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MINUTES

OF THE

TWENTY FIFTH SESSION

OF THE

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD AT

PORTLAND, COUNTY OF SAINT JOHN,

IN THE

PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK,

ON

MONDAY, TUESDAY, and WEDNESDAY, 6th, 7th. and 8th JULY,

1846.

TOGETHER WITH THE

Circular Letter, Missionary Accounts, &c. &c.

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PORTLAND, Monday, 6th July, 1846.

INTRODUCTORY Sermon preached by the **REV. WILLIAM SEARS**,
from the 21st chapter of John, 17th verse.

The Rev. Samuel Robinson was appointed Moderator.

The Rev. Charles Spurden, Clerk.

Brother J. W. Hartt, Assistant Clerk.

Stephen Gerow, Treasurer of Funds collected for Domestic Missions.

S. Hersey, Treasurer of Union Funds.

J. Harding, Assistant Treasurer.

The Rev. N. Viditoe took his seat as a Delegate from the Nova Scotia Association.

The Rev. J. M. Cramp, from Montreal; the Rev. Messrs. I. E. Bill, R. Cunningham, and John Chace, from Nova Scotia; the Rev. Alexander McDonald and Brother E. Anderson, from Prince Edward Island, were requested to take part in the deliberations of the Session.

The appointment of the following Committees was then confirmed:—

Brethren J. Marsters, J. Bunting, and W. Sears—to examine Letters.

Brethren Samuel Elder, William Hall, and John Chace—to read the Letters.

Brethren E. J. Harris, John Francis, John Magee, J. C. Skinner, Jarvis Ring, and William Coleman—to arrange the business of the Association.

Brethren Thomas Magee, William Harris, E. J. Harris, J. A. Smith, J. Francis, J. C. Skinner, and Jarvis Ring—for Special Business.

Brethren Joseph Crandall, William D. Fitch, and W. L. Hopkins—to examine the Circular Letter.

Brethren Mills, James Newcomb, ——— M'Leod, James Tozer, Merritt Keith, Edward Watson, and G. A. Garrison—for Sabbath Schools.

Brethren N. Viditoe, James Tupper, James Wallace, Titus Stone, and J. Trimble—for "Christian Messenger."

Brethren James Blakeney, James Walker, D. Crandall, G. Miles, A. Mutch, J. Herritt, James P. A. Phillips, Jarvis Ring, T. W. Saunders, C. Thorn, and B. Coy—for Domestic Missions.

Brethren W. B. Kinnear, J. M. Cramp, I. E. Bill, A. D. Thomson, N. S. Demill, S. Jerow, R. Cunningham, and John Francis—for Foreign Missions.

Brethren George Rigby, William Pulcifer, Peter Spragg, W. E. Parker, and W. S. Estey—to examine into, and report on, the state of New Churches.

Brethren Thomas Magee, John Marsters, A. D. Thomson, J. T. Smith, J. Crandall, R. Cunningham, I. E. Bill, N. Viditoe, John Chase, J. M. Cramp, and William Hall—to report on the subject of the Union of the Provinces.

Brethren John Clark, James Everitt, and M. Young—to audit Accounts.

Brethren John Francis, W. Harris, James Blakeney, D. Crandall, and John T. Smith—to report on the state of the Denomination.

Brethren John Magee, J. H. Tupper, Samuel Elder, J. W. Hartt, J. Newcomb, and Merritt Keith—to form a list of Ministers and Licentiates.

The Letter from F. Bosworth, Corresponding Secretary of the Canada Baptist Union, inserted in a subsequent part of the Minutes, was read, and Professor Cramp was welcomed into the Association.

The Letters from the following Churches were then read, and the Delegates took their seats as Members of the Association.

Saint John, Rev. S. Robinson, Brethren W. B. Kinnear, J. W. Hartt, Zebulon Estey, Stephen Gerow, and George C. Hunt.

1st Saint George, Rev. W. Hall, Deacon Mann, Brethren McLeod, Young, and Dewer.

Douglas, Rev. G. Rigby, and William McKeen.

Norton, Rev. John Marsters, Joseph Pickle, and Henry McComb.

Wickham, Rev. J. C. Skinner.

Canning, Rev. Benjamin Coy, Jarvis Estabrooks, Thomas Bridges, John Curry, and George W. Coy.

Portland, Rev. E. J. Harris, Robert Stephens, and Alex. Simm.

Carleton, Rev. John Francis, J. S. Clark, J. O. Beatteay, John P. Wills, John Christopher, and George Cunnable.

2d. Saint George, Rev. James Walker.

Prince William, . Rev. Thos. W. Saunders.

2d. Wickham, . . Rev. James A. Smith.

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1st Springfield, . Rev. David Crandall, Rev. Peter Spragg, and
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Frederickton, Rev. Samuel Elder, Rev. Charles Spurden, W.
 S. Estey, and James P. A. Phillips.
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1st St. Martins, . Rev. John Mills, Brethren James Newcomb,
 Deacon, Isaac Bradshaw, and George Fownes.
Jacksontown, . . . Rev. W. D. Fitch.
African Church, *Douglas*, Rev. George Rigby, and Joseph Wheary.
Gondalow Point, Rev. James Blakeney, Alexander Mutch, and
 James Kiersted.
Maugerville, Rev. John Magee, and George F. Miles.
Harvey, John Cleveland.
Chipman, John M. McGregor.
Greenwich, Rev. James Trimble, and David Moore.
Hopewell, Rev. William Sears.
Woodstock, Rev. W. D. Fitch, and James Everitt.
Saint James, . . . Rev. Thomas Magee.
Nashwaak, Rev. W. Harris.
Blackville, Blissfield and Ludlow, Rev. James Tozer.
2d. St. Patricks, Rev. A. D. Thompson.
Sackville, Rev. W. Sears, A. Tingley, Fred. R. Sears, and
 John Sears.
1st. St. Patricks, Rev. A. D. Thompson.
1st. Salisbury, . . Rev. Joseph Crandall, and John Crandall.
Brighton, Thomas Ackerson.
Waterborough, . . Rev. J. C. Skinner.
Sussex Vale, . . . Brethren J. King, and Isaac Cleveland.
Dorchester, Rev. W. Sears.
Hillsborough, . . . Rev. James Wallace, Patrick Duffy, and William
 Gross.
Dumfries, Rev. James H. Tupper.
Buctouche, Brother Donald McPhail.
Miramichi, North Esk, Robert Emerson.
1st. Grand Lake, Peter McIntyre, James Butler, Lewis Albright,
 and Alexander Ruce.
Saint Davids, . . George Hopps.
New Canaan, . . . Allan McDonald, and Nehemiah Clark.
Moncton, Rev. J. Crandall.
Coverdale, Rev. James Wallace, and Asa Fillamore.
Johnston, Rev. Charles Thorne, and James V. Tabor.
2d. St. Martins, . Robert Floyd.
Pennfield, Rev. W. Hall.
Hampton, Rev. Samuel Bancroft, and W. C. Snow.
Butternut Ridge, Rev. Merritt Keith, Brethren James Herritt, and
 James Keith.

2d. *Sackville*, . . . Rev. W. G. Parker, Laben Lawrence, and J. Easterbrooks.

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2d. *Grand Lake*, A. Branscombe, Robert Snell, and Robert Elkin.

Upham, Rev. J. Bunting, and Jesse Tabor.

Cardigan, Rev. William Harris, and Benjamin Richards.

2d. *Springfield*, . Rev. Peter Spragg.

The Committee for examining the Letters from New Churches, recommend that the New Churches at Mill Cove, Second Dorchester, Little South West, Miramichi, and Little River, in Sheffield, be received into this Association. The right hand of fellowship was accordingly given by the Moderator, to the representatives of each.

Little River, (*Sheffield*) Rev. Edmond Watson, William C. Pendleton.

Little South West, (*Miramichi*) Rev. James Tozer, and J. Somers,
Mill Cove, (*Grand Lake*) William Ferris, Junr., M. Branscomb,
John Elsworth, and William Ferris, Senr.

2d. *Dorchester*, . . . John W. Smith.

After Prayer, by Elder W. Harris, adjourned till half past 3 o'clock.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Elder J. M. Cramp.

The Committee appointed to examine the Circular Letter, having reported favorably, it was

ORDERED, That it be received and published in the Minutes, and that a Copy of the Letter be sent to the Editors of the "Christian Messenger," for insertion in that Periodical.

ORDERED, That the Association be held in Jacksontown next year, commencing on the third Monday after the 20th June. That Brother Samuel Robinson preach the Introductory Sermon, and in case of failure, Brother John Francis; and that the Circular Letter be written by Brother Samuel Elder.

ORDERED, That Brethren Charles Spurden and George Rigby be the Messengers to the next Meeting of the Nova Scotia Association, and that Six Pounds be allowed to defray their expences: That Elder A. D Thompson represent this Association in the Association of the State of Maine, about to commence at Eastport, and that Ten Shillings be allowed for expences: also, that Elder Joseph Crandall be our Messenger to the same Association, and that Three Pounds be allowed to defray his expences.

ORDERED, That Brother Charles Spurden be appointed to superintend the printing of the Minutes, and that 1500 Copies be printed and circulated.

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John T. Smith, from the Committee appointed last year to prepare a Record of the Denomination and copy it into a suitable book, reports, that the Committee have attended to that duty as far as the information received would admit of; and submitted the Record for the examination of the Association.

RESOLVED, That Brethren John Magee, William Hall, A. D. Thompson, and Benjamin Coy, be appointed to examine the Record and report thereon to the Association.

ORDERED, That the expences of the Delegates, appointed by the Association last year to confer upon the Union of the Provinces, be paid out of the Funds collected at the Association, and that the balance due Brother George F. Miles for Missionary labour, be paid from the same source.

After Prayer, by Brother Elder, the sitting was adjourned till 10 o'clock on Tuesday morning.

T u e s d a y .

Met at 10 o'clock, A. M.

After Prayer, by the Rev. S. Bancroft, the Secretary of the General Missionary Board, presented his accounts and made the following report from the Local Boards :

No Missionaries have been employed during the past year by the General Board.

The report of the Fredericton Board shows that the receipts of that Board, during the past year, including £20 received from the Association, are £69 10 9, the expenditure of the Board £72 7 8. That 29 weeks' Missionary labour has been performed by ordained Ministers, and 6 weeks by Licentiates; 129 Sermons preached, and various other meetings attended. Through the Divine blessing on the labours of these Missionaries, sinners have been converted, backsliders reclaimed, and infant Churches strengthened and encouraged. The Quarterly Meetings as recommended, by the Association, have been regularly attended to, and continue to exert a favorable influence.

The account of the Saint John Board shows an increased amount of Missionary zeal in the district connected with the operations of that Board. The receipts for the past year, including £20 from the Association, are £107 6 11½. The expenditure £117 10 9½, and encouraging reports have been received from the several Missionaries employed.

From the Charlotte Board we learn that the Quarterly Meetings have been kept up in that section of the Province, and collections made at those Meetings in aid of the Missionary Fund. The receipts of this Board for the year, including £20 from the Asso-

ciation, are £33 17 11. The expenditure £31 2 10. No particular account of the success of the labors of the Charlotte Board has been received.

No account or report has been received from either the Westmorland Board, or the Miramichi Board.

The Secretary renews the suggestion of last year, that the several Boards do furnish fuller information relative to the success resulting from the labors of their Missionaries, their operations, &c. But little information of this character has been received this year, except from the Treasurer of the Fredericton Board. It is matter of regret, that two of the Boards have again failed to furnish any information or account of their proceedings for the past year.

The Quarterly Meetings have ever been found to exert a favorable influence upon the Missionary efforts, when they have been properly kept up. The sum of £8 1 6 has been collected at the Quarterly Meetings in the Fredericton district during the last year, and £4 1 6 at those Meetings in Charlotte County. It is hoped that the Quarterly Meetings will be regularly attended to in the different sections of the Province, during the coming year.

The Committee on Domestic Missions, report, that the same extent of country mentioned in the Report of the Committee of last year, namely, from "Bay Verte to the Restigouche River, a distance of 300 miles, and from Tobique to the head of the Saint John River, a distance of 150 miles, and likewise from the River Saint John to Saint George, in the County of Charlotte," is in a great measure still destitute of the preaching of the Gospel. These sections of the Province, together with the Islands of the Bay, present a very inviting field for the labours of faithful heralds of Salvation.

Your Committee farther state, that there are seven Baptist Meeting Houses, including those now building on the Grand Lake, but lament that there is no stated Ministry over either of them; and they hope the Association will take their circumstances under serious consideration. In that region there are also several settlements entirely destitute of Baptist preaching.

Your Committee recommend that the Association respond to the suggestion, that a Minister be employed, sufficiently acquainted with the French language to qualify him as a Missionary to the French inhabitants in the Eastern and Northern sections of the Province.

RESOLVED, That the above Report be adopted by this Association.

RESOLVED, That all monies that may be collected at the meeting of this Association, in aid of the Grand Ligne Swiss Mission, be paid over to the Rev. J. M. Cramp, Agent for that Mission, with the understanding that it be applied by the Society in Canada to the purposes of sending a suitable Missionary to labor among the French population of this Province, and

RESOLVED, That this Association recommend the several Local

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Missionary Boards to take into consideration the propriety of assisting in the support of the Missionary who may be sent by the Canada Baptist Missionary Society to labour among the French population of this Province. A subscription was entered into for the above object, which amounted to about £60.

After Prayer, by the Rev. R. Cunningham, adjourned till 3 o'clock, P. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer, by Elder T. W. Saunders.

The following Domestic Missionary Boards were then appointed :

Saint John Board.—George A. Garrison, John Smith, S. B. Mills, J. H. Harding, J. T. Smith, J. F. Marsters, Z. Estey, W. Hayward, A. McL. Seely, John Christopher, P. Wells, and the Ministers of the District.

Fredericton Board.—Rev. C. Spurgeon, Rev. S. Elder, Brethren W. S. Estey, Z. G. Gabel, S. W. Babbit, James F. Gale, W. F. Barker, J. P. A. Phillips, J. C. Watson, and D. Richards.

Charlotte Board.—Brethren P. Seely, J. McLeod, J. Walker, J. Russell, G. Hopps, R. Brockway, B. Williams, J. Davidson, and M. Young.

RESOLVED, That The Northumberland Board be discontinued, and that the District be open for Missionary labour to all the Boards of the Province.

RESOLVED, That the District hitherto embraced by the Westmorland Board, be divided, and that the County of Albert form a separate District, with a Local Board—but that, in the division of monies collected at this Association, only one half the amount paid to the other Boards be allotted to each of those Boards.

Westmorland Board.—Elders J. Crandall, W. G. Parker, William Sears, Silas Black, L. Lawrence, Frederick Sears, T. Anderson, Israel Stiles, Rufus Cole, G. Black, John Smith, and Lewis Constantine.

Albert County Board.—Elder J. Wallace, Joel Steeves, J. Gross, Isaac Steeves, W. Gross, David Steeves, John Cameron, Edward Steeves, Levi Wells, James Cahoon, Nathan Bennett, Peter Duffy, and Isaac Steeves.

The Committee appointed to investigate the state of the Foreign Missions, report, That as our esteemed Missionaries, Brother and Sister Burpe, who left a year ago last May, have, through the kind providence of God, safely arrived in Arracan; and whereas Brother Burpe has recently presented important questions for the consideration of the Foreign Missionary Society:—First, in reference to the station he is to occupy; Secondly, in reference to the building of a

Mission House ; and Thirdly, in respect to the sending of an additional Missionary. Your Committee would suggest, in respect to the question regarding his future location, that this is a matter which must be left to our Missionary, in consultation with his American brethren, who are now on the ground, and who have a better opportunity of surveying the field.

With regard to the second, the building of the Mission House, we would suggest, that as our Nova Scotia Brethren have resolved to provide their proportionate part of the funds necessary for the erection of a suitable dwelling for our Missionary, that this Society also meet its proportion of the expences of said building.

In respect to the third question, our Brethren in Nova Scotia having decided that they are not prepared, at present, to send out additional Missionaries, we would recommend that the matter be taken into deep and prayerful consideration by all our Churches, and that strenuous exertions be made to procure such an amount of money as may justify the Board in responding to the earnest appeal of our Brother in a foreign land, by sending forth one or more faithful laborers to co-operate with him in the great work of winning the Heathen to Christ.

RESOLVED, That we recommend our Foreign Missionary Board to take active measures to secure, as soon as possible, another Missionary, and send him forth as an Assistant to Brother Burpe ; and we promise to do the utmost in our power to obtain means to accomplish this purpose.

The Board of Foreign Missions was then nominated, and consists of N. S. Demill, Treasurer ; E. Duval, Recording Secretary ; S. Gerow, S. Hersey, R. Stephens, T. Lockey, J. T. Smith, J. O. Beatteay, G. A. Garrison, William Hayward, and all Ordained Ministers of the Denomination.

The Committee appointed to take into consideration the proposed Union between the Provinces, beg leave to report as follows :—

That two documents were laid before them, viz., the report of the United Delegates, appointed by the Association last year, and the Report of a Committee, appointed by the Nova Scotia Association at their recent Meeting.

That having examined these documents, and very seriously and deliberately considered the whole subject, they are of opinion that the Union between the Provinces, on the plan proposed by the United Delegation, is at present impracticable.

That the modifications of the above-mentioned plan, prepared by the Committee of the Nova Scotia Association, with such alterations as have been suggested at this Meeting, appear to your Committee to present a basis of Union adapted to existing circumstances, and on which an enlarged superstructure may be hereafter built.

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cept the said modified plan, and take measures for the formation of the Union, by requesting Churches and Local Union Societies to appoint Delegates for the proposed Convention, it being distinctly understood that the funds of the Union Societies will be exclusively appropriated to the objects for which they are or shall be contributed, without interference from any quarter, and that the formation of the proposed Union will in no respect interfere with Local Union Societies, or with any General Unions, which are or may be established in the Provinces.

That the Meeting for the constitution of the Union be held on the third Saturday in September next, in the First Baptist Church, St. John, N. B., and that the Introductory Sermon be preached by the Rev. Dr. Crawley, on the Monday morning following—Brother Spurden to be his alternate.

The following are the Rules of the Union, which the Committee recommend for the adoption of the Association.

1. That the Union be called "The Union of the Baptist Denomination of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island," and shall consist of the Members and Delegates hereinafter specified.

2. That the business of the Union shall be conducted by a President, three Vice Presidents, one or more Secretaries, two Treasurers, one for each Province, and a Board of Directors, consisting of twenty-five Members, all of whom shall be members of Baptist Churches in good standing, in addition to Life Directors, to be chosen annually by the Union. The Board to have power to fill up any vacancies that may occur previous to the next Meeting of the Union.

3. That the objects of the Union shall be, to advance the interests of the Baptist Denomination, and of the cause of God generally; to maintain the religious and charitable Institutions hereinafter mentioned; to procure correct information in relation to the Baptist Body, and to advise and carry out such measures as may, with the Divine blessing, tend to advance the interests of the Baptist Denomination and the cause of God, generally.

To aid the Union in procuring statistical information, it is hoped that the several Associations in the Provinces will obtain from the Churches connected with them the requisite statements, and report the same annually to the Union, and will concur with the Union in all such measures as they judge advisable.

4. That any person paying annually ten shillings or upwards, into the funds of the Union, shall be a Member thereof; any person paying five pounds, or upwards, at any one time, shall be a Life Member; and the payment of twenty pounds, or upwards, at one time, shall constitute a Life Director. Every Church connected with an Association, and contributing annually ten shillings to the fund of a Union Society, shall be a member of this Union, and be at

liberty to send one Delegate to represent such Church, and if five pounds are collected, two Delegates. Every Local Union Society collecting annually five pounds, or upwards, shall be a member of this Union, and be at liberty to send two Delegates to represent them therein, and one Delegate for every additional five pounds collected; so as no Church or Local Union Society be at liberty to send more than five Delegates; and that each Association connected with the Union be allowed to send five Delegates. Every Missionary and Educational Board in the Provinces shall also be at liberty to send one Delegate.

5. That all monies contributed by individuals for membership, or for the general purposes of the Union, after the payment of incidental expences, shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Union in the Province in which they shall have been contributed, and shall be by him appropriated in accordance with the existing regulations of the Union Societies in the Province:—and that all monies collected by the Local Union Societies, or by General Unions of such Societies, shall be appropriated according to the rules of such General Unions or Union Societies in the respective Provinces.

6. That any individual paying into the funds of the Union more than the sum required to constitute membership, will be at liberty to direct the application of the surplus to the several objects contemplated by the Union Societies, or to any one or more of them separately.

7. That the Board shall meet quarterly or oftener for the despatch of business, at such place, as the Union shall from time to time appoint; nine members shall form a quorum.

8. That the Union shall meet on the third Saturday in September, annually, at such place as shall be agreed on by the Body; when, in addition to the Office-bearers and Board of the Union, the following Boards shall be chosen, viz., a Board of fifteen members for the Foreign Missionary and Bible cause, and a Board of fifteen members to take charge of and direct the funds for superannuated Ministers and their families. These Boards shall hold their Meetings at such places as the Union shall annually appoint. At least one-third of the members of these Boards, and of all Boards connected with this Union to reside within the vicinity of the places named for their Meetings.

9. That the Boards established for the promotion of the objects contemplated by the Union Societies, shall be requested to furnish the Secretary of the Union with a full Report of their proceedings, annually. Such reports to be presented to the Secretary of the Union at least one month before its meeting.

10. That this constitution may be altered or amended at any annual Meeting of the Union, by a majority of the members present.

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The Delegates from the Nova Scotia Association having expressed their entire concurrence in the alterations made by the Committee, it was

RESOLVED, That the Report of the Committee be approved, and the Union formed upon the plan laid down by them; and the following Brethren be appointed from this Association to the Convention in September next, viz.: Elder J. Crandall, John Marsters, James Wallace, John Magee, and the Hon. W. B. Kinnear.

After Prayer, by Brother John Mills, adjourned till 8 o'clock, P. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. J. H. Tupper.

The Committee on the Christian Messenger, report, That they highly approve of that Periodical, believing as they do that the growing interests of the Denomination, and the cause of truth generally, are by its instrumentality greatly promoted; they therefore beg leave ardently to recommend it to the continued patronage of every friend to Baptist interests throughout this and the neighbouring Provinces.

They would also tender to its worthy and indefatigable Editors their cordial acknowledgments for the able and highly creditable manner in which they continue to conduct that paper.

RESOLVED, That the Report be received.

The following fraternal Letter, from the Canada Baptist Union, was read and referred to a Committee:—

“ To the Brethren Constituting the Churches of New Brunswick, assembled in their Associational capacity.

“ DEAR BRETHREN,

“ At a Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Canada Baptist Union, held in Montreal, May 25th, 1846, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted:—

“ **RESOLVED**, That the Secretaries prepare letters for the Associations of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, expressing the desirableness of a closer union between all the Baptists of British North America being effected and manifested.’

“ This resolution was preceded by another to the following effect:

“ **RESOLVED**, That Mr. Cramp represent the Canada Baptist Union at the next Annual Meeting of the Nova Scotia and New Brunswick Associations.’

“ It now devolves upon me as Corresponding Secretary of the Union, to address you according to the tenor of the above Resolutions. The objects of our Union are probably known to you; lest,

however, that should not be the case, it may seem advisable briefly to state them. The Union is designed to extend brotherly love among the Churches—to promote unity of exertion in advancing the cause of Christ in general, and our denominational views in particular, and in defending our religious rights and privileges; to obtain accurate statistical information relative to the Baptist Churches, Associations Colleges, &c., throughout the Province, and the world at large; and to prepare an Annual Report of the proceedings of the Union, and the state of the Denomination.

“Since the formation of the Union, and directly in accordance with its spirit and design, its members have felt an earnest desire to enjoy a more intimate acquaintance and connexion with the brethren in New Brunswick. Circumstances over which they had no control, from time to time prevented them from realizing their wishes. All obstacles are now happily removed, and it is with unfeigned pleasure that the Executive Committee of the Union, through me, request you to receive their beloved and highly esteemed Brother, the Rev. J. M. Cramp, President of the Baptist College, Montreal, as their Representative, and to afford him all that information and co-operation which may be deemed desirable. They rejoice in feeling assured that the arrival of Mr. Cramp will be by you hailed with pleasure, and that it is your wish as much as their’s that a reciprocity of kind feeling and a system of connected effort should, as much as possible, unite the Baptists of the British Provinces of North America. That a result so auspicious may be the fruit of this representation the Committee of the Union desire with no little solicitude.

“In conclusion, the Executive Committee most earnestly pray that the blessing of Almighty God may be vouchsafed to you in your Associational and Individual capacities, and that your efforts for the extension of Messiah’s Kingdom may be abundantly successful.

“With sincere respect and earnest desires for your welfare, allow me, dear Brethren, to subscribe myself,

“Your’s in the bonds of the Gospel,

“F. BOSWORTH,

“*Cor. Secretary.*”

“*Montreal, Monday, June 1, 1846.*”

The Committee appointed to take the above Letter into consideration, report as follows:—That it is highly desirable to form a closer union between the Baptists of British North America.

That in the opinion of this Committee, such Union may be immediately formed, and its purposes carried into effect, in several particulars, viz. :—

1. By correspondence, with a special view to the preparation of an Annual Report of the state of Religion in the Provinces, to be transmitted by each to the others respectively.

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2. By occasional visits of Delegates, as representatives of the respective Religious Bodies, for the purpose of communicating information, cultivating friendship, and thus consolidating the proposed Union.

3. By co-operation in Missionary enterprises, especially with regard to the French population of the Provinces.

The Committee beg further to suggest the desirableness of taking some steps, in order to excite more extensively a taste for useful reading among the Baptists of British North America, to provide Books suited to their present state and attainments, and to adopt measures for securing the circulation of such Books.

RESOLVED, That the Report of the Committee be adopted, and that the following Brethren be appointed a Committee to carry it into effect, viz.: Charles Spurden, Samuel Elder, and John Francis.

The Committee appointed to examine the state of Sabbath Schools, report, That in the absence of a General Agent devoting himself exclusively to that object, they are unable to furnish so general a Report as might be desirable; but from information received from Elder John Francis, who attended to that business, while on his Agency for the Union Society, we are happy to say that several new Schools have been formed, and that Churches and communities feel an increased interest in these nurseries for Christian knowledge; and that almost £100 have been expended within the last year by the schools which he visited, for books, viz.: Bibles, Testaments, new Libraries, and additions to Libraries, and that a manifest improvement has taken place. The Committee have felt the want of a supply of Sabbath School Books in the Province; they are pleased to say that such deficiency has been supplied, and that two depositories have been established, one in Saint John and one in Carleton; also a supply of Bibles and Testaments—good and Cheap. The Committee regret that there are so many Schools without Libraries, and are extremely sorry to learn that there are so many Churches without Schools, and they earnestly urge upon Pastors, who, as yet have no Schools in connection with their Churches, and also upon all Missionaries, to exert their influence, forthwith, in establishing Schools in all places where it can be found practicable. The number of scholars in ten Churches reported, is about 1000; 200 Teachers, 1800 volumes in the Libraries, and 450 Bibles and Testaments.

The Committee would recommend a change in the officers of the Sabbath Union Board for the ensuing year, and also recommend that the Churches make their Pastors Life Directors of the Sabbath School Union, by contributing the sum of £5, which will be appropriated to that School for Books.

The Churches are particularly requested in their Letters to the Association next year, to answer the various questions proposed in the Minutes of last year, in reference to the Schools.

OFFICERS RECOMMENDED.

- Rev. Samuel Robinson, - - - - - *President.*
 „ John Francis, } - - - - - *Vice Presidents.*
 „ E. J. Harris, }
- G. A. Garrison,—*Recording Secretary and Treasurer.*
 J. F. Marsters,—*Corresponding Secretary, St. John.*
 Rev. Samuel Elder, „ „ *Frederickton,*
 „ John Mills, „ „ *Saint Martins.*
 „ W. D. Fitch, „ „ *Woodstock.*
 „ W. Hall, „ „ *Saint George.*
 Brother W. Grimly, „ „ *Newcastle.*
 Rev. J. A. Smith, „ „ *Wickham.*
 „ W. G. Parker, „ „ *Sackville.*

Committee.—N. S. Demill, J. T. Smith, Z. Estey, John P. Wills, J. O. Beatteay, D. Roberts, A. McL. Seely, E. J. Barteaux, John Smith, and Robert Stephens.

The Committee appointed to examine the Record of the Denomination, beg leave to report that they consider it perfectly correct, and recommend its acceptance. Received accordingly.

It was unanimously Resolved, That this Association, having heard the painful intelligence that the Rev. Joseph Dimock, of Chester, Nova Scotia, has been suddenly removed, by death, from his sphere of extended usefulness in the Church Militant, would record its deep sense of his many virtues as a man, as a Christian, and as a faithful Minister of the Sanctuary ; and while this Body cannot but feel sincerely grateful to the Great Head of the Church for prolonging the life of our beloved Father in the Gospel for so many years, in connection with the band of Christian worthies, who embarked with him in the glorious enterprise of saving souls from death, when this country was a wilderness ; yet we must express our unfeigned regret that one so eminently successful in promoting the best interests of religion at home and abroad, and that one who, for more than half a century had been a bright and a shining light in this world of darkness and sin, should thus suddenly close his eyes in death ; we would also express our Christian sympathy for his bereaved family and flock, and now present our fervent prayers to God, that he would administer the consolations of religion to them at this time of deep affliction, and that he would speedily fill the place of our departed Brother with one of like precious faith.

The Meeting then engaged for a few minutes in Prayer, Elder Bancroft leading their devotions.

The Committee appointed to report on the question of Union Societies, recommend that suitable efforts be made by our Ministers, Deacons of Churches, and the Denomination, generally, to extend the organization of Local Unions throughout the Churches in the Province, where they have not yet been formed, and to increase the

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number of members in those already organized, as a plan well adapted to sustain the various institutions and objects connected with our Denominational movements; and that the Board of the General Union be advised to employ an Agent to travel and promote the interests of the Union cause, as often, and for such length of time as may be considered requisite.

The Committee on Special Business, report, That the request of the Church at Buctouche be complied with, and recommend that they take the Scriptural Rule in such cases, and that they invite, at least three Ordained Ministers, for that purpose.

Adjourned till 10 o'clock on Wednesday morning.

Wednesday.

The Education Society met at 9 o'clock, A. M., Elder Joseph Crandall, the President, acting as Moderator.—(See *Appendix*.)

After Prayer by Elder Thompson, the Secretary read the Report of the Managing Committee, and it was

RESOLVED, That the Report be adopted, and published under the direction of the Committee, and that the Society and Board do pledge themselves to use every possible effort to aid the Executive Committee in sustaining the Institution and making it increasingly useful in the dissemination of valuable knowledge among the youth of the Province.

That the Managing Committee for the ensuing year consist of Charles Spurden, Samuel Elder, the Hon. W. B. Kinnear, W. D. Hartt, Aaron Hartt, Samuel W. Babbit, and Zebedee G. Gabel.

That the office bearers of the Society and members of the Board of Directors for the coming year, be Elder Joseph Crandall; President; John Marsters and Samuel Robinson, Vice Presidents; Solomon Hersey, Treasurer; John T. Smith and Samuel W. Babbit, Secretaries; and all Ministers of the Denomination.

The Association resumed its sitting at 10 o'clock.

RESOLVED, That the Report, Resolutions, and Accounts of the Education Society be received and printed in the Minutes.

RESOLVED, That a Committee be appointed to meet our Free-will Brethren at their next general conference, in order to ascertain the difference of opinion that may exist between us and them, and also whether it may not be possible to effect a Union of the two Bodies.

ORDERED, That the Committee be composed of Elders J. A. Smith, W. D. Fitch, E. J. Harris, and John Francis.

RECOMMENDED, That the first day of January next be observed as a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer by the churches in this Province.

This Association, sensible of the honor conferred upon them by the Nova Scotia Association, in appointing so large and efficient a Delegation to deliberate with them at their Annual Meeting, therefore,

RESOLVED, That the cordial thanks of this Body be conveyed to our Brethren in that Province.

Whereas the cause of Temperance has not made the progress in this Province which is desirable,

RESOLVED, That the Ministers be recommended to exert themselves for the promotion of this good object.

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this Association are due, and are hereby tendered to the members of the Church and friends in Portland, and to the inhabitants of St. John and Carleton, generally, for their kindness and hospitality to the Ministers and Messengers of the Churches, and also for their liberal contributions in aid of the Swiss Mission and Domestic Missionary objects.

RESOLVED, That Brother William D. Fitch be empowered to nominate a Committee of Arrangement for the next Association, to be held in Jackson Town.

Sums contributed towards the Swiss Mission, at the Association.

Rev. J. Stone,	£1 0 0	Mr. L. Lawrence	1 0 0
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Rev. James Wallace,	1 0 0	Mr. Thomas Mason,	1 0 0
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Mr. E. Duval,	1 0 0	Miss C. Turner,	0 10 0
Rev. S. Robinson,	1 0 0	Miss Bridges,	0 10 0
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CIRCULAR LETTER,

To the New Brunswick Baptist Association, convened at Portland, Saint John, on the 6th July, 1846.

DEAR BRETHREN,—In this Letter we would call your attention to the Statistics and principal public Institutions of the Denomination throughout the world, and the success which has attended the efforts of Baptists in promoting the cause of truth in the earth, hoping that a consideration of the past and present goodness of God, will stimulate us to continued and increased diligence.

It may be proper to remark, that the statistics, gathered from various sources of information, are only an approximation, and fall short of the existing facts; also, that there are Baptists in large numbers in Bohemia, Transylvania, and other countries in the interior of Europe, of whose numbers and circumstances too little is known to enable us to furnish anything definite.

The number of Baptist Churches in England is 1382; in Wales, 270; in Scotland, 97; in Ireland, 40; and in these Churches there are about 200,000 communicants; in the West Indies there are 239 Churches, 19,956 members; in France, 14 Churches, with 220 members. Prussia, Hamburg, and other German States, 18 Churches with 761 members; in Denmark, the number of Churches is 8; with 493 members; in China and Siam, 5 Churches containing 80 members; in Burmah and places adjacent, 70 Churches, with 5000 members; British India, 57 Churches, with 2525 members; Africa, 6 Churches, 220 members; Cape of Good Hope, 1 Church, 16 members; African Islands, 2 Churches, 97 members; Australasia, 11 Churches, 360 members; Oregon, 1 Church, and 20 members. The Regular Baptists in the United States, number 1479 Churches, with 719,973 members. The number of Baptist Churches in Canada is 110, with 5000 members; in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, 100 Churches, with 10,000 members, and in this Province we have 65 Churches, containing 5000 members or communicants.

In other Baptist bodies, not associated with us, viz.: the Free-will Baptist brethren, Reformers, &c., the number of Churches is 4582; of members or communicants, 327,562.

Total number of Churches, 16,586, containing 1,323,061 members.

The principal public Institutions connected with the Baptist Denomination in England, are the Baptist Missionary Society, the Baptist Home Missionary Society, Bible Translation Society, Baptist Irish Society, General Baptist Missionary Society; Baptist Fund for the education of Ministers, assistance of weak Churches, &c.; Baptist Magazine and other publications for the relief of Ministers and Missionaries' widows and orphans; Bath Society for the support of superannuated Ministers; Baptist Building Fund, for the erection of Chapels; Western Society, for the relief of the widows and orphans of Ministers; and seven Theological Colleges, in which there are 122

students, preparing for the work of the sacred Ministry. The expenditure of these Institutions for the last year, was over 222,000 dollars. There are other Institutions connected with the Denomination in England, amongst which are the Baptist Tract Society, and the Hanserd Knolly's Society for the publication of the works of early English and other Baptist writers. Seven hundred and fifty of the Churches in Great Britain, reported through the Baptist Union last year, 884 Village preaching Stations, and 91,000 Sabbath Scholars. The number of Stations and Out Stations connected with their Foreign Missions in various parts of the four quarters of the Globe, including those in Jamaica, which are now independent, is 525; of Missionaries, 106; of female Missionaries, 72; of native Preachers and Teachers, 163; of members, 38,609; of day Schools, 137; of day Scholars, 9225; of Sabbath School Scholars, 10,969; 1 Missionary Ship, which is stationed in Africa; 3 Colleges and 4 Printing Establishments, with Translations of the Scriptures into 40 languages. In the last Report of the Bible Translation Society, it is stated that there had been issued from the Press connected with that Society, 30,000 copies of Scriptures in the Sanscrit, Hindustani and Bengali languages, and that the distribution had greatly outstripped the Printing. The total number printed since the year 1838, was 419,205 copies.

The principal Institutions of the Regular Baptists in the United States, are the American Baptist Home Mission, which according to their latest Reports, employs 99 Missionaries who labour in 20 States and Territories in Canada and Texas. They statedly supply not less than 300 Stations. The Missionaries of this Society have baptized since its formation 14,422 persons, organized 531 Churches, and ordained 315 Ministers. The income of the Society last year was over 52,000 dollars.

The American Baptist Publication Society, whose annual income and expenditure is about 20,000 dollars.

The American Publication and Sabbath School Society which expends 20,000 dollars annually;

The New England Sabbath School Union, which according to its published Reports, has in connection with the Union, 734 Schools, 7606 Teachers, with 60,606 Scholars, and 125,749 volumes in their Libraries;

The American Indian Mission Association, whose object is the promotion of the spiritual and temporal interests of the Aborigines of America, by the preaching of the Gospel and other religious instruction, by the establishment of Schools, both male and female; primary Schools to those of the highest order, which the improving condition of the Indians may at any time require, and by promoting industry and civilization in general. The Missionaries of this Society are located amongst the Choctaws, Pottowatomies, Shawanoes, Delawares, &c., west of the Arkansas and Missouri. The receipts of the Association in goods and cash last year were 8090 dollars.

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The American Foreign Bible Society, whose object is to aid in the wider circulation of the Holy Scriptures in all lands, issued from their Printing House, at Maulmain, in Asia, 2000 copies or 15 million pages of the Scriptures in 6 years, ending 1843. The receipts of this Society since its formation, have been 235,211 dollars. The income for the last year was over 32,000 dollars.

The Baptist Board of Foreign Mission, with which are connected 16 Missions, 143 Stations and Out Stations, 99 Missionaries and Assistants, 44 of whom are Preachers, 155 native Teachers and Assistants. The principal Stations of the Board are at Maulmain, Savoy Arracan, Siam, China, and Teelogoos, in Asia; at the Bassas in West Africa, France, Germany, Denmark, and Greece, in Europe; and in North America, amongst the Ojibwas, Tonawands, and the Cherokee Indian Tribes. Forty of these American Indians are Baptist Preachers and Assistants, 1300 of them are communicants composing 12 Churches. The total number of Churches in connection with the Board is 82, with 5373 members, including 604 baptized last year. They have 54 Schools, with about 2000 pupils, 6 Printing Establishments, and Translation of the Scriptures into the Burman and several other languages. The receipts for the past year were over 10,000 dollars.

There are many other Societies connected with the Denomination in the United States, but for want of space we must leave them unnoticed; besides which they have under their controul and dependant upon them for support, 13 Chartered Colleges, 3 Theological Seminaries, and a number of minor Institutions, where instruction is given to candidates for the Sacred Ministry.

The Regular Baptists in Canada have their Missionary and other Societies, religious periodicals, and Theological Institution. During the past year 20 students enjoyed the educational advantages of the College; 16 students are now connected with it, 13 of whom are sustained by the Canada Baptist Missionary Society, in preparing for the exercise of the Christian Ministry in the Province. Their Missionary operations are amongst the French Canadian Catholics, the Tuscarora Indians, and other tribes of the Aborigines. The receipts of the Canada Baptist Missionary Society last year, was £1341 1s. 7d. The expenditure amounted to £1673 2s. 6d. The Swiss Mission at Grande Ligne is connected with the Society, which was founded by Madame Feller, a pious and devoted lady, who, with the Rev. L. Roussy, came to this country in 1835. Nearly 300 Roman Catholics have been converted to God by means of this Mission. It has 8 stations, 14 missionaries and teachers, 6 day schools, 125 scholars, 16 young men under tuition for the ministry and the missionary work; also several young women are receiving instruction with a view to employment as school-mistresses. A separate account is kept of the receipts and expenditure, for this object, under the designation of the Swiss Mission Fund. According to the last year's report, the receipts for the year were £1275 12s. 8d.

You are aware that in this and the adjoining Province, with Prince Edward Island, we have our Foreign, Domestic, Bible, Education, Sabbath School, and other societies; one chartered College, a Seminary and weekly religious newspaper; and that we have recently been enabled to send a Missionary family to labor for the salvation of the Kerens, who, with the Keemees and the Assamese numbering several millions, are a people prepared for the Lord. The annual receipts for sustaining these institutions, are in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, about £1500, and in this Province about £1000. Thirteen of the churches in this Province report 879 Sabbath school scholars, 138 teachers, with 386 Bibles and Testaments, and 1400 volumes in libraries.

Dear Brethren, while we rejoice in these facts, we would give the Lord all the glory for our preservation and increase—for in proclaiming salvation through the blood of the Lamb, and contending for the Faith once delivered to the Saints, the blood of Baptists has flowed freely, while they were happily preserved from shedding the blood of others. It is generally allowed that a person of Baptist sentiments was the first in England who suffered at the stake for his religious opinions, and Edward Wightman, a Baptist, of Burton-upon-Trent, was the last person who suffered this cruel kind of death in the land, so that the denomination had the honor of both leading the way and bringing up the rear of all the martyrs, who were burnt alive in that country; besides which a great number of those who suffered death for their religion in the two hundred intervening years, was of the Baptist denomination, yet, the Bush on fire has never been consumed. Well might we adopt the language of the Psalmist:—"If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, now may Israel say, if it had not been the Lord who was on our side when men rose up against," &c.

With reference to the success which has crowned our efforts in promoting the cause of truth in the world, we would remind you, first, that to the Baptist Denomination was allowed the happiness of establishing in the United States of America, in 1636, a code of laws, in which says Jude Story, we read for the first time since christianity ascended the throne of the Cæsars, the declaration, that conscience should be free, and that men should not be punished for worshipping God in the way they were persuaded, he required. This declaration Rhode Island has never departed from, and in it she has since been followed by all the United States.

The first petition presented to the English Parliament against the slave trade was from our denomination, which led to the wiping away of that foul blot from the British escutcheon; and slavery itself was abolished throughout the British dominions, chiefly by the same instrumentality, God evidently having raised up our revered Brother, the devoted missionary, the Rev. Wm. Knibb, for the special purpose of striking its death blow.

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The Baptists led the van in modern missions. A Carey and a Thomas, sustained by our English brethren, pushed their way through much opposition, planted the standard of the Cross in India, and took possession of it in the name of King Jesus, who is extending his peaceful reign over the hearts of hundreds and thousands in that vast continent, who were once the victims of cruel superstition and idolatry.

The original projector and one of the first Secretaries of the British and Foreign Bible Society, an Institution which has sent millions of copies of the word of God in 153 languages or dialects throughout the world, was a Baptist Minister, the Rev. Joseph Hughes, A. M., of London.

The Sunday School Society, instituted in London, in 1785, was formed chiefly by the instrumentality of Wm. Fox, Esq., Deacon of a Baptist Church in London, who, with Robert Raikes, was the first to project and establish in England nurseries for the increase of Christian knowledge, and the enlargement of the Church of God.

The efforts of the denomination have been remarkably successful in illuminating the dark portions of the earth by the light of God's word, our missionaries having translated the Scriptures into about fifty different languages. The nations into whose languages these translations have been made, include more than half the population of the whole world.

In conclusion, we would remind you of the indefatigable labors and successful efforts of the aged and honored men of God in these Provinces, some of whom are now with us, but who will soon join the noble band who have entered into their eternal rest in glory.

And now, dear brethren, while we review the past with gratitude to God, who has so signally distinguished us in spreading light and liberty throughout the world, and in maintaining inviolably the ordinance of his house, let us, the Baptists of New Brunswick, beware lest we prove unworthy of the high trust which has been committed to our hands. We are called upon to be zealous in the diffusion of light and knowledge amongst ourselves and around us, and to put forth all our moral might in doing good and extending the influence of pure religion over the world; let us then cultivate a spirit of disinterested benevolence—a self-sacrificing spirit,—and let us never cease to labor in the vineyard of our master till we are dismissed from the toils and afflictions of earth, and welcomed to a participation of the rest and felicity of Heaven.

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David McPherson
David Perry
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John Jones
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William Grouley
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*Monies received during the Session, by Stephen Gerow, Treasurer,
for expences of the Association and Domestic Missionary Board.*

Minute Money from the Churches,	£19 10 8
Collection in the Portland Chapel for Domestic Missionary purposes,	20 0 0
From the Woodstock Church for Domestic Missions,	1 0 0
Gondalow Point Church, " "	0 6 10
Chipman Church, " "	1 0 0
Donation from a Lady, " "	0 1 0
Dividend on Steamboat Stock,	42 0 0
From Charlotte County Board, being balance in hand,	2 15 1
Total,	£86 13 7
Paid over to Treasurer of General the Domestic Missionary Board,	£86 13 7

July 9th, 1846.

Foreign Mission Money collected by S. Gerow.

Harvey Church,	£2 10 0
Second Wickham Church,	4 5 7½
Elder D. Crandall's members—Springfield Church,	0 11 2½
Rev. Benjamin Coy,	0 10 0
Elizabeth Turner,	0 10 10
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Sackville—1st Church, - - -	£0 16 4
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<i>July 9th, 1846.</i>	

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List of Ordained Ministers in Connection with the New Brunswick Baptist Association.

DATE OF ORDINATION.	NAMES.	RESIDENCE.
June, 1798	* Joseph Crandall,	Salisbury.
June, 1810	* Lathrop Hammond,	Andover.
November, 1824	* James Blakeney,	Gondalow Point.
June, 1825	* John Marsters,	Norton.
March, 1826	* William Sears,	Hopewell.
August, 1826	* James Tozer,	Blackville.
July, 1828	* James Wallace,	Hillsborough.
July, 1828	* James McPhee,	Springfield.
February, 1830	* Benjamin Coy,	Canning.
January, 1831	Titus Stone,	Sussex Vale.
March, 1831	* William Harris,	Nashwaak.
July, 1832	* David Crandall,	Springfield.
August, 1832	* Thomas Magee,	Saint James.
May, 1934	* Thomas Saunders,	Prince William.
April, 1836	* Samuel Robinson,	Saint John.
August, 1836	* A. D. Thompson,	Saint Andrews.
October, 1837	Edmond Watson,	Little River.
January, 1839	* J. C. Skinner,	Wickham.
January, 1840	* William Pulcifer,	Harvey.
September, 1840	* James Walker,	Saint George.
April, 1841	* John Magee,	Maugerville.
February, 1842	* Peter Spragge,	Springfield.
March, 1842	* E. J. Harris,	Portland.
March, 1842	Charles Spurden,	Fredericton.
March, 1842	* J. A. Smith,	Wickham.
July, 1842	* George Rigby,	Douglas.
January, 1843	* Charles Thorne,	Johnston.
July, 1843	* William Hall,	Saint George.
March, 1844	W. G. Parker,	Sackville.
January, 1845	* Joshua Bunting,	Upham.
January, 1845	Nathan Cleveland,	Shepody.
January, 1845	* James H. Tupper,	Dumfries.
January, 1845	* John Francis,	Carleton.
January, 1845	* John Mills,	Saint Martins.
February, 1845	* W. D. Fitch,	Woodstock.
August, 1845	James Trimble,	Greenwich.
August, 1845	James Herritt,	Butternut Ridge.
August, 1845	Merritt Keith,	Butternut Ridge.
November, 1845	* Samuel Elder,	Fredericton.
November, 1845	* James Hopkins,	Pennfield.
	Samuel Bancroft,	Hampton.

Licensed to Preach.

George F. Miles.
William Coleman.
Patrick Duffey.
Joseph Catharine.
Frederick Joyée.

James Newcomb.
Daniel McPheil.
Daniel Perry.
J. W. Hartt.
Thomas Todd.

John Sears.
Alexander Mutch.
William Gremley.
Jarvis Ring.
Hezekiah Harris.

Those marked thus * are Licensed to Solemnize Marriage.

ABSTRACT of the STATE of the CHURCHES.

STATIONS, WITH DATE OF FORMATION.	ADDITIONS.			REMOVED.	DISMISSED.	EXCLUDED.	DIED, &c.	TOTAL.	Money for Printing the Minutes.	Money for
	By Baptism	By Letters.	Restored.							
Blackville, Blissfield, and Ladlow, } 1829	21	—	1	3	—	7	—	132	£0	2 5
Brighton, - - - - -	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	31	0	5 —
Buctouche, - - - - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	28	0	5 —
Butternut Ridge, - - - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	141	0	7 6
Canning, - - - - -	—	—	—	8	1	—	3	60	0	15 10
Cardigan, - - - - -	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	27	0	5 —
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Coverdale, - - - - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	19	0	5 —
1st Dorchester, - - - - -	—	—	—	4	7	4	1	46	0	2 5
Douglas, - - - - -	—	2	—	—	—	—	1	45	0	3 8
Douglas, (African Church)	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	24	0	2 6
Dumfries, - - - - -	1	—	—	—	—	4	—	50	0	3 —
Fredericton, - - - - -	—	4	1	—	1	2	1	125	0	16 2
Gondalow Point, - - - - -	2	1	—	—	—	—	1	26	0	5 —
1st Grand Lake, - - - - -	4	—	—	—	5	2	2	65	0	7 5
2d Grand Lake, - - - - -	15	—	—	—	1	—	—	93	0	— —
Greenwich, - - - - -	6	—	—	—	—	1	—	45	0	3 9
Harvey, - - - - -	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	101	0	5 —
Hampton, - - - - -	1	—	—	7	—	—	1	46	0	6 2
Hillsborough, - - - - -	—	—	—	—	—	3	5	116	0	6 —
Hopewell, - - - - -	2	—	1	—	1	3	1	162	0	9 3
Jackson Town, - - - - -	—	1	—	—	2	1	—	59	0	5 5
Johnston, - - - - -	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	78	0	5 —
Kingsclear, - - - - -	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	56	0	5 7½
Maugerville, - - - - -	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	76	0	10 —
Moncton, - - - - -	—	1	—	—	2	1	1	122	0	7 6
Nashwaak, - - - - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	44	0	5 6
New Canaan, - - - - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	112	0	7 6
North Esk, - - - - -	2	—	—	—	27	1	—	61	0	8 9
Norton, - - - - -	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	76	0	— 7
Pennfield, - - - - -	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	76	0	— —
Portland, - - - - -	13	18	—	—	—	1	2	101	0	10 —
Prince William, - - - - -	—	—	—	3	1	—	1	89	0	10 —
1st Sackville, - - - - -	3	—	—	—	—	1	—	82	0	8 —
2d Sackville, - - - - -	—	3	1	—	3	2	—	101	0	10 —
1st Salisbury, - - - - -	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	143	0	7 6
2d Salisbury, - - - - -	3	—	—	1	1	3	—	138	0	3 6
1st Saint Andrews, - - - -	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	79	0	5 —
Saint Davids, - - - - -	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	65	0	2 6
1st Saint George, - - - - -	2	1	—	—	4	—	3	254	0	10 —
2d Saint George, - - - - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	134	0	12 —
Saint James, - - - - -	3	—	—	—	1	—	—	13	0	5 —
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2d Saint Patricks, - - - -	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	76	0	5 —
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2d Springfield, - - - - -	1	3	—	—	1	—	—	19	0	4 8
Sussex Vale, - - - - -	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	67	0	8 6
Upham, - - - - -	3	—	—	—	2	—	2	98	0	6 9
Waterborough, - - - - -	12	—	—	5	11	—	—	49	0	5 9
1st Wickham, - - - - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	44	0	6 6
2d Wickham, - - - - -	1	—	—	—	1	—	1	100	0	7 6
Woodstock, - - - - -	—	1	—	—	3	1	2	45	0	4 7
NEW CHURCHES.										
2d Dorchester, - - - - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14	0	2 6
Little River, - - - - -	3	3	4	—	—	—	—	19	0	— —
Little South West, - - - -	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	27	0	5 —
Mill Cove, - - - - -	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	21	0	7 5
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* CHURCHES FROM WHICH NO LETTERS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED.—Kewick—1812; Oromocto, —; Andover—1832; Victoria, 1842; Grand Manan, 1842.

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The Fredericton Domestic Missionary Board in Account Current
with Z. G. Gabel.

1845		Dr.	
July 9.	To cash paid Rev. Benjamin Coy,		£6 3 3
	" " Thomas Magee,		2 3 2
	" " Thomas Saunders,		2 7 11
	" " William Harris,		5 0 0
	" General Board for Licentiate,		5 0 0
	" Treasurer,		0 6 6
Sept. 12.	" Rev. James Blakeney for four weeks and three days missionary labour,		6 15 0
	Expences one shilling and ten pence,		0 1 10
July 28.	Paid Rev. Charles Tupper for one week's missionary labour at the Nashwaak,		1 10 0
Nov. 17.	Paid Rev. James Blakeney for ten and a half weeks' Missionary labour,		15 15 0
Jan. 8, '46.	Paid Rev. James Blakeney for four weeks and five days missionary labour,		7 5 0
Feb. 4.	Paid Rev. C. Tupper for one week's missionary labour,		1 10 0
Feb. 12.	Paid Rev. James Blakeney for three weeks and five days missionary labour,		5 15 0
March 17.	Paid Rev. James Blakeney for three weeks and one day's missionary labour,		4 15 0
April 4.	Paid G. Miles, (amount collected by him) for six weeks' missionary labour,		3 0 0
June 9.	Amount granted to the Church at Cardigan, to enable them to support a Pastor, part of the time,		5 0 0
			<u>£72 7 8</u>
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June 24.	By cash received from Nashwaak by the Rev. John Magee,		£1 5 0
	Donation from the Rev. Charles Spurden,		1 0 0
	Amount received from the Quarterly Meeting at Kingsclear, by the hands of Mr. Aaron Hartt,		3 13 6
July 9.	Amount of division of money from Association,		20 0 0
	Donation from Mr. John Nason,		1 5 0
	Donation from Asa Coy, Esquire,		3 0 0
Sept.	Proceeds of collection at the Missionary Meeting in Fredericton,		3 18 4½
Sept. 12.	Amount collected by Rev. James Blakeney on Mission,		3 0 0
July 28.	Amount collected at the Nashwaak by Rev. Charles Tupper,		1 1 7½
Nov. 17.	Amount collected by Rev. James Blakeney, while on his second mission,		9 8 7
Jan. 8, '46.	Amount collected by ditto on his third mission,		4 6 5
Feb. 4.	" " by Rev. Charles Tupper,		0 8 0
Feb. 12.	" " by Rev. James Blakeney on his fourth mission,		5 15 0
March 17.	Amount collected by ditto on his fifth mission,		4 15 0
	" " at the Quarterly Meeting in Freder- icton,		3 3 1
April 4.	Amount collected by G. Miles on his missionary tour,		3 0 0
April 13.	Amount of collection in the Baptist Meeting House in Fredericton,		0 11 2
	Balance due the Treasurer,		2 16 11
			<u>£72 7 8</u>
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*The Saint John Domestic Missionary Board, in account with
John Smith, Treasurer.*

1845		DR.	
August 22.	Paid over to the Association last year, balance in hand,	£2 6 6½	
	Licentiates of General Board employed last year,	1 10 0	
	Elder D. Crandall for three and a half weeks' mission in King's County last year,	5 5 0	
August 27.	John Mills one week's mission to Grand Bay,	1 10 0	
Sept. 19.	" four weeks' mission,	6 0 0	
Sept. 20.	James Tremble four weeks' mission,	6 0 0	
Oct. 1.	John Mills, " "	6 0 0	
	Carleton Church,	3 1 8	
Dec. 2.	A. Mutch for ten weeks and two days mission,	5 3 3	
Jan. 30, '46.	Elder James Tremble four weeks' mission,	6 0 0	
	Do. do. " "	6 0 0	
Feb. 6.	Thomas Magee for Mission,	6 0 0	
March 11.	Do. do.	6 0 0	
April 11.	Jarvis Ring ten weeks' Mission,	10 0 0	
June 15.	Elder James Tremble four weeks' mission,	6 0 0	
June 26.	Elder D. Crandall, mission at Mill Cove,	6 17 0	
	" " " at First Range,	9 4 3	
	" " " at Salmon River Creek,	6 0 0	
	" " " at Newcastle,	6 17 0	
	" " " at Cumberland Bay,	5 11 3	
	" " " at W. S. H. Lake,	2 7 0	
	" " " in different destitute districts,	3 17 9	
			<u>£117 10 9½</u>

1845.		CR.	
July 15.	Balance of last year's account,	£2 6 3	
	Received from the Treasurer of the General Board, being division of monies collected at the Asso- ciation in Canning,	20 0 0	
August 22.	Collected by Elder D. Crandall, on mission,	3 0 0	
August 27.	Collected by Elder J. Mills one day at Grand Bay,	0 5 8	
Sept. 17.	" at Mission Meeting in Saint John,	5 7 6	
" 19.	" by Elder John Mills, on mission,	2 18 3	
" 20.	" by Elder James Tremble on mission,	2 2 8	
Oct. 1.	" by John Mills, on mission,	0 12 7	
	Received from Carleton Church,	8 9 2	
Nov. 2.	Collected at Missionary Meeting in Saint John,	1 13 7½	
Dec. 2.	" by Elder James Tremble on mission,	1 4 9	
Jan. 30, '46.	" Do. do. "	2 1 3	
Feb. 8.	Solomon Hersey's Donation,	1 0 0	
" 2.	Collected at a meeting,	1 3 9	
March 11.	" by Elder Magee, on mission,	1 15 0	
" 19.	" at Union Meeting,	0 17 11	
April 11.	" by J. Ring, on mission,	10 0 0	
June 13.	Received from Carleton Church,	6 0 0	
" 15.	Collected by Elder James Tremble, on mission,	1 4 6	
	" by Mrs. Jarvis Hartt,	0 10 7½	
July 3.	" by Elder D. Crandall, at Mill Cove,	3 14 1	
	Donation from W. F., at Mill Cove,	1 0	
	Donation from three friends,	0 7 6	
	Collected at Mill Cove by Elder D. Crandall,	1 15 11	
	Collected at first range by Elder D. Crandall,	7 5 10	
	Donation from J. Farris,	0 7 6	
Amount carried forward,			<u>£87 4 4</u>

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Amount brought forward,		£87 4 4
Donation from Deacon Branscum,		0 10 0
Donation from A. McLean,		0 3 7½
Sundry Donations per Elder D. Crandall,		0 17 4
Collected at Newcastle,		2 16 9
Donation from J. Flowers,		0 5 0
" J. Flowers, Senior,		0 5 0
" J. Robinson,		0 5 0
" W. Robinson,		0 5 0
" Mrs. Robinson,		0 2 5
" Silas McMann and Wife,		0 9 0
" Gideon Baley,		0 10 0
" Thomas Larkin,		0 2 0
" J. Baley,		0 7 6
Sundry Donations per Elder D. Crandall,		1 11 4
Collected at Salmon River and Creek, by Elder D. Crandall,		3 18 4½
Donation of J. Laning,		1 0 0
" Mrs. Withrow,		0 2 6
" Miss Ramsay,		0 5 0
Sundry Donations per Elder D. Crandall,		0 14 1½
Collection at Cumberland Bay,		2 16 3
Donation of Deacon McIntire,		0 5 0
" Mrs. Granville,		0 7 6
" E. Reise,		0 2 6
" Mrs. Elsworth,		0 2 6
" J. McLean,		0 2 6
Collected at W. S. H. Lake,		0 16 5
Elder D. Crandall's Donation,		1 0 0
Balance due the Treasurer,		£10 3 10
		<u>£117 10 9½</u>

JOHN SMITH, *Treasurer.**The Charlotte County Missionary Board in account with J. McLeod.*

DR.		
July 15, 1845.	Paid Treasurer of the General Board on account of missions to Licentiatees,	£5 0 0
August 18.	Paid Rev. James Walker for three weeks' Mission at Grand Manan,	4 10 0
Nov.	Paid Rev. A. D. Thompson, for one week's mission at _____,	1 10 0
	Paid Rev. James Hopkins for four weeks' mission at Lower Hill,	6 0 0
March, 1846.	Paid Rev. Thomas Magee for three weeks' mission at Lynfield,	4 10 0
	Paid Rev. James Walker for two weeks and three days mission at West Isles,	3 12 10
May.	Paid Rev. Charles Tupper for one week's mission,	1 10 0
	Paid Rev. Thomas Magee for three weeks' mission,	4 10 0
	Balance in the Treasurer's hands,	2 15 1
		<u>£33 17 11</u>

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July 10, 1845.	By amount received from Treasurer of the General Board.	£20 0 0
August.	Collected by Rev. James Walker when on mission,	2 15 6
	" by Rev. A. D. Thompson on mission,	0 15 0
November.	" by Rev. James Hopkins on Mission,	1 6 3
	" by Rev. T. Magee when on mission,	0 10 0
March, 1846.	" by Rev. J. Walker when on mission,	2 12 0
	" by Rev. C. Tupper when on mission,	0 16 8
May,	" by Rev. T. Magee when on mission,	1 1 0
	" at Quarterly Meeting at Saint George,	2 12 6
	" " " Saint Patricks,	0 19 0
	" " " Saint Andrews,	0 10 0
		<u>£33 17 11</u>

JOHN McLEOD, *Treasurer.*

*The New Brunswick Baptist General Missionary Board in
Account with John T. Smith.*

June 30, '45
July 10.

		Dr.
July 6, 1845.	Balance due from last year's account, Balance due on account of Rev. James Blakeney's mission from last year,	£1 1 7½ 6 9 10½
July 9.	Cash paid the Treasurer of the Fredericton Board, Cash paid G. F. Miles on account of balance due on Mission from last year,	20 0 0 5 0 0
July 10.	Cash paid J. P. A. Phillips towards printing the Minutes,	15 0 0
July 15.	Cash paid Rev. A. D. Thompson for Charlotte County Board,	20 0 0
July 16.	Cash paid the Treasurer of the Saint John Board,	20 0 0
July 16.	Cash paid the Rev. James Blakeney on account of balance due on his mission,	1 0 7
August 4.	Cash paid G. F. Miles on account of balance due on his mission,	5 15 0
October 10.	Paid W. P. McAdam balance due on his mission,	2 10 0
November 15.	Paid expences for carriage of Minutes,	0 1 6
November 15.	Cash paid J. P. A. Phillips balance due for printing the Minutes, per the Rev. Charles Spurden's order,	6 17 6
Feb. 5, 1846.	Cash paid for book for Record of the Denomination,	0 7 6
Feb. 5, 1846.	Cash paid the Rev. Thomas Magee, being his allowance as a Messenger to Nova Scotia,	5 0 0
	Paid postages,	0 6 7
	Balance in hand,	0 1 6½
		£109 11 8½

		CR.
July 9, 1845.	By amount received from Z. G. Gabel, Treasurer of the Association	£90 14 9
July 10.	Amount received from the Fredericton Board, on account of Missions to Licentiates last year,	5 0 0
July 10.	Amount received from the Charlotte Board, on account of Mis- sions to Licentiates,	5 0 0
	Received from Mr. Laban Lawrence, on account of his dona- tion to the Rev. J. Blakeney's Mission,	1 0 0
	Received from Rev. W. D. Fitch, on account of his donation to Rev. James Blakeney's Mission,	1 10 0
	Received from the Saint John Board, balance of grant of £5 toward Missions to Licentiates,	1 10 0
	Donation from Mr. C. Burnet, on account of Rev. James Blakeney's Mission last year,	0 10 0
August 4.	Donation from Rev. Charles Spurden, on account of Mission to Licentiates last year,	1 0 0
	Received from G. F. Miles, on account of his donation to the Rev. J. Blakeney's Mission,	2 15 0
September 11.	Received from C. H. Estabrooks, on account of his donation to the Rev. James Blakeney's Mission,	0 10
	Received for copies of Marriage Ceremony,	0 1 11
		£109 11 8½

JOHN T. SMITH, *Treasurer.*

*Nova Scotia and New Brunswick Baptist Foreign Missionary
Society in Account with N. S. Demill.*

		Dr.
July 15, 1845	Cash deposited in the Savings' Bank,	£100 0 0
Sept. 16.	Cash remitted to Hon. H. Lincoln, Treasurer A. B. F. M. Society, \$135 and prem. \$1 35,	34 1 9
	Postages for the year,	0 15 4
July 2, 1846.	To balance on hand,	30 5 0
		£165 2 1

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APPENDIX.

At the Twelfth Meeting of the New Brunswick Baptist Education Society, founded 1836, held at Portland on the 8th July, 1846 ; the following Report was presented by the Committee :

REPORT.

In presenting the Education Society at their General Meeting, with a statement of their proceedings, the Committee of Management deem it unnecessary to do more than give a brief outline of their operations since the Society last met, and the designs they have formed for the advancement of Education.

The number of students who have for a longer or shorter period received instruction at the Seminary during the past year, has been forty-seven ; of whom two have become qualified for the office of School Masters, and are now engaged in teaching Schools. One has entered King's College, Fredericton, and is pursuing his studies there ; and one, Brother William Coleman, a Licentiate of the Portland Church, in addition to his attendance upon some of the classes of a more general character, has received assistance in the prosecution of studies more immediately connected with ministerial duties.

Mr. Coleman attended one term and part of another. The Committee very much regret that the ill state of his health occasioned a serious interruption to study, in which he was making rapid and commendable progress. They have much satisfaction in stating that there is a small sum in hand to defray the unavoidable expences of a student while acquiring the knowledge that will fit him to become an able Minister of divine truth, which has been further augmented by the liberality of some friends in England, who have contributed eight pounds ten shillings sterling, to be appropriated in the same manner ; so that by a slight effort on the part of individuals and Churches, two Students at least might receive instruction at the Seminary for the ensuing year. The Committee would earnestly impress upon the Society the paramount importance of securing an education for the rising Ministry, they would remind them of the ultimate design which they contemplated when first they engaged in the work of Education, and the still increasing demand for unrelaxed effort. A course of mental training is pursued in Establishments like the Seminary, which is requisite for all who are designed for any occupation that

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will tax the resources of the mind, and in which pious young men could unite with others, and speedily acquire habits and methods of study which would be of incalculable advantage through their whole subsequent career; and in addition to this, without infringing upon the time and attention which must be devoted to general teaching, in order that the efficiency of the school may be sustained, and an adequate return made for the pecuniary assistance received from the public treasury, they may receive such particular directions and instructions from the Principal, as may tend to facilitate their labours in the immediate department of ministerial work.

The examination took place at the close of the term, on the 5th of June, in the presence of several friends, and was conducted by John Gregory, Esq., who, in conjunction with the Rev. J. M. Brooke, had been appointed by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to examine the School; absence from home at the time rendered it impossible for the latter gentleman to attend. The Students were examined in English Grammar, and extemporaneous composition in English; in History, Geography, and Recitation; in the Latin and Greek Languages; in Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry, and Trigonometry as applicable to Surveying and Navigation; and at the close, Mr. Gregory was pleased to express his satisfaction at the manner in which the exercises had been performed.

Some changes have taken place which your Committee trust will meet with the concurrence of the Society, Mr. Aaron Hartt, being unable any longer to continue his services with the limited salary then allowed, gave notice, immediately after the sitting of the Association last year, that he should be under the necessity of resigning his situation at the close of the term, unless an addition of five-and-twenty pounds were made to his salary. The Committee, having debts of a pressing nature still standing due, did not feel warranted, after full and anxious deliberation, in agreeing to terms which would have materially increased the annual expenditure already exceeding the income; they therefore accepted Mr. Hartt's resignation, and engaged the services of Mr. T. B. Smith as an Assistant Teacher, both schools being united into one, under the immediate superintendency of the Principal. Your Committee are so well satisfied with this arrangement that they have taken measures to continue it for another year.

The Committee have used every exertion to procure the services of one of the Ministering Brethren to visit the friends of Education in Nova Scotia, and make collections in aid of the Society, but from various causes they have been unsuccessful; they would suggest whether it might not be possible, at the Annual Meeting of the Society, to take measures for the accomplishment of this object.

The Committee have also encouraged the plan of delivering Lectures upon Education, and holding meetings in different parts of the Province, in order to draw attention to the subject. They trust that

their efforts will be facilitated by their friends, as they know of no method better calculated than this to awaken a practical conviction of the importance of mental culture.

They have the pleasure of informing the Society that the grant of the Houses of Legislature, which was reduced in amount two years ago, in consequence of the depressed state of the Provincial Revenue, has this year been raised to the original sum; they have therefore received Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds from the public treasury, for educational purposes during the past year.

Having thus presented a brief sketch of their proceedings, they would call upon the Members of the Society to unite with them in devoutly recognizing the favor of God, which appears still to accompany their endeavors to spread the blessings of useful habits, right principles, and sound knowledge among the youth of the Province.

For resolutions see page 17.

Statement of sums Received and Expended by the Managing Committee, of the Baptist Educational Society, from 1st July, 1845, to 1st July, 1846.

Dr.		
Paid.	Balance due Rev. Mr. Spurden,	£16 3 4
	Mr. A. S. Hartt's salary, to Term ending 1st October, 1845,	12 10 0
	Mr. T. B. Smith's salary as Teacher, to close of the last term,	20 9 0
	Mrs. Smith, for interest due to her,	40 0 0
	Steward, for attending rooms, &c.,	6 0 0
	For fuel,	9 15 8
	The Rev. Mr. Spurden's salary, as Principal, in full, to close of the last term,	200 0 0
	The Rev. Mr. Tupper, on account,	16 14 6
	Expences, for Collecting, &c., paid to the Rev. Mr. Tupper,	5 13 0
	Contingencies,	1 12 0
		£328 17 6
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	Balance in hand, per last year's account,	£1 19 10
	Received on account of Tuition,	48 10 6
	Received, Donations, as per annexed mem.,	26 3 6
	Refunded, on account of an over payment,	1 1 5
	Provincial grant,	250 0 0
	Balance,	1 2 3
		£328 17 6

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Account of monies received and expended for Students' Board.

1845.		DR.		
October 27th.	Received of Mr. Hersey, Treasurer of the General Union,			£3 5 0
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January 8th.	" C. Spurden, Fredericton,			1 0 0
22d.	" Mr. George F. Miles, Maugerville,			1 0 0
May 14th.	" Mr. Hersey, Treasurer of the General Union,			3 0 0
June.	" Elder Tozer,			1 0 0
	" Elder Watson,			0 5 0
July 6th.	" Elder A. D. Thompson,			0 10 0
	" Mr. Hersey, Treasurer of General Union,			0 15 0
				<u>£10 15 0</u>
1845.		CR.		
October 27th.	Paid Mrs. Gallop, for Mr. Coleman's Board,			3 5 0
1846.				
January 6th.	" " " balance for one Term,			0 17 6
May 16th.	" " " for 3½ weeks, to June 6th,			1 6 3
	" In hand,			5 6 3
				<u>£10 15 0</u>

CHARLES SPURDEN.

List of Donations to the Baptist Education Society, received since the last account, collected by the Rev. Mr. Tupper.

1844.				
October.	Henry M'Clutching,			£1 10 0
November.	Joshua Jones,			2 0 0
	John Cameron,			2 0 0
	C. Robinson,			1 0 0
	Jeremiah Stanat,			1 0 0
1845.				
May.	Rev. J. Wallace,			1 0 0
	Mrs. Ruth Calhoun,			1 0 0
	George Calhoun,			0 10 0
	John F. Steves,			1 0 0
December.	Mrs. Ann Ramsom,			0 10 0
	William Dickson,			1 0 0
	James Crossman,			2 0 0
1846.				
May.	Barnaby Newcomb,			1 0 0
	Rev. James Wallace,			3 0 0
	William Dickson,			1 0 0
June.	James Calhoun,			1 0 0
	James Wilbur,			1 0 0
	John Crandall,			0 17 6
				<u>£22 7 6</u>
Donation from the Rev. Mr. Dickie,				2 0 0
" from a Friend, in Fredericton,				1 16 0
				<u>£26 3 6</u>

Statement of Debts due by the Baptist Education Society, 1st July, 1846.

Due Central Fire Insurance Company, on Mortgage,	£375 0 0
Interest	45 0 0
" Mrs. Sarah Smith, for which several members of the late Committee are liable,	200 0 0
Interest,	10 0 0
" The Rev. Mr. Tupper,	7 13 4
" The Rev Mr Hall,	12 10 0
" The Estate of the late Rev. F. W. Miles,	19 3 4
" The Estate of the late Mr Watson,	8 16 10
" Mr. John T. Smith, as shown last year,	4 6 3
" A. P. Miller, as last year,	7 0 0
" As advanced by the Committee,	1 2 3
	£690 12 0

CHARLES SPURDEN.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Churches.	No. of Schools, and Scholars.	Teachers	Library Vols.	Bibles and Testaments	Remarks.	
Carleton,	1	100	18	350	44—84	Flourishing.
Chipman,	1	12	1			New.
1st Dorchester,	3	88	13	45	24—9	Encouraging.
2d Dorchester,	1	30	5	140		Flourishing.
Fredericton,	1	100	18	350	100—54	
1st Grand Lake,	1		1			New.
2d Grand Lake,	1	30	5	100	—22	Encouraging.
Greenwich,	2	35	4			One newly formed.
Harvey,	1	50	6	100		Encouraging—new.
Hillsborough,	1					Large, not prosperous.
Hopewell,	4	105	18	27		Encouraging.
North Esk,	1	20				Promising.
Norton,	2	40		80		
Pennfield,	1	60	12			Prospering.
Portland,	1	70	11	120	12—24	Flourishing.
1st Sackville,	1	75	13	169	12—25	Encouraging.
2d Sackville,	1	70	10	150	12—30	Increasing.
1st Salisbury,	2	50	8			
Saint Andrews,	1					
Saint Davids,	1	50	10	100	6—20	
1st St. George,	1	100	15	300		Omitted in the Letter
2d St. George,	2	60				
Saint John,	1	180	30	250	—150	Omitted in the Letter
Saint James,	1					" "
1st St. Martins,	1	50	5			Encouraging.
2d St. Martins,	1	17	2			
Saint Patricks,	1					
Upham,	1					Prospering.
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FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GENERAL UNION OF THE
BAPTIST DENOMINATION OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

The Board, in presenting a brief Report of their proceedings for the past year, remark, that in attending to the duties assigned them by the Constitution of the Union, they have had to encounter difficulties, and to deal with prejudices, such as are usually met with on the introduction of any new plan or measure, however important its objects, or well adapted the plan to secure the accomplishment of those objects.

The Board are fully satisfied that the plan adopted by the Union of combining together the different objects of the Denomination, so far as relates to collecting funds, is better calculated to sustain those several objects, without injury to either, than any measures before suggested or acted upon by the body, and to accomplish the whole with less trouble, labour, and expence.

Prior to the formation of Union Societies, any strong effort made in favour of a single object of the Denomination, invariably had a tendency to prejudice the interests of others, unless corresponding efforts followed on behalf of each separate object, and in such cases about the same amount of time and expence was required to promote the interests of each, separately, as would secure the advancement of the whole, united; besides, any general appeal made to the Churches, as well as individuals, for aid, on behalf of the combined objects of the Denomination, must be regarded with more favour, and excite a deeper interest, than would be produced by a succession of appeals in aid of a single object.

The Board, on being organized, in July, 1845, found Local Union Societies, in connection with the Churches, in the city of St. John, Carleton, and Portland, and in a few other places in the country, little, however, had been done by those Societies, as their formation had but just taken place.

AGENCIES.

The Board, after very mature deliberation, determined to adopt the recommendation of the Association of last year: "to appoint an Agent to travel through the Province, to promote the several objects of the Union, and, likewise, to further the interests of the Sabbath School Union," although it caused them much anxiety at the time, and has done so since, lest the expence of such Agency might produce an unfavourable impression on the minds of some, and operate against the interests of the Union; yet they were satisfied that without the aid of Agencies, Societies would not be formed throughout the Churches, nor would the objects of the Union be secured; but that the whole matter would remain unattended to, as was the case for several years after the plan was recommended by the Association.

The Services of the Rev. John Francis, and Brethren J. Ring, and J. W. Hartt, have been procured in Agencies, at different periods during the past year. The first two have spent upwards of six months each on behalf of the Union, and the latter nearly three months.

The total cost of these Agencies, including travelling expences, has been one hundred and four pounds, five shillings, and ninepence half-penny; amount of public collections taken up by the Agents, toward their expences, twenty-four pounds and eleven pence half-penny, leaving a balance of eighty pounds, four shillings, and tenpence, payable from the ordinary funds of the Union.

Upwards of *fifty* Local Union Societies have been formed, from thirty-seven of the number monies have been received, the remainder have not as yet made any return to the Board.

The reports of the Agents show that the principles of the Union have generally met the approval of the Churches visited, but that in some cases, it is to be lamented, both Churches and individuals have stood opposed. The Reports also show that the Sabbath School cause has received a due share of attention, and that the state of weak and scattered churches, as also destitute places where no Churches exist, have been regarded with interest by the Agents, and advice and assistance afforded.

The Board have reason to believe that more than a full year of profitable missionary labour has been performed by the Agents, aside from their more immediate duties, in relation to the Union, and believe it will be found that those labours have exerted a strong influence in favour of the general interests of the Denomination. The Board trusts that the prompt and zealous attention of the Ministers and Churches, in their different localities throughout the Province, to the claims of the Union, may soon prevent, to a great extent, at least, the necessity of employing Agents.

LOCAL SOCIETIES.

The sums received from the Local Societies vary from twelve shillings and three pence to twenty-six pounds nineteen shillings and one penny; average amount, six pounds two shillings and ninepence; total amount received from the 37 Societies, including some subscriptions paid over to the Agents by members of the Local Societies, two hundred and twenty-six pounds, eighteen shillings and ten pence.

Connected with the Association there are 71 Churches. Had each formed an Union Society, and raised the same proportion as those that have contributed to the funds, we should have received about double the sum now reported, and even that amount is far below what it is hoped will be realized from the operations of the Union.

The Board would suggest for the serious consideration of the Churches, their respective Pastors and Members, whether it is too much to expect a sum equal to *six shillings and two pence*

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for each member of our Churches, which would be, (say five thousand Members) over *fifteen hundred pounds* annually. There doubtless are many members who could not conveniently pay 6s and 2d, but could not the deficiency be made up by others paying a larger sum, and by members of the Congregations friendly to the cause. Let one united and strong effort be made, throughout every branch of the Denomination, and it is believed that this sum will be forthcoming.

MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL UNION.

By the Constitution of the General Union, it is provided that any Local Union Society paying into the funds of the General Union, at least, Five Pounds annually, will be a Member thereof, and entitled to send one Delegate to attend the General Meetings of the Union. It is desirable that the Local Societies should raise at least that sum, and that they should be careful to send their Delegates, that the Annual Meetings may be interesting.

These meetings are required, by the Constitution of the Union, to be held during the sitting of the Association, and at the same place, in order that they might be more generally attended, and that the Local Societies should have the opportunity of appointing the persons who are sent as Messengers from the Churches as their Delegates, should they wish to do so. Should any small Church not be able to raise Five Pounds toward the funds of the Union, let two such Churches unite, and form one Union Society for the two. The smallest sums, from Churches not having the means of contributing more largely, will be gratefully received; but the Board feel desirous that all the Local Societies should be represented at the Annual Meetings of the Union. It is also provided that any individual paying 25s. annually, or Twenty-Five Pounds at one time, or upwards, into the funds of the Union, shall be a Member. The sum of twenty-three pounds, fifteen shillings, has been received from ten persons, as Members of the General Union.

One object, in forming the General Union, was to induce persons having the means, to subscribe more largely than they would be likely to do to the Local Societies, or to become members of both; it must however be regretted that so few have done so, and, as far as the Lists of Subscribers have been forwarded to the Board, it appears that but very few persons have paid more than 6s. and 2d. to the Local Societies; that many persons, who before stood as annual subscribers of 20s. or upwards to a single object embraced in the Union, now that the several objects are united, satisfy themselves with subscribing barely 6s. and 2d. to the whole.

The terms of Membership to the Local Unions was made low, to place it within the reach of all, but it was not supposed that a very large proportion of the Members of our Churches and Congregations would consider that they had discharged their duty in relation to the

five important objects embraced in the Union, by merely paying 6s. and 2d. annually for the support of the whole.

It has come to the knowledge of the Board that some persons have refused to subscribe to the Union, from alleged conscientious scruples about giving a *shilling* annually toward the support of some one of its objects, but, as far as the Board can learn, these persons, with few exceptions, have not contributed to the support of a single object of the Denomination. The Board would by no means censure persons who may entertain conscientious scruples about sustaining objects, in relation to which they may entertain any such scruples.

GENERAL REMARKS.

The Board in their written instructions to their Agents last year, directed them "to inform the Members of the Churches and Congregations, that any persons subscribing to either the General Union, or any Local Union, would be discharged (from the date of their subscribing) from all Annual subscriptions, before made in aid of the objects embraced in the Union, but that they would be expected to pay any amounts remaining unpaid on their former subscriptions, up to the time of their becoming members of the Union."

The Board also remark that, although the principal objects of the Denomination are embraced in the Union; and it is expected that the funds raised through its operations will be sufficient, in the main, for the support of those several objects, and prevent the necessity of soliciting aid for any one object separately, except under special circumstances, still, should such circumstances arise as to call for additional aid on behalf of any one of them, to solicit such aid could not be considered at all at variance with the principles of the Union. The Rules of both the General and Local Unions allow the Members to appropriate any amounts they may subscribe, over the sum required for membership, to the general funds of the Union, or to any one or more of its objects, at their option, and any Church, Quarterly Meeting, or other body, choosing to make a collection, in aid of a single object, in addition to sustaining the Union, is acting upon the same principle, and should not be regarded as operating against the Union. The Board are induced to make these remarks, from having heard that some misunderstanding had arisen in relation to the points referred to.

The Local Societies are requested to forward a report of their proceedings annually, as required by the 7th Rule of the General Union, as such reports would, doubtless, afford many useful hints, and afford valuable information, which could be introduced into the General Report.

It has been suggested to the Board, by members of some of the Local Societies, that the Summer, or early part of Autumn, would be a more favourable time to collect the subscriptions, than so early

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the following season as to be prepared prior to the meeting of the Association. The Board approve of this suggestion, as it embraces the additional advantage of allowing time to have the Report and accounts made up and examined before the Annual Meeting, instead of their being prepared amid haste and bustle during the time of the Meeting.

Should the Local Societies, generally, or any of them, act upon this suggestion, and forward their monies to the Treasurer of the General Union, the amounts received will be paid over at once to the several objects for which they are designed. The amount of funds applicable to the support of superannuated Ministers, and the destitute families of deceased Ministers, will be safely vested, under the direction of the Board, until required for the purposes contemplated, and will then be disposed of under such regulations as shall be adopted by the Union, according to the 6th Rule of the Constitution. The expenditure of the funds intended for the remaining objects of the Union, is provided for through the medium of the Boards or Committees connected with those several objects.

In conclusion, the Board respectfully solicit the cordial co-operation of all the Ministers, Office-bearers of the Churches, and Local Union Societies, and all other persons friendly to the cause, to enable them to carry the influence of the Union through the length and breadth of the Province, and to secure the results anticipated to their fullest extent. Without such co-operation the members of the Board feel that their efforts will prove ineffectual.

July, 1846.

P. S.—The Rules of both the General and Local Unions may be seen by referring to the Minutes of the Association for 1845.

General Union Society in Account with Solomon Hersey.

DR.

1846.	Paid Elder J. Francis's Agency,	£50 0 0
"	" " expenses on ditto,	10 11 6
"	Mr. Jarvis Hartt for ditto,	10 0 0
"	" " expences on ditto,	0 15 1½
"	Mr. Jarvis Ring for ditto,	28 13 4
"	" " expences on ditto,	4 5 10
"	C. Smiler's Bill for printing Constitution,	2 17 8
"	To the Treasurer of the Foreign Mission Board, being cash from Elder J. Wallace for Foreign Mission,	1 0 0
"	Discount on British Silver,	0 10 2
"	Books and Stationery for Local Unions,	0 19 4
"	William L. Avery's Bill of Stationary,	0 4 6
"	Rev. Charles Spurden on account of Mr. William Coleman's Board,	7 0 0
"	John T. Smith, Treasurer General Domestic Mis. Board,	54 0 0
"	Rev. Charles Spurden for Education,	24 0 0
"	N. S. Demill, Treasurer of Foreign Mission,	24 0 0
"	Dividend to superannuated Ministers deposited on interest,	24 0 0
"	Ditto for the circulation of the Bible in Heathen Lands,	24 0 0
	Balance in Treasurer's hands,	13 7 6
		<u>£280 4 9½</u>

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1845. Collected by Elder J. Francis toward the ex-
penses of his Agency, viz.:

From Saint John Church,	£6 13 7
" Carleton do.,	0 16 1½
" Portland do.,	0 16 10
" 2d Sackville do.,	1 10 0
" Cape Dorchester,	0 5 4
" Dorchester Chapel,	0 18 3
A Widow's Mite,	0 1 2½
From Hopewell Chapel,	0 8 8½
" 2d. Dorchester Chapel,	0 17 10
" Charlotte County Quarterly Meeting,	2 8 4½
" 1st Saint Patricks,	0 15 0
" 1st Saint Davids,	0 12 0
" 2d. Saint George,	0 18 0
" 1st Saint George,	0 10 0
" 1st Saint Andrews,	0 5 9
" Pennfield,	0 8 2
	<u>£18 5 2</u>

COLLECTIONS BY MR. JARVIS RING.

From Prince William Church,	0 6 1½
" Dumfries,	0 10 5½
" Jackson Town,	0 15 1½
" Victoria,	0 9 8½
" Tobique,	1 5 7
" Sussex,	0 5 5
" Butternut Ridge,	0 12 8½
" Sackville,	1 0 4½
" Salisbury,	0 10 3½
	<u>£24 0 11½</u>

Amount carried forward to page 43,

RECEIVED FROM LOCAL UNION SOCIETIES.

From Saint John,	£26 19 1
" Saint Martins,	12 15 0
" Harvey,	3 14 0
" Norton,	5 0 3
" Saint Davids,	7 16 4
" 1st Saint Patricks,	2 5 7
" 1st Saint Andrews,	3 1 2½
" Saint Andrews Town,	2 10 5
" Hillsborough,	14 0 4
	<u>£78 2 2½</u>

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