrs Sarah Hallimore	0 25
Miss Annie Spidle	0 25
Mrs Hannah Longille	0 60
J. Barkhouse	0 25
T. J. Spidle	0 50
Miss Rachel Longille	0 25
Albert Caldwell	0 12 1/2
Miss L. Westhaver	0 25
Mrs Mary Spidle	0 25

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TANCOOK.

Collected by Rev. D. G. Shaw.

Mrs Edward Young	2 00
George A. Baker	0 50
Albert Pearl	0 50
Walter Pearl	1 00
Mrs Walter Pearl	1 00
George Young	3 00
Collection, per Henry Hutt, D. G. Shaw	11 50
	5 50

\$25 00

Collected by James F. Morton.

Mrs Joseph Roland	0 25
Mrs Manly Goucher	0 25
Mr Alfred Turner	0 50
Mr Elias Eisenhaur	0 25
A friend	0 25

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HANTS COUNTY.

WALTON.

Collected by Rev. R. R. Philp.

F. Parker, Esq.	5 00
Collections	5 00

KEMPT SHORE.

J. H. Marsters, Esq.	1 00
Mr J. Marsters	1 00
Mr S. Caldwell	0 50
H. Starritt, Esq.	0 50
Mrs Jane Burgess	0 25
Collections	12 75
	26 00

CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

Collected by J. A. Steadman.

Parrshoro Church	1 75
West Brook "	0 50
Little River "	2 40
Little Forks "	0 32
Spring Hill "	0 90
Salt Spring "	1 05
West Brook "	0 96
Salt Spring "	1 02
Spring Hill "	0 95

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PICTOU COUNTY.

Collected by Rev. A. Chipman.

PICTOU TOWN.

J. P. McDonald.....	\$1 75
Mrs Renton.....	1 50
Mrs McKinnon.....	4 00

RIVER JOHN.

Charles Sutherland.....	5 00
Nancy McKinnon.....	0 50
John Henderson.....	1 00
Robert Allan.....	1 50

MERIGOMISH.

Alexander Meldrum.....	0 50
James McMillan.....	0 50
John Olding, Esq.....	2 00
M. Olding.....	4 00
Jane Olding.....	1 25
James Murray, Jun.....	2 00
Mrs McGie.....	0 50
Robert Lowden, Esq.....	2 00
N. C. Turner.....	0 60
Mrs J. McMillan.....	0 60
A. Chipman.....	5 00

\$37 20

Collected by Rev. R. J. Langridge.

PICTOU.

R. J. Griffith.....	12 00
Mr Cahoon.....	12 00
J. P. McDonald.....	6 00
D. Fullerton.....	4 00
Widow Renton.....	4 00
G. Murdoch.....	2 00
Mrs McKinnon.....	4 00
Mrs Harris.....	2 25
Mrs Welch (the Mines)....	1 00
Mrs Brown.....	3 00
Miss Jessie Renton.....	1 00
Mr Lawrence.....	1 00
John Cumming.....	8 00
Collection.....	6 00

RIVER JOHN.

Mrs Nelson Sutherland....	1 00
Collections.....	2 00

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CAPE BRETON.

Collected by Rev. W. Burton.

MARGAREE.

Flora McDonald.....	0 12½
Donald McDonald, Esq....	2 00
Mrs Donald McDonald....	0 80
Norman McPherson.....	0 50

William F. Burton.....	0 50
John Burton, Sen.....	2 00
Mrs J. Ingraham.....	0 12½
William S. Hartt.....	1 00
John Etheredge.....	0 75
Miss E. Carmichael.....	0 25
Mrs J. Etheredge.....	0 25
David Etheredge.....	0 75
Mrs M. McLeod.....	0 25
Catherine Burton.....	0 25
William Burton.....	1 00
Mrs William Burton.....	1 00
Eliza Etheredge.....	0 25
Henry Taylor, Esq.....	2 50
Mrs H. Taylor.....	2 50
Joshua Tingley.....	0 50
K. McEdermit.....	0 25
Mrs Jane Etheredge.....	0 30
Mrs William Etheredge....	0 30
M. W. Croutis.....	0 50
Collection Margaree.....	2 93
William F. Phillips.....	0 35
Stephen Phillips.....	0 20
Mrs R. Phillips.....	0 10
Henry Cranton.....	0 25
David Phillips.....	0 13
William Etheredge.....	0 50
Thomas Etheredge.....	0 60
Mrs M. Hart.....	0 71
Mrs J. Crowtis.....	0 25
Daniel Ross.....	1 00
Mrs J. McCloud.....	0 25
Mrs M. McLean.....	0 25
Mrs J. R. Ross.....	0 60
Miss R. Ross.....	0 25
Miss E. Ross.....	0 25
Joseph Ross.....	0 60
Mrs Joseph Ross.....	0 65
D. L. Burton.....	1 00
Murdoch McDonald, Esq.,..	1 00
Joseph Tingley.....	1 00
Mrs J. Tingley.....	0 75
William B. Ingram.....	1 00
Mrs William Ingram.....	0 50
Mark Ingram.....	1 00
J. A. Ingram.....	0 50
William McDonald.....	0 25
Joseph Burton.....	0 50
John McDonald, Sen.....	1 00
Lachlan McDonald, Esq.,..	1 00
J. McDonald.....	0 50
J. McDonald, 2nd.....	1 05
C. McLeod.....	0 55
N. McDormond.....	0 25
Mrs R. McDonald.....	0 50
C. Frazer.....	0 25
Mrs E. Ross.....	0 25
Eliza McDonald.....	0 15

Lydia McDonald.....	0 15
J L Ross.....	0 60
M Maclean.....	1 00
J Ross, Jun, Esq.....	0 25
William Ross.....	0 25
J S Murray.....	0 50
A McDonald.....	0 25
J G Ross.....	0 25
J A Ross.....	0 25
John Ross.....	0 25
J B Ross.....	1 00
Mrs J G Ross.....	0 25
N Ross.....	0 25
J Carmichael.....	0 25
D Leadbetter.....	0 25
James Burton.....	1 25
J Frazer.....	0 12½
R Finalson.....	0 25
Mrs R Finalson.....	0 25
J R R Ross.....	1 00
Murdoch Ross.....	1 00
Murdoch Ross.....	0 90
Mary Cordey.....	0 38½
William Cordey.....	0 45
Joseph Burton.....	✓ 25
William E Hart.....	0 50
Mrs S McLoud.....	0 80
Ebenezer Leadbetter.....	1 00
John Ingram.....	0 80
John Ingram, Jr.....	0 40
Jane Ingram.....	0 60
Richard Lavers.....	0 40
Mrs J Cordey.....	1 00
R McDormint.....	0 25
A Friend.....	0 25
Martha Ingram.....	0 25
Mrs Ingram.....	0 30
Mrs W S Hart.....	0 25
F Ingram.....	0 50
Robert Burton.....	0 25
Mrs R Burton.....	0 75
James Philips.....	0 60

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MABOU.

David Smith.....	1 00
James Austin.....	1 00
Mrs Potter.....	0 50
R Frizzle.....	1 00
William Frizzle.....	0 50
Mrs W Frizzle.....	0 50
James Frizzle.....	0 25
Mrs D Smith.....	0 25
C A Smith.....	0 25
Harding Smith.....	2 00
Alexander Pushee.....	1 00

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PORT HOOD.

Collection at above place..	1 57
Miss F. Tremain.....	0 12½
J L Tremain, Esq.,.....	4 00
	5 69½

CHITACAMP.

Collections at this place ...	2 47
Collection at Strait Causo,	3 20
	4 92

TRACADIE.

Collections at this place ...	2 47
Collections at Antigonish..	1 55
	3 97

In all, 85 07

Collected by Rev. J. Shaw.

STRAIT OF CANSO.

Peter Paint, Esq.,.....	5 00
Mrs Paint.....	1 00
James Duff.....	0 50
Brother Thompson.....	1 00
A sister.....	1 25
	8 75

MABOU.

John Tremain, Esq.,.....	4 00
D Smith and family.....	2 50
Bro Frizzle and family....	4 00
Bro H Smith.....	1 00
Mr Puchle.....	1 00
Rev Ewen Ross.....	5 00
Sister Potter.....	0 50
	18 00

MARGAREE.

(Father MacDonald and his sons gave liberally, but I forgot the sums.)

Bro Murdoch Ross.....	1 00
Bro Murdoch MacLean....	1 00
Sister MacLean.....	0 50
Sister Mary Ross.....	0 50
Bro James Ross.....	0 62½
Bro John Ross's little son,	0 25
	3 87½

BOULARDRIE ISLAND.

Bro Donald MacLean.....	5 00
Sister Stubbart.....	2 00
Bro John Stubbart.....	0 65
Bro Hezekiah Stubbart.....	1 00
Mr Fraser	0 62½
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THE BAR.

Nelson Dobson.....	2 00
Styles Ingraham.....	1 00
	3 00

ST. ANN'S.

Angus Morrison and family	2 40
Roderick MacLeod do.	1 50
Mrs Ross, English Town, ..	1 00
Mr MacCaskil t.....	0 40
	5 30

In all,	48 20½
Received in collections and small sums	31 79½
Total.....	80 00

Collected by Rev. J. F. Kempton.

MIRA BAY AND VICINITY.

Charles Martell, Sen	10 50
Annie Spencer	0 50
Samuel Peters	3 00
Arnold Holmes, Sen	1 87½
Adelaide Murrent.....	0 50
John Martell.....	1 00
Mrs McQuillan.....	0 50
Coll. at Little Glace Bay..	3 29
do Gowrie Mines.....	0 90
do South Head.....	0 67½
do Mira Bay and Gut	2 73
	25 47

P. E. ISLAND.

Collected by Rev. B. Scott.

GRAND RIVER.

Catherine Nicholson	1 00
Richard Burdett.....	8 00
Mrs Mills.....	2 50
Darius Clay.....	2 50
Subscriptions and collec- tions, per John Frost,	59 20
Elder B. Scott	4 52
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VIGG.

Collection	1 00
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ST. PETER'S.

William Sterns.....	1 00
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LOT 49.

Mrs James Wood.....	1 00
James Wood.....	7 00
Thomas Wood	8 00
Robert Jones	6 00
William Jones	8 00
John Wood.....	2 00
Thomas Wood	1 00
William	1 80
Collections.....	5 48
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P. E. I. currency\$120 00

N. S. currency 100 00

Collected by John McDonald.

Miss Forbes	0 50
Cavendish Church	5 60
Miss Henderson	0 25
Clyde River Church.....	1 84
North River Church.....	3 00
Deacon Schurman.....	0 50
Long Creek Church	5 00
Tryon Church	4 80
East Point Church.....	10 60
Three Rivers Church.....	3 50
Uigg Church.....	5 00
Mr John McLeod	0 25
Mrs John McLeod	0 25
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June 1.	By balance on hand,	\$130 59	
13.	Interest on \$1000, 6 mos.	30 00	
16.	H. N. Paint, (Granville Street Church).....	63 60	
July 1.	Central Association, for "Home Missions" per R. N. Beckwith,	253 98	
	Do. do. for Tracadie,	16 03	
7.	Eastern Association, from S. Selden.....	335 22	
Sept. 6.	Western Association, for Gaelic Mission,	6 84	
	Isaac's Harbour Church,	5 00	
	Western Association, for 1st St. Mary's Church, W. J. Gates, Bridgewater,	5 00	
		1 00	
Nov. 10.	R. N. Beckwith, from— Hon. J. McCully,	\$4 00	
	Mrs. C. Barnaby,	2 50	
	Miss Sophia Bishop,	1 00	
		7 50	
Dec. 7.	Stephen Selden, from— Chas. F. Myers, Guysboro, ...	\$2 50	
	J. L. Tremain, Port Hood, ...	8 00	
	A. Friend,	20 00	
		30 50	
11.	Wm. Frizzle, Mabou,	4 00	
22.	H. N. Paint, from Granville St. Church,	71 20	
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Jan. 9.	Mrs. John Pryor,	2 00	
19.	Money borrowed on interest,	200 00	
	6 mos. interest on mortgage of Jotham O'Brien, Cash from 1st Baptist Church, Horton,	30 00	
		45 20	
Feb. 7.	W. J. Gates, Bridgewater,	2 00	
Mar. 14.	R. N. Beckwith, from— Amherst Church, for Cow Bay Meet- ing-house,	\$9 60	
	Do. do. bal. of collection,	2 40	
	North End Baptist S. School,	2 12	
		14 12	
May 31.	R. N. Beckwith, from Rev. I. J. Skinner,	4 00	
	For Gaelic Mission, (Nictaux church)	4 00	
	New tross, per Rev. W. E. Hall,	3 58	
	Money borrowed on interest,	79 00	
		<u>\$1344 38</u>	

June 1.	By balance in hand,	16 47
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	G. ROBINS, Auditor.	