

MINUTES

OF THE

THIRTY-THIRD SESSION

OF THE

WESTERN NEW BRUNSWICK

Baptist Association,

HELD AT

CHIPMAN, QUEEN'S CO.,

Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday, June 22, 23, & 24, 1880

Next Meeting at Upper Gagetown, fourth Tuesday
in June 1881.

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CONSTITUTION AND RULES OF ORDER OF THE Western N. B. Baptist Association.

ARTICLE 1.—The Association shall consist of Delegates, representing the Churches of which it is composed, each of whom shall be a member of one of those Churches, and shall be styled the "Western N. B. Baptist Association."

ARTICLE 2.—The objects of this Association shall be the collection of statistical and other information from the Churches, the cultivation of mutual acquaintance and fraternal union, the promotion of individual godliness, and the spiritual prosperity of the Churches; and, in the use of scriptural means, the enlargement of the Redeemer's kingdom.

ARTICLE 3.—The Association shall meet annually, at 2 o'clock, p. m., on the fourth Tuesday in June, at such place as they shall appoint; notice of which shall be given in the Minutes. The meeting shall be opened with Social Conference; after which the Officers and Committees shall be appointed. Every meeting held by adjournment from time to time during the session of the Association, shall be opened and concluded by prayer.

ARTICLE 4.—Each Church shall have the privilege of sending one Delegate or more; but no church, however numerous, shall be entitled to a greater number than five, in addition to their Pastor.

ARTICLE 5.—At each meeting of the Association, the Delegates shall deliver to the Clerk of the preceding year, immediately on their arrival, the Letters from the Churches; a list of the Delegates having been prepared by the Clerk, their names shall be called, and they shall take their places. (The Moderator of the preceding year shall call the vote for a Moderator by ballot, without nomination, and the person who shall be chosen by a majority of the members present, shall, upon his acceptance lead the meeting to the choice of a Clerk. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside in all the transactions of the meeting, and maintain due order among the members. The Association shall appoint two Committees—one on Arrangements, and one to nominate all other Committees. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a fair and impartial record of all the doings of the Association during the session and furnish a correct copy for the press.

ARTICLE 6.—It shall be the duty of each church to send by its Messengers a letter to the Association, giving an account of its state, particularly of the addition and diminution within the last year; and generally, of whatever relates to its peace and prosperity, together with the whole number of members in communion. It shall also forward money for the printing of the Minutes.

ARTICLE 7.—When any Church shall desire admittance into this body, application must be made by letter, and satisfactory evidence furnished of their faith and order; this being done, and a vote of acceptance taken, the Moderator shall, on behalf of the Association, give to one of their Messengers (if any be present) the right hand of fellowship.

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

ARTICLE 9.—Although as an Association we disclaim all power over the Churches, so far as respects any interference with their independence and discipline, yet we deem it our privilege to judge for ourselves of the propriety of continuing any Church or Minister in our connection, who to us shall appear to be unscriptural in principle, or irregular in practice. In order, however, that we may not withdraw our fellowship, without sufficient reason, from any Church or Minister against whom a complaint is made by two members of this body, it shall be the duty of the Association to appoint a committee to investigate the points of complaint, and report the result of their enquiries to the Association, that they may decide as duty shall appear.

ARTICLE 10.—Alterations and amendments may be made in this Constitution from time to time, such as experience may dictate.

Rules of Order.

1. That each meeting be opened by prayer.
2. That motions be made and seconded according to parliamentary usage.
3. That no delegate speak more than twice to the same motion.
4. That every resolution be written out and handed to the Clerk.
5. That motions which are lost be not recorded.
6. That invited members enjoy the privilege of Delegates, except voting.
7. That these regulations be read at each session.

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LIST OF CHURCHES AND DELEGATES.

NOTE.—Some of the names appearing below were not reported as being present.

- Andover—No letter.
- Arthurette—No letter.
- Avondale—No letter.
- Blackville—No delegate.
- Blissfield—No delegate.
- Bloomfield and Good Settlement—No letter.
- Bright (African)—No letter.
- Canning and Sheffield—No delegate.
- Calvin (African)—No delegate.
- Canterbury—No letter.
- Cardigan—No delegate.
- Centreville—Rev. J. G. Harvey and Bro. Jas. Sloat.
- Chipmah—Rev. W. T. Anderson, Dea. W. H. Flemming, Bros. E. C. Langin, P. Deumonds, and W. Henderson.
- Carleton, St. John—No delegate.
- Dumfries and Queensbury—No letter.
- Florenceville—Rev. J. G. Harvey.
- Forest Glen—No letter.
- Frederickton—Bro. G. W. Currie.
- Grand Falls—No letter.
- Greenwich Hill—No delegate.
- Hainsville—No letter.
- Hodgdon and Richmond—No letter.
- Howard Settlement—No delegate.
- Jacksontown—Bro. Thomas Anderson.
- Jacksonville—Rev. Joseph Cahill.
- Keswick 1st—No letter.
- Keswick 2nd—Rev. B. N. Hughes.
- Kingsclear 1st—Rev. Peter Knight.
- Kingsclear 2nd—No letter.
- Knowlesville and Glasville—No delegate.
- Ledge St. Stephen—No letter.
- Little South West—No letter.
- Lower Hainsville—No letter.
- Lower Woodstock—No letter.
- Ludlow—Rev. W. M. Edwards, Brn. G. L. Price, and Alex. Long.
- Maonaquack—Rev. Jas. H. Tupper, P. E. Knight, and Bro. Calvin Currie.
- Maugerville—No delegate.
- Middle Simonds—Rev. F. S. Todd, and Bro. Arche Ebbitt.
- Nashwaak—Rev. B. N. Hughes.
- Newcastle and Derby—Bro. Wm. Gremley.
- Newcastle, Grand Lake—Rev. D. P. Harris, Brn. Jas. Kennedy and Dun-
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- New Jerusalem—No letter.
- New Maryland—Bro. Wm. Philipps.
- New Salem—Rev. W. M. Edwards, Brn. John Wasson, Jos. Dumphy, and
John Mitchell.
- North Esk—No letter.
- Oak Bay—No letter.
- Olivet (African)—Rev. Henry Haines.
- Pennfield—No delegate.
- Portland—Rev. W. A. Corry, Dea. Jas. May, and Jas. Spragg.
- Prince William—No Letter.

Richmond 3rd—No Letter.
 Rockland—Rev. A. H. Hayward.
 Rolling Dam—No Letter.
 St. Andrews 1st—No Letter.
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 St. James—"
 St. John Brussels St.—Rev. J. E. Hopper, Dea. W. H. Dykeman, Brn. J. A. Estey, and W. N. DeWitt.
 St. John Germain—Rev. G. M. W. Carey, Brn. E. H. Jones, J. F. Burditt, W. F. Parker.
 St. John Leinster—Rev. E. W. Kelly,
 St. John, Pitt St.—No letter.
 St. John Temple—Rev. W. P. Everett, Bros. T. H. Hall, and C. D. Everett.
 St. Stephen Union St.—No delegate.
 Salmon Creek—Rev. W. P. Anderson, Deas. J. McGregor, Jacob Langley, and Bro. W. C. King.
 Scotch Town—No letter.
 South Richmond—No letter.
 South Musquash and Dipper Harbor—No delegate.
 Springfield—No letter.
 Temperance Vale—No letter.
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 Upper Gagelown—Brn. C. B. Lewis, (lic), Stephen Watson.
 Upper Queensbury—No letter.
 Upper Newcastle and Northfield—Rev. D. P. Harris, Brn. Henry Rees, Enoch Nightingale.
 Wakefield—Revs. A. H. Hayward, J. W. S. Young, and Bro. Jos. Sherwood.
 Woodstock—Revs. G. N. Ballentine and B. Jewett, Dea. Jas. Drysdale, Brn. Wm. Kennedy, and C. N. Scott.
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MINUTES.

CHIPMAN, QUEEN'S CO., Tuesday 2 P. M., June 22, 1880.

The 33rd annual session of the W.N.B.B. Association convened with the Baptist Church at Chipman, Queen's Co., at 2 o'clock P. M.

The moderator, Rev. J. G. Harvey, took the chair and conducted a social conference for an hour.

In the absence of the Clerks, Bro. C. N. Scott, was appointed Clerk *pro tem*.

Delegates handed in their letters, and the Clerk arranged list of delegates, when their names were called and they took their seats as members of the Association.

On motion the following Bros. were invited to seats to participate in the deliberations, viz.: Rev. John Coombes, Rev. Elias Keirstead, Bros. Jas. Bridges and Dea. Andrew Barton.

The officers for the current year were then elected as follows:

Rev. J. G. Harvey, re-elected Moderator.

Bro. C. N. Scott, Clerk.

Rev. G. N. Ballentine, Assistant Clerk.

Dea. W. H. Flemming, Treasurer.

Bro. Duncan Bailey, Assistant Treasurer.

A committee on arrangements was then appointed as follows: Rev. W. P. Anderson, Dea. MacGregor and Rev. B. Jewett.

A committee to nominate all other committees was also appointed, consisting of Rev. Jos. A. Cahill, Rev. E. W. Kelly, Rev. D. P. Harris.

Resolved, that the Nominating Committee fill all vacancies in Committees from last year.

Committee on Arrangements reported recommending that Rev. E. W. Kelly preach this evening. On Wednesday morn-

ing prayer meeting at 9 o'clock and Associational sermon at 10½ o'clock by Rev. G. N. Ballentine.

Report adopted.

On motion adjourned after prayer by Rev. E. W. Kelly, to 8 o'clock, P. M.

SECOND SESSION.

Tuesday Evening, June 22.

The Association re-assembled at 8 o'clock.

Moderator in the Chair.

After a sermon by Rev. E. W. Kelly, on Eph. 4: 18, business was resumed.

Prayer by Rev. John Coombes.

Minutes read and confirmed.

Rules of Order read by the Clerk.

The Committee on Nominations reported, recommending Rev. G. N. Ballentine, Rev. W. P. Anderson, Rev. E. W. Kelly and Rev. D. P. Harris, as a committee on reading of Church Letters.

Report was adopted.

On motion the Committee proceeded with the reading of the Letters.

Committee on Arrangements further reported, recommending that Association adjourn to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, and meet again at 2 P. M.

Report was adopted.

After prayer by Rev. Jos. A. Cahill, meeting adjourned at 10 o'clock.

THIRD SESSION.

Wednesday Morning, June 23.

Prayer and Social Meeting at 9.30 A. M., after which the Associational Sermon was preached by Rev. G. N. Ballentine; text, Matt. vi: 18;

Business was then resumed.

Moderator in the chair.

Prayer by Rev. W. A. Corey.

Minutes of last session read and confirmed.

On motion the reading of Letters from the Churches was resumed.

On motion referred to such other committee.

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On motion the Letter of the Upper Gagetown Church was referred to the Committee on Arrangements, together with such others as contain reference to next meeting of Association.

On motion the session was prolonged to receive the report of Committee on Nominations.

Committee on Nominations reported the following Committees to report at this session :

On Home Missions—Revs. J. E. Hopper, J. G. Harvey and Bro. T. H. Hall.

On Sabbath Schools—Revs. J. E. Hopper, T. M. Munro, G. N. Ballentine, Dea. Jas. E. Drysdale, Bro. W. C. King.

On Temperance—Revs. Jos. A. Cahill, F. S. Todd, Bro. A. Ebbett.

On New Churches — Revs. W. A. Corey, A. H. Hayward, B. N. Hughes, Bro. James Kennedy.

On Education—Revs. B. N. Hughes, E. W. Kelly, Bro. G. King, M. P.

On Circular Letter—Revs. W. A. Corey, J. G. Harvey, and D. P. Harris.

On Obituaries—Revs. W. P. Everett, W. P. Anderson.

On Foreign Missions—Revs. W. P. Everett and J. E. Hopper.

On Statistics.—John March.

Rev. W. P. Everett added to Committee on Arrangements.

After prayer by Rev. E. W. Kelly, meeting adjourned at 12.30.

FOURTH SESSION

Wednesday Afternoon, June 23.

The Association re-assembled at 2.30 o'clock P. M.

Moderator in the chair.

The Rules of order were read after prayer by Rev. B. Jewett.

Minutes of morning session read and confirmed.

Committee on Nominations further reported, recommending the following committees :

On preparing Digest of Letters.—C. N. Scott, Rev. G. N. Ballentine, Rev. Jos. A. Cahill.

On Printing and Circulating Minutes.—Rev. J. E. Hopper, Rev. E. Hickson and Rev. E. W. Kelly.

On Travelling Arrangements.—Rev. W. P. Everett, Stephen Watson and Moderator.

Report adopted.

Moved by Rev. Jos. A Cahill, seconded by Rev. G. N. Ballentine, and

Resolved, That we recommend that our Articles of Faith and Church Covenant be in future printed in our Minutes.

Committee on Circular Letter reported that they had examined the Letter on the subject, "Why are we Baptists," and recommended that it be read by the author before the Association. Report adopted.

By request Brother Everett then read the Circular Letter, which, on motion was ordered to be printed in the Minutes. Also on motion

Resolved, That the Editor be requested to publish it in the CHRISTIAN VISITOR.

On motion, Rev. G. N. Ballentine was requested to furnish a copy of the Associational Sermon delivered by him, for publication in the CHRISTIAN VISITOR.

Committee on Arrangements submitted a further report, which, on motion was referred back for amendment. They finally reported, recommending that this meeting be closed at 5 p.m., to meet for Missionary meeting at 8 p.m. Rev. W. A. Corey, Rev. W. P. Everett, Rev. G. N. Ballentine, Rev. E. W. Kelly, and Bros. T. H. Hall and G. G. King be the speakers. A collection to be taken and divided between Home Missions and Foreign Missions. Report adopted.

The Committee on Arrangements reported, recommending that the next annual meeting of this Association be held with the Upper Gagetown Church. Report adopted.

Bro. D. J. Bailey, Assistant Treasurer, being called away Bro. G. G. King was appointed instead.

Committee on Temperance submitted their Report, which on motion was adopted. See Appendix.

Rev. D. P. Harris and Bro. Duncan Bailey, by request were granted leave of absence.

Meeting was adjourned to give place to a meeting of H. M. Board, after prayer by Rev. D. P. Harris.

FIFTH SESSION.

Wednesday Evening, June 23.

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Opened by prayer by Rev. T. M. Munro.

The Minutes of afternoon session were read and confirmed.

On motion Rev. Dr. Day of Nova Scotia was invited by this Association to participate in its deliberations.

A deeply interesting Missionary Meeting, presided over by the Moderator, was conducted until 10.30. Inspiring speeches were delivered by Revs. Dr. Day, W. A. Corey, T. M. Munro, J. E. Hopper, Bros. G. G. King, M. P., T. H. Hall, Revs. E. W. Kelly and W. P. Everett. A collection amounting to \$17.64 was taken in the interest of Home and Foreign Missions, after which speeches were made by Rev. G. N. Ballentine, and Bro. H. A. Brown.

Committee on arrangements reported recommending that the Association meet to-morrow at 9 o'clock a. m., and adjourn to give place to a meeting of the H. M. Society. Adjourn at 12 o'clock; meet at 2 p. m. for business, adjourn at 5 p. m. and meet at 8 for an educational meeting.

Prayer was offered by Rev. J. E. Hopper, when the meeting adjourned.

SIXTH SESSION.

THURSDAY MORNING, June 24.

Met at 9½ o'clock, A.M., the Moderator presiding.

Prayer by Rev. A. H. Hayward.

The Rules of Order read.

The minutes of fifth session read and confirmed.

Brethren J. W. Higgins and Robert Elkin were invited to seats.

On motion the reading of the Letters from the Churches was resumed.

The committee on New Churches submitted the following Report.

Your Committee on New Churches, beg to report, they find Letters from two new churches, viz., Wakefield, which was duly organized in June last, also the Knowlesville and Glassville Church, which was organized in January last.

Your Committee would recommend that the above churches be received into the Association.

A. H. HAYWARD, Chairman.

On motion, the Moderator extended the hand of fellowship to the Rev. A. H. Hayward as the representative of the Wakefield, and the Knowlesville and Glassville Churches.

The Committee on Foreign Missions submitted a report which, on motion was adopted. (See Appendix.)

On motion the Association adjourned to afford an opportunity for a meeting of the Home Mission Society.

At 12½ o'clock, the Association resumed business.

After prayer by Rev. J. E. Hopper, the meeting was adjourned.

SEVENTH SESSION.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, June 24.

The session was opened with prayer by Rev. John Coombes. The Moderator took the chair and read the Rules of Order.

The Minutes of the Morning Session were read and confirmed.

Resolved, That delegates be appointed to represent us at the approaching Convention at Hillsboro'.

Bros. G. G. King, C. N. Scott, T. H. Hall, W. H. Flemming and Rev. J. E. Hopper were appointed.

Resolved, That any members of this Association who may attend the next annual meeting of the Eastern New Brunswick Baptist Association, be our representatives at said meeting.

The report of the Committee on Redistribution of Churches submitted at last annual meeting, on motion, was taken from the table. After a brief discussion it was

Resolved, That in concurrence with the action of the Eastern Association at its last session, we consent to the redistribution of the Churches according to Report (C) of the Committee presented last year to the Association and recorded on Page 15 of the Minutes of 1879.

Bro. G. G. King, M. P., Bro. Jas. Sloat and Rev. A. H. Hayward, were appointed a Committee on Religious Literature.

Rev. W. P. Everett, J. E. Hopper, J. A. Cahill and B. N. Hughes, on arranging a list of Ministers in connection with this Association, and

Brother Stephen Watson, Rev. W. P. Anderson and Rev. B. Jewett, on Association Sermon and Circular letter.

Resolved, That no Digest of Church Letters be inserted in the Minutes of this Annual Meeting.

On motion of the Author,

Resolved, That the Circular Letter for this year be omitted from the Minutes.

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Resolved, That the Treasurer's Report be submitted to an Audit Committee, and that the Treasurer pay over all moneys to the proper persons authorized to receive the same.

Bros. T. H. Hall, and Robt. Elkin appointed Audit Committee.

Resolved, That 1,000 copies of the Minutes be printed this year.

On motion, the Association was adjourned to give place to a Meeting of the Home Mission Society, after which the Moderator took the Chair, and business was resumed.

On motion, the Session was prolonged 15 minutes to receive Reports.

The Report of the Committee on Home Missions was submitted, and on motion adopted. (See App.)

The Committee on Arranging List of Ministers submitted their Report, and on motion it was adopted. (See App.)

The Committee on Association Sermon and Circular Letter for next year reported as follows :

Your Committee appointed to nominate Brethren to preach Associational Sermon and to write the Circular Letter, beg leave to recommend that Rev. J. G. Harvey preach the Sermon and Rev. W. P. Anderson be his Alternate,—also, that Rev. Jos. Cahill write the Circular Letter, and Rev. G. N. Ballentine be his Alternate.

S. WATSON, Chairman.

The Report was adopted.

The Committee on Religious Literature submitted their Report, and on motion it was adopted. (See App.)

Adjourned after prayer by Rev. Dr. Day.

EIGHTH SESSION.

THURSDAY EVENING, June 24th.

The Association met at 8 o'clock, P. M.

The Moderator being absent, Rev. W. P. Anderson was appointed *pro tem*.

Prayer by Rev. B. N. Hughes, after which the rules of Order were read.

The Minutes of the Seventh Session were read and confirmed.

The reading of the Letters from the Churches was concluded.

The Moderator here arrived and took the Chair.

The Treasurer's Account with the Audit Committee's Report thereon was presented.

On motion, it was approved, and the Report adopted.

The Committee on Obituaries was directed to prepare a Report for publication with the Minutes.

Resolved, That the hearty and sincere thanks of this Association be tendered to the members of the Church and Congregation at Chipman, for the bountiful hospitality extended to the Delegates and visiting Brethren in attendance at this Annual Meeting.

The Report on Education was submitted, and was on motion adopted, after Addresses by Rev'ds. B. N. Hughes, T. M. Munro, E. Keirstead, G. N. Ballentine, J. A. Cahill, Bro. G. G. King, M.P., and the Moderator.

A collection was taken for unforeseen expenses amounting to \$2.32, which was ordered to be paid Rev. J. E. Hopper for Church Blanks.

On motion, the Association was adjourned to meet with the Upper Gagetown Baptist Church, on the fourth Tuesday in June, 1881, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Prayer was offered by the Moderator.

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APPENDIX.

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Foreign Mission Report.

The Committee on Foreign Missions would report that our Mission among the Telugus has, during the year, experienced no remarkable changes.

In Bimlipatam we still have three Missionaries on the field, viz., Rev. R. Sanford and wife, and Miss C. A. Hammond; who are aided by several native helpers.

Bro. Sanford has completed the erection of a substantial and almost fire-proof Mission House and the necessary outlying buildings, and the Missionaries have entered upon the occupation of their new premises. Hereafter Bro. Sanford can give his principal and almost entire attention to the preaching of the Word.

Miss Hammond has largely given her talents and time to teaching, and reports that she feels very much encouraged in her work.

Bro. Sanford also has under his superintendence a station at Vizianagram and another in the Jeypore District. In the former place there is a small church organized.

In Chicacole Bro. W. F. Armstrong and wife have been laboring assiduously and effectively in their field. Bro. A. has done considerable touring work as well as performing the usual labor at Chicacole. He is ably assisted by two or three native preachers and a colporteur. Six are reported as baptized on Mr. Armstrong's field during the past year. Mrs. A. with her characteristic enthusiasm and energy has carried forward her school work in a most efficient manner. She has a boys' school with four teachers and containing 114 scholars. Her girls' school has two teachers and 46 pupils. These schools are sustained in part by tuition paid by the scholars, and the Government School Inspector having examined them and reported favorably, the Government proposes to aid the schools to the extent of some 200 or 300 rupees per annum.

In Bobbili, Rev. G. Churchill and wife are still laboring. Bro. C. is busily engaged in building a permanent Mission House. Both he and Mrs. C. are engaged as far as they can be in direct evangelistic work, especially among those of the Brahmin caste.

On the whole the prospect of our Mission is quite encouraging but we shall need more prayer and more liberal pecuniary aid from the churches at home.

Our sisters organized as Women's Aid Societies seem to have risen more fully than our brothers of the churches to a just conception of liberally and systematically supporting the Mission.

We feel that our churches as a general thing need more information in respect to the claims, necessities and relative importance of the Foreign Mission field; and some members of the Foreign Mission Board have expressed themselves as convinced of the necessity of publishing and circulating a cheap monthly journal in the interests

of Foreign Missions, and if possible do this conjointly with the B. F. M. Board of Ontario and Quebec, or in connection with Home Missions and Education as embraced in the Convention of the Maritime Provinces.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. P. EVERETT.
J. E. HOPPER.

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Home Mission Report.

Your Committee on Home Missions gratefully report that during the last year much has been done in this department of Christian enterprise. Nineteen Missionaries have been appointed, nineteen Mission Fields have been occupied and \$1,697 have been appropriated for this purpose. Since November last the Convention Board has had the conduct of Our Home Mission Work, and we are pleased to report that the Board has been so mindful of our interests, and so ready to comply with the suggestions of Quarterly Meetings and the Committee of the Home Mission Board.

A large and fruitful field for Home Mission operations is presented within the bounds of this Association, and more united and practical effort should be made by our churches and ministry to go in and possess the land. In view of our pressing needs and the demand for united work, we urge the whole-hearted co-operation of all our churches in praying and giving.

J. E. HOPPER.

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Report of Committee on Education.

Your Committee have to report a successful year in the history of our Institutions at Wolfville.

Special attention is called to the Ladies' Seminary with its superior accommodations and efficient staff of instructors. It merits a larger attendance than it has had during the past year.

The Theological Department has continued under the charge of Dr. Crawley and Dr. Welton, and quite a large number have availed themselves of its teaching.

In view of the debt remaining on the new buildings erected for the Institutions, and in view of the demands for further endowment and increased efficiency, your Com. would call attention to the need of awakening a deeper and more intelligent interest in our Educational work.

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B. N. HUGHES }
E. W. KELLY } Com.
G. G. KING }

Report on Temperance.

Your Committee rejoice in the encouraging prospects of the Temperance cause generally, but especially in the church. Christian men and women, who in the past have been indifferent to the claims of Total Abstinence from Intoxicating Liquor, appear of late deeply interested, and really alive in the work, feeling it a part of their creed.

The Church, we believe, should take the lead in this as in every other benevolent and humane cause.

We are glad to know that our Permissive Bill has been legally sustained; and we hope ere long that public sentiment will be so permeated with Temperance principles that those who sell liquor as a beverage or drink it, will be looked upon as violators of the law.

JOSEPH CAHILL, Chairman

Denominational Literature.

Your Committee in view of the great importance of Education, and of the important part that Literature plays in forming the mind and character of the young and rising generation, deem it highly essential that those engaged in Sabbath School work in connection with our churches, should exercise great caution in selecting Sabbath School libraries and other literature to be placed in the hands of those under their care, believing as we do that much of the literature now constituting our libraries is of an objectionable character and not in accordance with the principles of our denomination.

We also notice with pleasure the increased circulation of the YOUTH'S VISITOR and BIBLE LESSONS as published by the proprietor of the CHRISTIAN VISITOR, and heartily recommend their use to our Sabbath School workers.

Our denominational paper the CHRISTIAN VISITOR has been conducted in such a manner during the past year as to merit our confidence and claim the support of every Baptist family.

G. G. KING,
A. H. HAYWARD, } Committee.
JAMES SLOAT. }

**Statement of Monies Contributed for following Objects, as shown
by the Letters from the Churches.**

CHURCHES.	Minutes.	Con. Sch.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.
Chipman,	25		1 00	
Salmon Creek	1 00			
Leinster St. Saint John				
New Maryland	75			
Woodstock	1 51			
Florenceville	1 00			
Newcastle, Grand Lake,	1 00			
Middle Simonds,	50			
Centreville,	1 20			
Jacksonville,	1 00	10 00		
Jacksontown,	1 00			
Howard Settlement,				
Calvary,				
Upper Newcastle,	50			
Lortland,	3 50			
Temple Church, St. John,	2 00			
Olivet Church,	50		50	
L. Gagetown,	1 17			
Nashwaak,	1 00			
Kingsclear 1st,	1 00			2 51
Macnaquaak,	60			2 00
Mangerville,	1 00			
Lakeville,	1 00			
South Musquash, and Dip-				
per Harbor.	1 00			
Knowlesville and Glassville,	1 00			
Wakefield,	1 00			
Rockland,	2 00	5 00		
Ludlow,	50		3 75	3 75
Blissfield,	45		5 00	3 00
Greenwich Hill,	20			
New Salem,	1 00		5 75	6 25
Brussels St., Saint John,	5 00			
German St., "	5 00			
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P. S.—Collection Thursday evg., \$17.65; donation from H. A. Brown, \$5.00; donation from Rev. W. P. Anderson, \$2.95. Total \$25.60.

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

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CHURCHES.	Date of Organization.	PASTORS.	Date of Settlement.	CLERICS.		INCREASE.				DECREASE.				Last Report.	Now Reported.
				NAMES.	F. O. ADDRESSES.	Baptized.	By Letter.	By Ex- pittance.	Restored.	Died.	Letter.	Excluded.			
*Andover.	1830	C. Henderson,	1879	A Emsack	Andover, Vic Co	38	7							38	74
*Arthurette.	1855	C. Henderson,	1880	H Howard	Arthurette, Vic Co									23	
Avondale.	1874			Jas A Barter	Avondale, Car Co									68	72
Blackville.	1880			L W Dunphy	Blackville, N'th Co	11	1							69	134
Blenfield.	1880	W. M. Edwards,	1880	Wm Swinn	Freese's W.O. Book- town Nor Co									136	
*Bloomfield & Good Settlement.	1873			C J Connolly	Bloomfield, Car Co									66	
*Bright (African)	1831			G A Wherry	Bright, York Co									17	61
Canning and Shemeld.	1800	Geo. Howard.		A Thompson	Canning-Queens Co									82	81
*Calvary (African)	1874	J. D. Estman,	1874	Geo Nelson	Jacksonville Car Co									14	18
*Canterbury.	1822														
*Cardigan.	1830														
Centerville.	1843	F. O. Reece,	1880	Wm Carson	Hamtown York Co	12	2	1		3	1	1	168	26	
Chipman.	1844	J. G. Harvey,	1874	F G Burt	Centerville, Car Co	54	4	2		3	2		31	86	
*Clarksburg.	1844	W. P. Anderson,	1879	W H Flemming	Gasperaux Q'ns Co								284		
Clinton, St. John.	1841	E. Hickson,	1872	Geo W Lyon	Carlston, St John										
*Dumfries and Queensbury.	1855			N H Clark	Nackawick, Y'k Co								26	43	
*Florenceville.	1856	J. G. Harvey,	1866	C J Hendry	Florenceville Car Co					1			44		
*Forest Glen.	1876			J A Donaghey	Forest Glen Vic Co								36		
*Frederickton.	1814	F. D. Crawley,	1880	H O Creed	Frederickton Y Co	34	13	2		6	6	4	321	364	
*Grand Falls.	1864	C. Henderson,	1880	W J Cheyney	Greenwich Hill K C	10							68	75	
Greenwich Hill.	1876			R Holmes Jr	Hainesville Y C								36		
*Hainesville.	1893			W L Green	Union Cor, Car Co								90		
*Hodgdon and Richmond.	1843			G F A Jamieson	Canterbury Sta Y C					1			73		
*Howard Settlement	1850	F. S. Todd,	1880												
Jacksontown.	1833	Jos. A. Cahill,	1880	Wm Kitchan	Jacksontown C C	3		2		2		1	143	129	
Jacksonville.	1860	Jos. A. Cahill,	1880	H E Burt	Jacksonville C C								64	64	
Kewick 1st.	1813			E B Burt	Kewick York Co								70		
Kewick 2nd.	1875	B. N. Hughes,	1875	S V Meribaw	Month Kewick Y C								60	61	

1825 P. R. Knight,	1877 Jos T Dunphy	Spring Hill, Y Co	27
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South Richmond,		1880 Geo Bynon	S Musquash St J Co	8				
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1824	Springfield,	1826	Springfield Y C	36				
1866	Temperance Vale,	1867	Tower Hill Char C	18				
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1873	Upper Gagetown,	1874	Upper Queensbury	130	4	5		143
1875	Upper Newcastle & Northfield,	1876	Newcastle Br'g Q C	24			18	
1877	Woodstock,	1878	Woodstock Car C	56	2			64
1879	Wakefield,	1880	Rosedale	122	1	33		80
1879	Zion Church (African)	1880	Carlton St. John	12				50

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS IN THE WESTERN ASSOCIATION

NAME.	RESIDENCE.	Date of Ordination.	Place of Ordination.
Anderson, W. P.	Chipman,	Aug. 13, 1879	Chipman,
Ballentine, G. N.	Woodstock,	Oct., 1872	Brookfield, N. S.
Beckwith, W. H.	Fredericton,	1832	
Brett, Samuel	Jacksonville,	May, 1872	Howard Settlement,
Caill, Joseph	Jacksonville,	March, 1875	Kingsclear,
Carey, G. M. W.	St. John,	Feb., 1856	St. Catherine's, Ont.
Charlton, H. A.	Knoxford,	March, 1855	Greenville, N. S.
Coombes, John		Sept., 1870	Rehoboth, Mass.
Corey, W. A.	Portland,	Dec. 9, 1858	Kars
Coy, Henry J.	Nashuaak,	June, 1873	Canterbury,
Crawley, Thos. W.	St. Andrews,	1856	
Eatmon, J. D.	Fredericton,	June, 1873	Carleton,
Edwards, W. M.	Blissfield, Mir.	March, 1855	Hampton,
Everett, W. P.	St. John,	April, 1856	E. Abington, Mass.
Hains, Henry	Otnabog,	March, 1870	Otnabog,
Harris, D. P.	Newcastle, G. L.	1864	
Harvey, J. G.	Centreville,	Feb., 1858	Springfield, Y. Co.
Hayward, A. H.	Rockland,	Sept. 4, 1879	Rockland,
Henderson, Chas.	Jacksonville,	Aug., 1877	Jacksontown,
Hickson, E.	Carleton, St. John	July, 1862	North Esk,
Hoppe, J. E.	St. John,	1867	Fredericton,
Howard, Geo.	Maugerville,	1867	Jacksontown,
Hughes, B. N.	St. Mary's, Y. Co.	Oct., 1858	Maugerville,
Jewett, Benj.	St. John,	Sept., 1860	Andover,
Kelley, E. W.	L. I. Queensbury,	June, 1876	Windsor, N. S.
Knight, Peter	St. Mary's, Y. Co.	1874	New Maryland,
Manzor, W. D.	Newcastle, Mir.	1867	Shediac,
Manro, T. M.	Fredericton,	1868	Centreville,
Porter, T. H.	Upper Keswick,	Nov., 1861	Brookfield, N. S.
Reese, F. O.	St. David,	Oct., 1868	Canning, Q. Co.
Rideout, W. C.	Prince William,	Sept., 1849	Aylesford, N. S.
Saunders, T. W.	Woodstock,	July, 1852	Prince William,
Seely, George	Hartland,	Aug., 1854	Carleton, St. John,
Shaw, H. J.	St. John,	July, 1871	Limerick, Me.,
Spencer, James	Middle Simonds,	May, 1853	Chester, N. S.
Todd, F. S.	St. Stephen,	June, 1880	Middle Simonds,
Todd, Thomas	Newcastle, G. L.	Oct. 1849	Woodstock,
Troop, W. A.	Queensbury,	June, 1855	Newcastle, G. L.
Tupper, J. H.	Ledge, Dufferin	March, 1844	Jacksontown,
Vickery, W. E.	Carleton, St. John		Keswick,
Walls, S. E.	St. John,		
Wilcox, A. J.	Jacksontown.	Feb., 1876	Lower Woodstock.
Young, J. W. S.			

LICENTIATES.

NAME.	RESIDENCE.	Date of Licence.	Church Licencing.
Annis, William	Howard Settlement		Howard Settlement,
Burditt, John	St. John,		Germain St.,
Currie, Calvin	Fredericton,		Fredericton,
Davies, T. F.	Sussex,		Brussels St.,
Ebbitt, R.	Portland,		Portland,
Goodwin, J.	Lockeport, N. S.		Leinster St.,
Gremly, Wm.	Newcastle,		Newcastle
King, M. F.	Chipman,		Chipman,
Lewis, Bamford	Gagetown,		Centreville,
May, Jas. S.	Portland,		Portland,
McDonald, Thos.	Debec Junction,		Richmond,
Parker, W. F.	St. John,		Germain St.,
Price, G. L.	Blissfield,		Blissfield,
Stirwell, D. C.	Scotch Town,		Scotch Town,

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A DECLARATION

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

PART I.—ARTICLES OF FAITH.

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

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

3. That the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, in which he hath given us our only rule of faith and practice: Luke xv. 29-31; 2 Tim. iii. 15-17; 1 Thes. ii. 13; 2 Peter i. 21, iii. 2; Rom. iii. 2; Isa. viii. 16, 19, 20.

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

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

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

7. That man being left to himself soon fell from that happy

and glorious estate in which he was made, by eating the forbidden fruit, by which he brought himself and all his posterity into a state of death: Gen. iii. 6; Rom. v. 12-19.

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

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

10. That Jesus, the eternal Son of God hath come, and taken on him our nature, and in that nature hath yielded a perfect obedience to the law which we have transgressed, and suffered death for our sins and hath brought in a complete and everlasting righteousness, and hath risen and ascended to the right hand of God, and ever liveth to make intercession for us: John i. 1, 14; Heb. i. 1-3, vii. 25, x. 5-10; Rom. i. 4; Dan. ix. 24.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PART II.—ARTICLES OF PRACTICE.

CONCERNING A VISIBLE CHURCH OF CHRIST AND ITS DISCIPLINE.

1. We believe that a particular visible Church of Christ is a number of baptized believers, by mutual acquaintance and communion voluntarily and understandingly covenanting and uniting together, for upholding and promoting the worship and service of God, to show forth His glory, and for their own edification: 1 Peter ii. 5; Acts, ii. 42, ix. 13; Heb. x. 25; Eph. iv. 15, 16.

2. That Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Christ to be continued until His second coming, and that the former is requisite to the latter—that is to say, that those are to be admitted into the communion of the Church, and to partake of all its ordinances and privileges, who upon profession of their faith have been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost: Matt. xxviii. 19, 29; 1

Cor. xi. 23-26; Acts ii. 41, 42, and ix. 18-26; and viii. 12, 35-39; Matt. iii. 6-16; Rom. vi. 4; Col. ii. 12; Gal. iii. 27; Matt. xxvi. 26-28; Acts xx. 11; 1 Cor. x. 16.

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

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

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

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

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

8. That there is a mutual obligation between Minister and people—one to administer in things religious and spiritual, according to the gifts God has given. The Church to communicate of their temporal or worldly substance for his comfort and

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support, and that by an equality, as nearly as can be ascertained, that one may not be burthened and another eased. But this is not to be effected by force or compulsion, or by the sword of civil power; but it is to be a free-will offering, agreeably to the Scriptures of truth; and every member deficient in this matter ought to be disciplined by Gospel rule, as for any breach of covenant, or neglect of performing Christian duty: Luke x. 7; Rom. xv. 27; 1 Cor. ix.; Gal. vi. 6.

PART III.—COVENANT.

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

We acknowledge our everlasting and indispensable obligations to glorify God by living a holy, righteous, and godly life, in this present world, in all our several places and relations; and we engage by the assistance of the Divine Spirit, to improve our time, strength, talents, and advantages to His glory and the good of our fellow-men; promising, by Divine help, to walk in our houses as becomes those professing godliness, and to maintain the worship of God in our families, and to train up those under our care in the ways of religion and virtue.

We also give up ourselves to one another in covenant, promising to act towards each other as brethren in Christ, watching over one another in the love of God—reproving, rebuking, and admonishing one another for good as occasion may require; and if we at any time know that any members of the church are guilty of immoral conduct, that we will not expose it by telling it to others; and if we have any personal difficulty with our brethren, we will not cherish enmity or speak of our grievances to others, but will faithfully labour with them, according to the direction of our Lord—Matt. xviii. 15, 17—that sin may be put away from among us, and that iniquity may not be harboured in the church. We engage to watch not only against the most gross evils, but also against all foolish talking and jesting, which are not convenient—vain disputing about words and things which gender strife—disregard-

ing promises, and not fulfilling engagements—tattling and backbiting, spending time idly at taverns, or elsewhere, and vain, unnecessary worldly conversation on the Sabbath, and whatsoever else is contrary to sound doctrine, according to the glorious gospel of Christ. We promise to hold communion together in the worship of God, and in the ordinances and discipline of His church, according as we are or shall be guided by the Spirit of God in His word—expecting that He will yet further and more gloriously open His word and the mysteries of His kingdom; applying to the blood of the everlasting covenant for the pardon of our many errors, and praying that the Lord would prepare and strengthen us for every good work to do His will, working in us that which is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.—Amen.