

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

HELD AT LOWER GRANVILLE, ANNAPOLIS Co.,

Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday, June 9, 11, & 12, 1866.

TOGETHER WITH

THE CIRCULAR LETTER, &c.

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## MINUTES.

LOWER GRANVILLE, June 9th, 1866.

THE Western Baptist Association assembled at Lower Granville, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The chair was taken by Rev. H. Angell, the Moderator. A hymn was sung, after which the Rev. Dr. Tupper led in prayer. A list of delegates was obtained from the letters.

Rev. W. G. Parker was chosen Moderator; Rev. D. O. Parker, Clerk; and Rev. W. H. Richan, Assistant Clerk; brother A. T. Baker, Treasurer; and Samuel Freeman, Assistant Treasurer. The Moderator read the Constitution and Rules of Order.

The Moderator appointed the following Committees:

To examine Letters.—Revs. Dr. Tupper, S. Richardson and N. Vidito.

To read Letters.—Revs. E. C. Anderson, A. Martell and G. Armstrong.

Of Nomination and Arrangement.—Revs. I. Wallace, A. Cogswell, A. Martell, A. W. Bars, G. D. Cox, and C. Randall; brethren Weatherspoon and J. Shaw.

Voted, That the Committee of Nomination and Arrangement be requested to nominate a Committee to examine the proposed Catechism.

To examine Circular Letter.—Revs. Dr. Tupper, N. Vidito, S. Richardson, and T. DeLong.

Letters from the Churches were read.

The Committee of Nomination and Arrangements reported.

Rev. C. Randall lead in prayer. Adjourned.

Afternoon Session, 2½ o'clock, p. m.

Rev. T. H. Porter lead in prayer.

Minutes of the last sitting read and approved.

*Delegates from the Central Association.*—Rev. R. R. Philp, Dr. Crawley, Rev. James Parker, and S. Selden.

*From the Eastern Association.*—Rev. James Reid.

*By Invitation.*—Prof. Higgins, Rev. W. Hall, Rev. James Spencer, (of the Seaman's Society, St. John, N. B.,) Rev. N. Cyr, (Agent of the Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia, U. S.,) Rev. Thomas Todd, (of Sackville, N. B.,) Brethren A. M. Gidney, H. H. Chesley, Hicks Chesley, Charles Ramsay, D. Halfyard, Eldred Minard, T. M. Munro, B. H. Parker, Walter Goucher, X. Z. Chipman.

Reading of the Letters continued.

The Shelburne Baptist Church applied for admission into this Association. On motion, it was received, and Rev. A. W. Barss received the right-hand of fellowship in behalf of the church.

The Questions in the Letter of the Shelburne Church was referred to the Committee on Questions in Letters.

**DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.** Rev. I. Wallace stated that the first Baptist Association of N. S. was organized here sixty-six years ago. Brethren Vidito, Angell, Randall, Dr. Tupper, and W. H. Porter spoke of powerful revivals in their churches. Remarks were also made by Bro. S. Selden and Dr. Crawley. Dr. Crawley led in prayer.

Resumed business.

**Report of Committee of Arrangements and Nomination** was read and adopted, as follows:

**ON QUESTIONS IN LETTERS.**—Revs. Viditoe, W. G. Goucher, Dr. Tupper, C. Randall.

**ON TEMPERANCE.**—Rev. A. Cogswell, Brethren W. S. Raymond, B. B. Moses, R. Delap, W. R. Doty, W. Fitch, A. T. Baker, C. Strickland.

**ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.**—Revs. Dr. Tupper, D. O. Parker, E. C. Anderson, and Bro. S. Wheelock.

**ON "CHRISTIAN MESSENGER."**—Revs. R. D. Porter, E. S. Morton, and bro. E. Sprowle, and S. Brown.

**ON EDUCATION.**—Revs. Dr. Crawley, G. Armstrong, H. Angell, C. Randall, I. Wallace, S. Richardson, Prof. Higgins and Bro. C. Sabeau.

**ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.**—Revs. W. Hall, A. Barss, H. Achilles, Brethren W. H. Goudey, S. Sprowle, Deacon Fellows and C. Hill.

**ON ACCOUNTS.**—Brethren W. H. Goudey, S. Brown, and Jas. Potter.

**ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.**—Bro. S. Selden, Rev. Jas. Reid, T. H. Porter, G. D. Cox, James Fleet, J. Rice, C. Clarke, J. D. Halfyard, C. Tufts.

**ON CATECHISM.**—Revs. C. Randall, T. Delong, N. Videto, Dr. Crawley, and J. H. Saunders.

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The Committee also recommend the following arrangements:

- That a Prayer Meeting be held each morning at 6 o'clock.
- That the Committees and Boards meet at 8 o'clock, a. m.
- That the Public Meetings commence at 10 a. m., and adjourn at 12 o'clock; commence at 2½ p. m., and adjourn at 5¼ o'clock; and commence again at 7¼ o'clock.
- That on Monday evening a Missionary Meeting be held.
- That on Tuesday morning the Committee on Education report.
- That on Tuesday afternoon the S. S. Convention hold its session.

Prayer. Adjourned.

On the Sabbath Day Rev. Dr. Crawley preached at 10¼ o'clock, a. m.; Dr. Tupper at 3 o'clock, p. m.; and Rev. C. Randall at 7 o'clock. Services were also held by visiting brethren at Annapolis, Granville Ferry, Lower Granville, Victoria Beach, Litchfield, Parker's Cove, Hillsburgh, Wadeville and Clements.

Monday Morning, June 11th.

The Association convened at 10 o'clock, a. m.

The Annual Sermon was preached by Rev. J. H. Saunders from Isaiah lxx. 17. The usual collection was taken. Rev. A. Martell led in prayer. The minutes of the last session were read and approved.

*Voted*, That the Clerks of the Churches be requested to be more particular with reference to the Statistics sent to the Association.

Committee on the Circular Letter reported.

The Circular Letter was read by Rev. S. Richardson.

*Voted*, That the Circular Letter be re-committed for the purpose of making a verbal alteration before publication.

*Voted*, That Brethren Wallace, Selden, Cogswell and Armstrong be a Committee to arrange for Missionary meeting this evening.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools reported. Adopted. (See Appendix A.)

Rev. S. Richardson led in prayer. Adjourned.

Afternoon Session, 2¼ o'clock. P. M.

Rev. A. W. Barss led in prayer. Minutes of the last sitting read and approved.

Committee on Circular Letter reported. Report adopted.

*Voted*, That Brother S. Selden be requested to insert the Circular Letter in the *Christian Messenger*.

Committee on Temperance reported. Earnestly spoken to by Revds. Vidito and Wallace. Adopted. (See Appendix B.)

*Voted*, That Brethren Martell, Vidito and Angell be a Committee to reply to a Communication from the Grand Scribe of the Order of the Sons of Temperance.

On motion, the Report was adopted, clause by clause. (See Appendix C.)

Committee on Nomination and Arrangement further reported, recommending that the next annual sermon be preached by Bro. I. Wallace, that Bro. J. E. Goucher be his alternate, and that Dr. Tupper write the Circular Letter. Report adopted.

Adjourned for one hour to give place to the Sabbath School Convention. (See Report on page —.)

At the close of the S. S. Convention the Association resumed business.

*Voted*, That 1000 copies of Minutes of this Association be printed at the *Christian Messenger* Office, that \$56.00 be paid for them, and that 50 copies be reserved for the use of the Association next year.

*Voted*, That ministers of this Association visiting the Central and Eastern Associations be our Delegates.

*Voted*, That Brethren Joseph Shaw, A. T. Baker, S. Freeman, Jun., I. Longley, and J. D. Halfyard be our delegates to the Convention.

Committee on Sabbath Observance reported. After brief remarks, adopted. (See Appendix E.)

Treasurer of Infirm Ministers' Fund reported. Report adopted. (See Appendix F.)

*Voted*, That a collection be taken at the close of the Missionary Meeting this evening, the proceeds to be appropriated in aid of the several missions.

Prayer by Bro. Vidito. Adjourned.

Evening Session, 7½ o'clock, P. M.

### MISSIONARY MEETING.

Singing by the choir. Rev. T. DeLong lead in prayer. Minutes of last sitting read and approved.

Secretary of H. M. Board read an abstract of the Report on that Mission.

The 1st Resolution was moved by Rev. A. Martell and seconded by Rev. N. Vidito.

*Resolved*, That HOME MISSIONS are an essential part of the operations of every Christian Church.

The 2nd Resolution was moved by Rev. R. D. Porter, seconded by Rev. M. Normonday, and supported by Rev. N. Cyr.

*Resolved*, That the MISSION TO THE FRENCH of our country demands our continued and increasing confidence and support.

The 3rd Resolution was moved by Rev. Dr. Tupper and seconded by Rev. Dr. Crawley.

*Resolved*, That the very interesting state of our FOREIGN MISSIONS calls for gratitude to the Great Head of the Church, and we regard this department of our christian work as worthy of our warmest sympathies, our earnest prayers, and our benevolent consideration.

*Voted*, That the Home Mission Board be re-appointed.

*Voted*, That the Treasurer be requested to pay the sums respectively appropriated to the different Missions.

Rev. James Parker lead in prayer. Adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Tuesday Morning, June 12th.

The Association convened. Rev. Obed Parker lead in prayer.

Minutes of last Session read and approved.

Letters from Lewis Head and 2nd Ragged Island Churches read.

The List of Delegates was read and corrected.

*Voted*, That the Clerk of the Association correspond with the Churches that have not reported for two years.

Rev. R. D. Porter read the Reports of the Secretary and Treasurer of the French Mission Board. Spoken to by Rev'ds. J. H. Saunders, Dr. Crawley and R. D. Porter. Adopted. (See Appendix H.)

*Voted*, That Brethren Randall, Saunders, and N. Coming be a Committee to nominate the Foreign Missionary Board.

Report on Foreign Mission read and adopted. (See Appendix J.)

Report on Home Missions adopted. (See Appendix G.)  
Committee appointed to reply to communication from the Grand Scribe of the Order of the Sons of Temperance reported. Report was re-committed for further inquiry and completion; and the committee instructed to give the full information solicited in behalf of the Association.

*Voted*, That our Delegates to the Central Association be a Committee to confer with that Association with reference to a change in the times of meeting, so as to have the Central first in order.

*Voted*, That the following Brethren be our Home Mission Board:— Joseph Shaw, S. Brown, H. Angell, W. H. Gridley, C. Randall, C. Sabin, R. D. Porter, W. R. Doty, N. Corning, J. H. Saunders, A. Cogswell, W. S. Raymond, J. A. Stubbert, B. E. Mcses, A. H. Munro, W. L. Parker, W. G. Goucher.

Committee on Circulation of the Bible and Religious Books reported. Adopted. (See Appendix K.)

Fifteen minutes were given to Rev. N. Cyr to present the claims of the American Baptist Publication Society.

On the reading of the Report of the Committee on Education, (See Appendix L.) Rev. C. Randall moved the first resolution, seconded by Rev. James Parker:

*Resolved*, That our success in our Educational efforts calls for devout gratitude to God as well as continued, earnest, and prayerful endeavours to promote the same in the future. Passed.

Rev. G. Armstrong moved the 2nd Resolution, seconded by Dr. Crawley, supported by Prof. Higgins, Revd's. E. C. Anderson and I. Wallace; and S. Selden:

*Resolved*, That the progress of Education generally in our own and other bodies of Christians imposes on us unavoidably the necessity and duty of giving to our denominational Seminaries a degree of efficiency commensurate with the progress of the times. Passed.

Rev. N. Vidito moved the 3rd Resolution, seconded by Rev. I. Wallace:

*3rd Resolved*, That it is specially incumbent on our churches to make Acadia College and the Semmaries at Wolfville the continued subject of prayer to Almighty God, that he would be pleased to ble-s them with His grace, and make them more and more largely the birth-place of souls. Passed.

Committee on a Catechism for the young reported. Report adopted. (See Appendix K.)

*Voted*, That the Board of the Infirm Ministers Fund be the same as last year.



**Auditing Committee reported. Report adopted.**

*Resolved*, That the Committee be appointed to consider the propriety of adding an additional day to our Association.

Bro. Brown and Angell were appointed a Committee to report in the *Messenger* shortly before the next Association.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this body be tendered to the Baptist Church and congregation, and other friends of Lower Granville for the kindness and hospitality so heartily extended at this time to the ministers and delegates of this Association.

Adjourned, to meet at Hillsburg next year at the time agreed upon by the Committee appointed to consult with brethren at the Central Association.

W. G. PARKER, *Moderator.*

D. O. PARKER, *Clerk.*

W. H. RICHAN, *Assistant Clerk.*

## STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND DELEGATES.	INCREASE		DECREASE		Total.
		By Baptism.	Restored. By Letter, &c.	Dismissed.	Excluded. Died.	
Annapolis and Upper Granville.	Rev. Geo. Armstrong, Deacon S. Chute, B. Fellows, J. W. Healey, J. Wade.	12	...	1	..	3 228
Argyle .....	Rev. W. L. Parker,	1	...	3	..	1 41
Brookfield .....	Rev. D. O. Parker, U. Johnson,	..	...	4	4	1 118
Barrington .....	A. J. Leadbetter, Rev. W. H. Richan,	2	...	..	..	2 48
Beaver River .....	Rev. A. Cogswell, Deacon W. S. Raymond, Bro. W. H. Goudey, J. Trask,	3	6	2	..	6 215
Clements .....	Rev. G. D. Cox, Bro. J. E. Potter, D. Potter.	7	1 1	1	1	5 264
Caledonia .....	No letter.	..	..	..	..	25
Dalhousie .....	No letter.	..	..	..	..	28
* Digby .....	Rev. J. F. Tooker, Bro. A. Adams.	..	2	2	5	.. 44
Digby Neck 1st.....	Deacon J. Denton, Bro. C. E. Gilliland.	..	..	1	4	10 121
Digby Neck 2nd.....	No letter.	..	..	..	..	90
Greenfield .....	No letter.	..	..	..	..	59
Greywood .....	No letter.	..	..	..	..	43
Hampton .....	Rev. P. F. Murray, Deacon J. Brinton,	1	..	..	..	106
Hill Grove .....	No letter.	..	..	..	..	71
Hillsburg 1st .....	Rev. A. Martell, Deacon R. Clark, Bro. A. Morse, W. Nicholl, N. Miller.	14	3 1	3	..	3 176
Hillsburg 2nd.....	Rev. J. F. Tooker, Bro. J. S. Thomas, J. S. Sullis, J. W. Poole.	..	..	2	1	.. 88
Jordan Bay .....	No delegate.	..	11	..	2	1 64
Jordan River.....	Rev. A. W. Barrs.	..	..	1	..	24
Kempt .....	Rev. T. C. DeLong.	..	1 1	..	2	.. 100
Liverpool.....	Rev. E. C. Anderson, Bro. T. Nickerson, J. Cobb.	2	2	..	..	1 190
Lake George .....	Deacon B. B. Moses.	..	13 1	7	..	1 152

\* Last year's total was incorrect; it should have been 49, instead of 36.

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		By Baptism.	Restored. By Letter, &c.	Dismissed.	Died. Excluded.	
3 228 Lower Aylesford and Upper Wilmot	Rev. Dr. Tupper, O. Parker, Deacon G. Tufts, A. T. Baker.	77	8	14	6	7 550
1 41 1 118 2 48 6 215 Lower Granville .....	Rev. I. Wallace, Deacon James Fleet, Bro. W. Hall, W. J. Crosscup, R. Delap, E. Sprowle.	25	2	2	..	3 277
Litchfield.....	Rev. H. Achilles, Deacon S. Sprowl, Bro. J. Clark, C. Anderson	..	..	..	..	40
5 264 Long Island.....	No delegate.	..	1	..	..	2 279
Lewis Head .....	No delegate.	1	..	..	..	1 70
.. 25 .. 28 .. 44 *Milton .....	Rev. A. Weaver, Deacon S. Freeman, Bro. James Nickerson, J. A. Freeman, J. B. Freeman.	3	1	1	4	.. 203
10 121 Middlefield .....	No delegate.	..	..	..	..	.. 22
.. 59 .. 43 .. 106 .. 71 Nietaux .....	Rev. W. G. Parker, R. S. Morton, Deacon S. L. Chipman, S. Wheelock, W. C. Felch, W. Gates.	..	..	11	5	2 366
New Albany.....	Rev. J. M. Parker.	..	..	1	..	1 69
3 176 New Tusket.....	Rev. C. Randall, Deacon Charlton Sabean.	43	1	..	..	1 132
Ohio .....	Rev. J. H. Saunders.	6	2	3	..	1 163
Fort Medway and Mill Village }	Rev. J. E. Goucher.	15	5	1	2	1 223
.. 88 Pine Grove.....	Rev. W. H. Porter, T. H. Porter, Deacon M. Wheelock, Bro. G. Dodge.	44	8	2	6	4 280
1 64 .. 24 .. 100 Pubnico .....	Rev. W. H. Richan, Rev. H. Achilles, Deacon J. Edget.	..	..	..	..	3 29
1 190 Parker's Cove .....	A. Foster, Bro. Wm. Longmire.	1	..	..	..	1 66
1 152 Ragged Islands 1st....	No delegate.	7	..	2	..	3 122
Ragged Islands 2nd....	No delegate.	2	..	..	..	1 17

\* Error in last year's Minutes.

\* By the correction of errors in the Minutes the net increase is 400

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CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND DELEGATES.	INCREASE			DECREASE		Total.
		By Baptism	By Letter, &c.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	
* Shelburne.....	Rev. A. W. Barss.	..23	..	..	..	..	19
Sissaboo.....	Rev. C. Randall.	..	..	..	1	..	1 129
Springfield.....	Rev. J. M. Parker.	..	1	..	..	..	1 44
St. Mary's Bay.....	Rev. L. B. Gates, M. Normonday, Bro. C. McNeil, Sen., John Spurr,	16	3	..	..	..	1 143
Sable River.....	No delegate.	..21	..	..	..	..	59
† Sherbrooke West.....	Rev. J. M. Parker.	..	1	..	..	2	36
Tusket.....	No letter.	..	..	..	..	..	112
Tusket Lakes.....	Rev. A. Cogswell.	..	1	1	..	..	57
Wilmot.....	Rev. N. Vidito, Deacon I. Longley, Asa Morse,	21	1	3	2	..	376
Wilmot Mountain.....	Bro. W. H. Balcom, Rev. P. F. Murray,	..	7	..	1	..	210
Westport.....	Rev. S. Richardson.	..	..	..	..	..	2 157
Yarmouth 1st.....	Rev. H. Angell, Deacon S. Brown, W. Gridley,	42	6	3	6	1	6 453
Yarmouth 2nd.....	Bro. Joseph Shaw, Wm. Wyman, Rev. R. D. Porter, Deacon C. Strickland, W. R. Doty,	34	4	1	6	2	5 321
Yarmouth 3rd.....	Bro. J. Trask, J. A. Phillips.	..19	..	..	14	..	3 195
Yarmouth, South.....	No delegate.	..	7	6	..	..	3 212
Yarmouth, West.....	Rev. J. H. Saunders, Deacon N. Corning, E. Rose, Bro. S. Churchill, G. Trask, G. M. Patten.	..	11	..	..	4	2 154

\* New church.

† Statistics incorrect last year.

## SUMMARY:—

No. of Churches.....	55.
Increase—By Baptism... 493	Decrease—Dismissed... 106
By Letter, &c., 67	Excluded... 45
Restored..... 11	Died..... 89
—571	—240

\* Net Increase.....331

Total number of members..... 7870

\*By the correction of errors in the Statistics of last year in some of the Churches, the Net increase is 400.

## Circular Letter.

TO THE CHURCHES, COMPOSING THE NOVA SCOTIA WESTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

*Beloved Brethren,—*

Such is the religious excitement and speculation of the present age, and such the conflict of circumstances and opinions, that we may probably profit by occasionally meditating upon the questions—What are we? Where are we? and, Why are we thus?

An intelligent knowledge of the position God has assigned us, and of the causes that have produced, and the circumstances that have moulded our denominational existence, is essential to both our growth and our usefulness. And while it is presumed that as a body, our convictions are clear, and our consciousness strong on these questions, yet the accessions that we are constantly acquiring, largely from the youthful class, are not intuitively permeated with the true tenets of the gospel in all their length, breadth, height and depth. Nor will an occasional refreshing of our more matured minds be amiss, surrounded as we are, with the pressure of compromise.

By such review we may strengthen our individual faith, and be the more invigorated for the stern labors of christian life, and the more earnest defence of the christian faith. To this end we propose as the subject of our present address:

### OUR POSITION, AS A DENOMINATION.

We will note its peculiarities; its responsibilities; and its advantages.

#### OUR PECULIARITIES.

1. The first peculiarity, that we will mention as found pertaining to us is, *Our religious isolation.*

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We stand alone. None sympathise in full with our work. None are prepared to pray that our doctrines and practices may become universal. That the world may be filled with Baptists. Some of the denominations believe in some of the Bible truths that we hold; but notwithstanding the commonality of those points of our respective creeds, such is the repugnance to other sentiments of our faith, that the preference is usually given, even by those termed orthodox, to those who differ with us on the question of baptism, however dissimilar in other sentiments the two may be. We have no good grounds to expect from these sources favors beyond the ordinary courtesies of religious society. If we secure these in the steadfast maintainance of Bible truth we may rest satisfied. In this we have not always succeeded. We have been pressed to found institutions of learning, to form Bible, and Mission Societies, and churches too, more from necessity, than from choice. We sought not separation. We would that all men were with us. But we could not sacrifice the convictions the word of God had wrought in us.

2. A second peculiarity is our recognition of the exclusive and supreme authority of the Bible in all matters of christian faith and practice. On this point we are not so singular in our theory, as in our practice. Most other denominations enunciate this sentiment abstractly, both in their pulpits and their creeds, and still all, more or less, supplement it in their practice.

The following are some of the authorities, found in this supplement—tradition, human reason, convenience, conscience, &c. These in their practical application seem to supersede in some connections the commands of God. The absurdity of this supplementing the Bible, God's book, the journals of his legislation, is apparent. On this question the Baptists, as a body, have stood firmly in both theory and practice from Apostolic times, and have outlived

much of the abuse that has been heaped upon them because of it, and have withstood all the temptations presented to move them from their position. The attacks upon us have changed with the changing circumstances of society. But the gravest charge that has been, and that still is maintained against us, is, not, that we are unscriptural, but that we are too scriptural, too tenacious of the full authority of the Bible. This we can afford to bear. We shall not be damaged by it. Some religious bodies go farther with us than others, in the practical recognition of Bible authority. This supplementing and superseding work, has very extensively pervaded christendom. Our position, in this respect, is peculiar, but not perverse.

3. A third and last peculiarity that we will notice, consists in the construction of a visible church. We require according to the inspired teachings, and the Apostolic usage, our members to be persons renewed in the spirit of their minds; in other words regenerated to God. And we refuse to admit to membership any considered to be destitute of this qualification. Further, we admit none to any of the privileges of the church, who are not members of it, or members of a kindred church. Our Freewill and Free christian Baptist brethren are the most like us of any denominations in the matter of church construction. Still they fail on this point. They professedly receive to the external privileges of their church, those whom they would not receive to membership, without greater qualifications. They thus require less qualification for admission to church privileges, than they do to church membership.

The peculiarities already named are the most striking, and the most important that distinguish us from other religious bodies. We disclaim ignorance, obstinacy, and misanthropy, in our adherence to the sentiments propounded, and that place us in this position. As our only apology, we urge an enlightened conviction of the truth and a su-

preme love to the God of all truth. "Buy the truth and sell it not" is a motto that with all our hearts we endorse. Nor are we to be moved from it, either by frowns or flatteries. We pass on to notice, in the second place,

#### OUR RESPONSIBILITIES.

Every position has its responsibilities. This is true of individuals and societies. They grow largely out of the position occupied. Ours began with our beginning. They have increased with our growth. They relate to God, to ourselves, and to the world.

1. Towards God, it is our duty to act as the rescued towards the rescuer, with gratitude and love.

2. Towards ourselves, it is our duty to keep up in our souls and in our public worship a spirit of living piety. It is our duty to keep ourselves unspotted from the world, and to maintain our profession with such integrity that no occasion will be afforded to any to speak evil of our good. It is our duty to support earnestly the faith we have espoused. Our integrity then cannot be questioned nor our sincerity doubted. It is our duty to increase in holiness and knowledge. By this we are prepared for an increased enjoyment of the love of God, and for increased usefulness in his service.

If our individual professions and our denominational distinctions are worth nothing to ourselves nor to the world, and are not required of God, then may we without loss or guilt abandon them. If there is nothing in our peculiarities beyond a name, insignificant and unimportant, then have the Baptists' endurance of sufferings and reproach been a weakness, rather than a virtue. But the conviction strongly presses on us that our position in the world is the ordering of the Almighty One, a provision for his own glory. And our professions of faith and hope are the exponents of solemn responsibilities, that dictate to us



a line of action that we cannot honourably resist. Our name is significant; our profession is serious. In honour to ourselves we must maintain them.

3. Towards the world, it is our duty to act as those entrusted with a message upon which depends its life and its peace. Nor can we be indifferent to this claim of humanity. Nor will a comparison of ourselves with any other portion of the professing christian world, however favorable to us the comparison, justify in us a diminished light, a limited piety, a contracted or distorted effort to save the world from sin, by bringing it to Christ. In writing thus we are not underrating other bodies of religious professors. We are not addressing them, but ourselves. We are not attempting to compute the amount of truth they hold. We heartily credit them for all the truth they teach, for all the light they show, for all the good they do, while we argue that our mission is a distinct and peculiar one, for the prosecution of which God holds us responsible. The apostle Paul expresses this truth when he says, "I am debtor both to the Greeks and to the barbarian, both to the wise and to the unwise."—Rom. i. 14. If we are in any sense the salt of the earth, we are to preserve the savor thereof. And if we are at all the light of the world we are to let that light shine. For the welfare of mankind it is our duty to maintain and promulgate all the doctrines, practices and ordinances embraced in the christian religion. Amongst these *doctrines* are human depravity, divine sovereignty, human accountability, the atonement of Christ, regeneration by the Spirit, justification by faith, and final perseverance. Amongst the *practices* are the maintenance of an orderly life, christian fellowship, and the support of public religious worship. The *ordinances* are Baptism and the Lord's supper in the order and manner, and for the end enjoined. By thus observing the christianity of the Bible we have grown to what we now are, numbering as we do in

New Brunswick, Prince Edward's Island, and Nova Scotia, over twenty-five thousand church members, and probably a still larger number of supporters of our sentiments, which gives a denomination of over fifty thousand. We have not been fostered by government patronage, and government favors. We have not largely been aided by men of influence in the world, nor by men of riches. But God has blessed and enlarged us while we have served him. And now we say, "Whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing," Phil. i. 16. Once we were deemed unfit for religious society, now we are upbraided, by the same parties, because we do not offer them certain privileges with our churches. Once the reproaches heaped upon us were in *wrath*: now they are showered upon us in *love*. Surely a brighter day is dawning. Let us turn to proper account every opportunity it affords. Let us not be insensible to kindnesses from whatever source they emanate. But let not our affections be improperly hampered; our tongues improperly silenced, nor our efforts for the promotion of truth be circumscribed thereby. Such is a rapid sketch of our responsibilities. We pass to notice in the third and last place

#### OUR ADVANTAGES.

1. We have the advantage of understanding our position. This knowledge it is our individual duty to possess. Its possession is a great advantage in order to the work we are called to do, and the successes we are allowed to anticipate.
2. We have advantages afforded by the assurance that if, in maintaining the truth, our numbers are not so rapidly nor so largely increased we will not suffer so much loss in that day when our work will be inspected by the great Architect of the universe, 1 Cor. iii. 15, as though we had built largely upon error.
3. We have the advantage afforded by the promise of

Christ in John xii. 26: "If any man serve me, him will my Father honor;" and by all kindred promises.

4. We have the advantage too, afforded by the success that has already attended our labors as a denomination of christians. By those labors many have been converted to God. We have thus largely increased in numbers; grown in intelligence; multiplied places of public worship; augmented the ministerial staff; and we would hope, withal maintained the standard of true piety.

5. We have the advantage afforded by trusting God for all desired results and successes. Duty is ours, results are His. We rest not upon ourselves for the accomplishment of what we desire, but confide in Almighty wisdom, love and power.

6. We have the advantage of the promise that our work shall not be in vain in the Lord.

In conclusion, our advantages are unspeakably great and precious. We cannot too highly appreciate them. No discouragement need be allowed to lurk about us. If our position is one of labor and trial, our advantages prepare us for it. If it is one that exposes us to calumny and reproach, our advantages enable us to bear them. If in our work we stand alone, we are not alone, for God is with us. If but little human sympathy attends us in our endeavours, we have the sympathy of the Divine One, whose heart is full of love. Who chides our despondency and encourages our hope, "Be not dismayed, I am thy God."

Let us then brethren in the Lord, not be weary in well doing; we shall reap if we faint not.

## APPENDIX.

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### REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools report :

That they congratulate their brethren forming this Association on the increased amount of activity in this department of christian labour, as manifested by the statistical information presented in last year's reports to the Sabbath School Conventional meetings.

It appears by those reports that 74 Schools made returns of their numbers, to the three Associations, in which there were 5143 scholars and 661 teachers. Some schools that reported themselves in the previous year failed to do so last year. Supposing them to be still in existence, there would be about 700 teachers and 7000 scholars.

Your committee would respectfully urge the Superintendents and teachers to make regular Returns so as to present as correct an account as possible for publication. There are, it appears, a large number of Baptists engaged in Union Schools which have not heretofore reported themselves. Your Committee would suggest whether there might not be some returns made of such schools so that they might be put into a separate table and be recognized by each other and our brethren generally.

Your Committee deem this work of vast moment to the welfare of the church and the world, and trust that there may be no diminution of interest, but a large increase thereof during the current year.

The character of the teachers and of the instruction given are subjects which should command the earnest attention of the pastors of the churches. They should do all in their power to encourage and aid these institutions. In many cases they are the best life of the church.

We much regret that more time cannot be appropriated to this subject during the sitting of the Association. As several of the brethren will probably be asking for leave of absence on Tuesday afternoon, your Committee think it will be advisable, if possible, to make a slight alteration in the order of proceedings, and occupy one hour this (Monday) afternoon, for the Sabbath School Convention.

Your Committee would express their opinion that a brief compendium of Christian Doctrine for the young is greatly needed for our Schools and Families.

Signed, on behalf of the Committee,

S. SELDEN, *Chairman.*

(B)

#### REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance beg to report as follows:

Your Committee consider the Temperance organizations of this province worthy of being ranked amongst its most important institutions. It is useless for us in a short report to attempt a portraiture of the sin and sorrow attending upon a course of intemperance.

It is not needful to state any more than the fact, and at the same time observe that tipping habits lead to the drunkard's miseries on earth and the drunkard's hell hereafter. The great practical questions, however, are:— First, Are the tipping and drinking habits of the people of this province on the increase, decrease, or are they standing still? Second, Are we doing all we can for the advancement of this cause? To the first we reply, that the conviction is, that in many parts of this country, intemperance principles and practices are upon the increase. This has to some extent aroused the feelings and inspired the zeal of many good men; but there is too much apathy on the part of many among us yet. A large number of new divisions of the Sons of Temperance, and kindred organizations have been formed in this province during the year, but much remains to be done. More must be done, or the cause will not advance, and success will not be complete.

To the second we reply, that we are not doing all that can be done for this noble enterprise. The temperance reform is not laid hold of by many of our influential men as it should be. Wine and cider, &c., are not yet banished from all our tables. Wedding parties and other festive gatherings are often treated to these beverages even in the houses of some of our most active men. We fear there are some of our members who still take a LITTLE when they are cold, and a little when they are warm, &c. While this is the case, we cannot be doing all we can as a denomination. We hope this Association will give such an expression of our total abstaining principles, as shall vibrate throughout our churches and wake our sleeping, dormant friends, and make the lovers of humanity and religion banish the bowl of enchantment from their homes and their social entertainments.

We presume that there is no possibility, at the present time, of obtaining a prohibitory law upon this subject, but we can not refrain from expressing our firm conviction of its justice and desirableness, and our entire disapprobation of the whole licensing system of this Province. What is morally wrong, and destructive to the lives and property of our countrymen, we cannot concede to the government the right to legalize. If sin is a disgrace to any people, surely the licensing of rum-shops and distilleries is a disgrace to our legislature, and a blot on our fair country. We entertain the faint hope that this blot will yet be wiped out. We hold a communication from the Grand Scribe of the G. D. of the Sons of Temperance, asking for the names and places of residences of all the clergymen of the Baptist denomination in this part of the province, who are personal abstainers, or connected with temperance organizations. We would recommend a courteous reply to the inquiry, and suggest that a committee be appointed to afford the information sought.

We sincerely hope that the time is not far distant when we shall be able to say not only that our ministers are all abstainers, but that all our members are earnest supporters of this good cause.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. MARTELL, *Chairman.*

(C)

## REPORT ON QUESTIONS IN LETTERS.

Your Committee report that :

1. Respecting the request from a portion of the Ragged Island Church, your Committee from due consideration of the matter, together with the information we have been able to obtain on the subject, conclude that no advantage would be likely to arise from the appointment of a Council.

2. Respecting the request from the Shelburne Church, your committee recommend that the following brethren be appointed a committee to obtain the Deed, said to be in the hands of Rev. W. Burton, and render the church what assistance they can in the matter : Brethren Richan, E. A. Anderson, C. Bill, Capt. Patillo, and Xerxes Z. Chipman.

3. Your Committee recommend that the next meeting of the Association be held with the 1st Hillsburgh Church.

N. VIDITO, *Chairman.*

(D)

## REPORT ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Your Committee beg leave to report that they regard the proper observance of the Christian Sabbath as essentially identified with the progress of Religion in the world, and the existence and perpetuity of vital piety in our communities and churches. They regard with distrust that latent infidelity now existing, which would seek to loosen those obligations under which the people of God are placed, to keep holy the Lord's day.

They lament the looseness which prevails not only in the world but in the church, manifested by visiting and other recreations not consistent with the sanctity of the day. They would urge affectionately and earnestly on our churches and congregations the importance of avoiding a desecration of the Holy Sabbath. We would also respectfully suggest to ministers, servants and Sabbath School Teachers the importance of keeping the claims of God's Holy Law

in regard to the Sabbath constantly before their respective charges.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM HALL, *Chairman.*

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INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND *in account with* CHAS. RANDALL,  
*Treasurer.*

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June 15.	To paid Rev. H. Saunders, as ordered by the Association,.....	\$50 00
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Jany. 7.	To paid Mrs. Jackson, as ordered by the Board,....	20 00
		<u>\$70 00</u>
1865.		
June 15.	By Cash in hand as per account rendered in 1865,....	\$88 98
	Received of Samuel Freeman, Treasurer of the Western N. S. Baptist Association, .....	70 10 $\frac{1}{2}$
Nov. 25.	Received interest on investment,.....	40 00
		<u>199 08<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></u>
	Balance in hand,.....	129 08 $\frac{1}{2}$

CHAS. RANDALL, *Treasurer.*

Granville, June, 1866.

Examined,

SAML. BROWN,  
W. H. GRIDLEY.

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REPORT OF DOMESTIC MISSIONARY BOARD.

At the last Annual Meeting of the Board, owing to the smallness of funds in hand, a less number of appointments were made, and they for shorter periods than the Board would desire.

46 weeks labor engaged, for which \$185 were promised, leaving the missionaries employed to collect the remainder

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from the mission fields where they labor. \$110 were also granted to assist feeble churches.

From reports received, 38½ weeks labor has been performed, 132 sermons preached, 172 families visited, 31 conference and prayer meetings attended, 8 baptized, and one church formed of 19 members.

Requests for money have been received from the Eastern parts of the province, which, for want of funds, have been denied, though reluctantly.

From the reports of your missionaries, and also of those whom you have assisted as pastors of feeble churches, we confidently believe that your funds have been profitably expended. In some instances, at least, manifest success has attended the labor. In others, the sower's toil has been performed, the reaper's labor is to come, when the sower and the reaper shall rejoice together. In Shelburne especially the labors of Brother Barss have been attended with signal blessing.

Your Board is not so much discouraged in the success of their missions, as in the want of readiness and liberality of the churches to sustain them. The field is not lessened. The demand for aid is not diminished, but with every circling year and every additional effort, new fields are opening and new opportunities afforded for extending our principles.

All that we need is stronger faith, and corresponding prayers, liberality, and effort.

Respectfully submitted.

W. H. PORTER, *Secretary.*

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### REPORT OF THE FRENCH MISSION BOARD.

The French Mission Board in presenting their fifteenth annual report, have to record the goodness and grace of our God and Saviour during another year. While the churches have been experiencing refreshing from the presence of the Lord, the field of the French Mission has enjoyed the outpourings of his grace.

During the past year the Board has held occasional

meetings, and endeavored to discharge the duties devolved upon them in watching over and providing for the Mission. The missionary has devoted himself as formerly to visiting among the French people, preaching to them where companies of them could be assembled for the purpose, and distributing religious tracts and copies of the scriptures. And while he has been thus engaged, his heart and ours have been cheered from time to time by learning that results appeared which showed that labor was not spent in vain, nor strength for nought.

During the year the Missionary has travelled 2335 miles, visited 196 families, preached 46 sermons, and delivered 13 lectures in behalf of the Mission. Two of the Acadian French have professed faith in the Lord Jesus Christ in baptism; one of these, in whose heart the ends of truth were first implanted about four years ago in her native place in Clare, uniting with bro. Vidito's Church in Wilmot, the other with the church at Hebron, while one English person has been baptized by bro. Normonday himself, in connection with the little company of believers at the North Ridge, at St. Mary's Bay. Altogether, seven of the French have given satisfactory evidence of having passed from death to life, and eleven have renounced the Church of Rome and are with lively interest, searching the word of life to find the way of salvation, while the Sabbath School at the North Ridge, is still sustained and numbers about 50 persons.

Notwithstanding the Association has authorized the Board to dispose of the premises at Tusket, and an enactment has been obtained from the legislature empowering them to do so, the Mission still retains possession of them, but only because they have not found an opportunity to make sale of them. The Board is still of the conviction that Saulnierville is the most desirable location for the mission premises, and hope that the day will not be far distant when they may make a removal. The finishing of the house at S., has been carried forward to a considerable extent during the year, and was arrested only for want of funds, those that have been expended having been supplied by bro. Joseph Shaw alone. The mission have in possession, consequently, two premises while only one is paid for. It has, however, strongly impressed the minds of some of the brethren, for a length of time, that more ought to

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be attempted for the perishing French of our province; and within the limits of this Western Association, more labourers are needed. What is one man among so many? Another missionary is required, a school is an absolute necessity to large success; and a colporteur is requisite to break the ground as yet inaccessible and pave the way for the more regular evangelistic efforts of the missionary. We have been experimenting sufficiently long. The results abundantly declare that labor expended is not in vain in the Lord. The Lord, calls us by past success; by present promise, and by direct command, to go forward, and we dare not disobey. In consideration of the extent of this missionary field, the numbers of the French in perishing need of the bread of life, the degree of interest manifested by our denomination in the Mission and their readiness to support it, your Board have felt warranted in opening correspondence with a view to discovering whether they might not secure an additional labourer in the field. The Board addressed their enquiries to the Rev. N. Cyr, of Philadelphia, formerly of the Grand Ligne Mission, and learning from him that he himself was not so engaged but that he could visit our province, they extended to him an invitation to explore the field and labor in the Mission for two months, with a view to more extended labors among us himself, or to recommending some person adapted to our wants, who might co-operate with bro. Normanday. Bro. Cyr arrived among us about the first of the present month and is with us on this occasion.

Viewed in this aspect, or from this stand-point, it may yet appear that our possession of two premises is altogether providential, and appointed by God for the ultimate success of the mission and the salvation of the French. If another missionary should be employed, the Mission will need the second premises and for the enlarged efforts they will both be found to be well located. This will involve an outlay of about \$1500, which it is believed our denomination will cheerfully contribute when it shall appear to them to be requisite, in order to the success of the Mission. We should attempt greater things for God in this department and expect greater things from him.

Respectfully submitted,

R. D. PORTER, *Secretary.*

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## REPORT ON OUR FOREIGN MISSION.

It is with regret that your committee are still obliged to state that no man suitably qualified, mentally and physically, to labor as a Missionary in India, has yet felt himself constrained to go from these Provinces, as our representative, to engage in this important work. We would affectionately urge the offering of earnest and persevering prayer to the "Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers" for this service. Young men who regard themselves as called of God to devote their lives to the Gospel ministry, are also respectfully entreated to, consider seriously, whether He does not call them, by His Providence and Divine influence, to offer their services for the advancement of the Redeemer's cause, in efforts for the salvation of the perishing heathen.

While, however, all should pray, contribute the funds required, and wait in faith and hope for the thrusting forth of missionaries from our midst, it is a cheering fact, that God is graciously raising up faithful and zealous men in Burmah, who will gladly communicate the joyful tidings of salvation by Christ to their benighted fellow-countrymen, if only the means indispensable to their sustenance be provided. Through the liberality of our churches and generous individuals, more than a dozen native preachers, including Burmans and Karens, are now supported by funds provided in these Provinces; and a highly useful school is kept in operation. There is still room for much enlargement in both these departments.

Respectfully submitted.

CHARLES TUPPER, *Chairman.*

(I)

REPORT ON BIBLE CIRCULATION, AND  
RELIGIOUS PUBLICATIONS.

The Bible is God's gift to our fallen world. Every human being needs its blessed light to find the way of eternal life, and on the Church of Christ devolves the duty of disseminating this heavenly treasure far and wide. It is

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encouraging to know that this duty is now being earnestly performed, and that already portions of Scripture, if not the whole Bible, are circulated in some 150 different languages. We wish God's speed to every institution engaged in this glorious work, and encourage our members to contribute to its furtherance according to their best judgment.

Next to the circulation of the Bible, is that of religious literature, designed to defend, explain and enforce evangelical truth. It is gratifying to know that in this department of christian labor much also has been accomplished within a few years. And while we sympathise with efforts of a general character, we feel that, as Baptists, we have a mission to perform, through the press as well as through the pulpit. With this view, we would recommend to the churches the *American Baptist Publication Society*. By its beautiful paper for children, (the "Young Reaper,") its 500 Sunday School volumes and its standard theological works, with its noble band of colporteurs, this Society is exerting a powerful influence on this continent and in Europe. It is desirable we should avail ourselves of this auxiliary, and have a share in its missionary labours. We look with much favor upon the work of this institution, and hope that its books will have a wide circulation in our province, and prove a great help to our denominational efforts.

Respectfully submitted.

NARCISSE CYR, *Chairman.*

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### REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education report :

That in their judgment we have great reason for gratitude to God in view of the success which he has been pleased to confer on the labours of our Churches in the cause of Education, as well as for renewed and increased efforts in its support. We see every profession rapidly numbering in its ranks graduates of Acadia College, and the Churches being considerably supplied with acceptable and useful ministers from the same source; and for the supply of

Schools in various parts of the province applications are very frequently directed to the same quarter, and many of our young men from the various classes in the College are being more and more sought as teachers.

During the past year the number of students of all classes in Acadia College was 36; of these six graduated at the Anniversary just closed. The Academy has numbered about 80 pupils.

But with so much to encourage us, it ought not to be lost sight of that much is needed still to give to the Institutions at Horton the degree of efficiency which the increase of our denomination, in numbers and ability, and the circumstances of the country otherwise, would seem to demand. The supply of funds for the salaries of the Professors is still to some considerable extent precarious, and in the event, at any time as now, of a great increase in the price of the necessaries of life, the support of these laborious servants of the public must be stationary and insufficient.

Besides, it ought to be noticed, that the larger endowment and the rapid progress of other Colleges, as Fredericton, Dalhousie, Windsor, Sackville, is forcing upon our attention the fact, that without any unseemly rivalry, there is and must be in effect a contest between them to a growing extent, as to which Institution shall commend itself to the public mind as the most efficient school of learning. The College that shall once obtain the decided preeminence, will more and more draw the largest number of students, and in a moderate population like ours, the others, in that case, must fall considerably and painfully in the rear.

It is apparent, then, that the present is a critical time in our Educational position. Ten years, or perhaps five, will probably determine whether we lose, or continue to hold the ground we now occupy; and, under God, that question will be decided by the Baptist people themselves. Contributions, at a very low rate, as respects each giver, spread generally over our entire denomination, would decide the permanency of Acadia College,—the want of these, or of their equivalent in some form, may drive our own youth away to better endowed Institutions.

The means that the people might provide so as to give to Acadia College an enviable superiority, or to save it from a painful depression, would be, scholarships in aid of

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students to a larger amount than their mere tuition; prizes to encourage diligence; an enlargement of the College buildings, now full to their utmost capacity; the adequate maintenance of the professors so as to save them from the dispiriting trial of insufficient support; and secure at the same time the highest talent for each department of instruction; and the endowment or maintenance of one or two additional Professors, as for example one in Physical Science, and one in Modern Languages. These improvements in the condition of the College would not confer more extended advantages than other Institutions possess, nor more than its real necessities demand.

The Female School has been respectably conducted during the past year with about 20 pupils, but no great increase can be looked for until the Governors shall be enabled to erect larger buildings and provide other facilities. It ought to be put in such a state of efficiency as would command patronage from all parts of the province by its decided superiority to every other school.

All these improvements would be, the Committee believe, a cheap employment of funds, when it is considered how essential Education is to the growth of a country, and how needful the support of the higher branches in order to the satisfactory progress of the lower.

And finally the committee would solemnly and tenderly urge on the churches the duty of constantly and earnestly praying our Heavenly Father to pour out on our Institutions His converting grace, considering that every year our youth are proceeding from thence to mingle in society in various places with the mighty power of knowledge in their possession to improve or to abuse.

Respectfully submitted.

E. A. CRAWLEY, *Chairman.*

(K)

#### REPORT ON CATECHISM.

The Committee on the Catechism report:  
That they have partially examined the Catechism, presented by your former Committee, viz.: Dr. Tupper, and

G. Armstrong, it being the prize Catechism, published by the Baptist Publication Society, of Philadelphia, and would recommend it to favourable consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. RANDALL, *Chairman.*

### REPORT ON THE "CHRISTIAN MESSENGER."

The Committee on the *Christian Messenger* report that they are gratified in knowing that this periodical enjoys a large and extending circulation, and would earnestly recommend that efforts be employed to further enrich its pages, and make it a constant and increasingly useful messenger in every Baptist family.

Respectfully submitted,

R. D. PORTER, *Chairman.*

### REPORT ON CATECHISM.

The Committee on the Catechism report that they have examined the Catechism, and find it to be a valuable and useful work, and would recommend it to be published by the Baptist Publication Society.



### MINISTERS IN THE WESTERN ASSOCIATION.

NAMES.	Present Residence.	Date of Ordination.	Where ordained.
Rev. H. Angell,....	Yarmouth,....	Feb. 13, 1853	Milton.
" H. Achilles,....	Parker's Cove,...	Nov. 1, 1854	Marshall's Cove.
" G. Armstrong,...	Bridgetown,....	Dec. 30, 1848	Port Medway.
" A. W. Barss, ..	Ragged Islands,...	June 6, 1855	Lunenburg, N. W.
" A. Cogswell, ..	Beaver River,...	Jan. —, 1843	Chute's Cove.
" G. D. Cox,....	Clements, .....	Jan. 4, 1855	Clements.
" T. C. Delong,...	New Germany,...	Feb. —, 1834	New Albany.
" W. G. Goucher,	Hebron, .....	May 11, 1853	Hebron. (N.B.)
" J. E. Goucher,	Port Medway,...	Oct. 5, 1859	Upper Gagetown.
" L. B. Gates,...	St. Mary's Bay,...	.....	Lunenburg, N. W.
" W. Hall, .....	Long Island,....	July —, 1842	Fredericton, N. B.
" E. N. Harris,...	Liverpool, .....	July 11, 1828	Kingston, N. B.
" J. C. Morse,...	Digby Neck,....	Mar. 30, 1842	Digby Neck.
" A. Martell,....	Hillsburg, .....	Mar. 20, 1849	Antigonish.
" J. A. Moore,...	Long Island,....	Aug. 5, 1857	Port George.
" P. F. Murray,...	Chute's Cove,...	Mar. 14, 1848	Westport.
" R. S. Morton,...	Nictaux, .....	Feb. —, 1852	Nictaux.
" A. H. Munro,...	Yarmouth, .....	Dec. 10, 1857	Digby Jogginge.
" J. McKenne,...	Sable River, .....	Oct. 20, 1859	Greenfield.
" M. Normonday,	Tusket, .....	July 20, 1859	Yarmouth.
" Obed Parker, ..	Aylesford, .....	Feb. 21, 1844	Wilmot.
" D. O. Parker, ..	Brookfield, .....	Mar. 23, 1861	Liverpool.
" W. L. Parker, ..	Arcadia, .....	Sept. 30, 1863	Upper Aylesford.
" R. D. Porter, ..	Hebron, .....	Sept. 17, 1857	Dartmouth.
" W. H. Porter, ..	Wilmot, .....	Sept. 5, 1862	Wilmot
" C. Randall, ....	Weymouth, ....	July 11, 1833	Weymouth.
" S. Richardson,	Westport, .....	.....	.....
" W. H. Richan, ..	Barrington, .....	Sept. 30, 1863	Barrington.
" J. H. Saunders,	Ohio, Yarmouth,	Aug. 11, 1858	Ohio, Yarmouth.
" J. A. Stubbart,	Deerfield, do.	Dec. 17, 1843	Port Medway.
" A. Stronach, ...	Aylesford, .....	.....	.....
" C. Tupper, D. D.	Aylesford, .....	July 17, 1817	Canard.
" J. F. Tooker, ...	Disby, .....	April 5, 1863	N. Sydney, C. B.
" N. Vidto, .....	Wilmot, .....	May 10, 1832	Wilmot.
" Amos Weaver, ..	Milton, .....	Jan. 16, 1864	Milton.
" Isaiah Wallace,	Lower Granville,	—, 1856	Scotch Town, N. B.

Monies paid in at the Western Association, convened at Lower Granville, N. S., June 9th, 1866.

CHURCHES.

Annapolis and Upper Granville	\$ 16 00	Home	18 00	Foreign	4 00	Education	4 00	French	5 00	Mission	5 00	Gaelic	5 00	Am. and F. Bible Socy.	32 00
B-cookfield	9 20	5 40	2 12 1/2	8 10	4 15	10 87 1/2	1 25 1/2	30 23	31 37 1/2	17 97 1/2	8 55	15 00	17 26	8 00	6 62 1/2
Beaver River	4 50	6 75	9 25	8 00	2 00	8 00	5 90 1/2	8 00	6 00	6 00	6 00	6 00	6 00	6 00	6 00
Clements	6 97 1/2	8 00	2 00	4 55	8 00	4 00	4 00	6 00	6 00	6 00	6 00	6 00	6 00	6 00	6 00
Dugby	5 35 1/2	1 87 1/2	4 55	8 00	3 00	4 00	4 00	6 00	6 00	6 00	6 00	6 00	6 00	6 00	6 00
Hampton	1 87 1/2	4 55	8 00	3 00	4 00	4 00	4 00	6 00	6 00	6 00	6 00	6 00	6 00	6 00	6 00
Hillsburg 1st.	4 00	5 93 1/2	2 00	0 25	0 37 1/2	18 00	38 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00
Hillsburg 2nd.	5 93 1/2	3 00	2 00	18 00	38 00	18 12 1/2	98 91	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00
Keppit	0 25	0 37 1/2	18 00	38 00	3 00	19 56	19 56	5 91	5 25	5 25	5 25	5 25	5 25	5 25	5 25
Lake George	0 25	0 37 1/2	18 00	38 00	3 00	19 56	19 56	5 91	5 25	5 25	5 25	5 25	5 25	5 25	5 25
Liverpool	18 00	38 00	3 00	19 56	19 56	5 91	5 25	5 25	5 25	5 25	5 25	5 25	5 25	5 25	5 25
Lower Aylesford and Upper Whitnot.	18 12 1/2	98 91	3 00	19 56	19 56	5 91	5 25	5 25	5 25	5 25	5 25	5 25	5 25	5 25	5 25
Lower Granville	19 56	19 56	5 91	5 25	5 25	5 25	5 25	5 25	5 25	5 25	5 25	5 25	5 25	5 25	5 25
Long Island	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00
Lewis Head	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00
Milton	23 00	23 00	23 00	23 00	23 00	23 00	23 00	23 00	23 00	23 00	23 00	23 00	23 00	23 00	23 00
Middlefield	22 57	2 95	2 95	2 95	2 95	2 95	2 95	2 95	2 95	2 95	2 95	2 95	2 95	2 95	2 95
New Albany	2 95	2 95	2 95	2 95	2 95	2 95	2 95	2 95	2 95	2 95	2 95	2 95	2 95	2 95	2 95
New Tasset	8 00	8 00	8 00	8 00	8 00	8 00	8 00	8 00	8 00	8 00	8 00	8 00	8 00	8 00	8 00
Port Medway and Mill Village	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00
Pine Grove	6 00	6 00	6 00	6 00	6 00	6 00	6 00	6 00	6 00	6 00	6 00	6 00	6 00	6 00	6 00
Ragged Islands	1 25	1 82	5 25	5 18	5 18	5 18	5 18	5 18	5 18	5 18	5 18	5 18	5 18	5 18	5 18
Sissiboo	2 77	2 75	2 40	2 75	2 75	2 75	2 75	2 75	2 75	2 75	2 75	2 75	2 75	2 75	2 75
St. Mary's Bay	2 77	2 75	2 40	2 75	2 75	2 75	2 75	2 75	2 75	2 75	2 75	2 75	2 75	2 75	2 75
TOTAL	32 00	30 23	31 37 1/2	17 97 1/2	8 55	15 00	17 26	8 00	6 62 1/2	69 00	63 46	64 41	15 25	3 00	85 60
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															8 62 1/2
															9 50
															16 17 1/2

Sherbrooke West. 4 00  
 Springfield 4 00  
 Sabourville 2 00

Silsenboe	1 25	1 82	1 25	5 18	9 50
St. Mary's Bay	2 77	2 75	2 40	7 65	16 17 1/2
Sherbrooke West	4 00	2 00	2 00	1 12 1/2	4 00
Springfield	14 00	2 00	2 00	3 00	17 12 1/2
Sable River	2 50	1 20	1 20	2 40	7 00
Tusket Lakes	24 00	20 00	4 00	20 00	8 30
Wilnot	3 80	4 60	1 62 1/2	3 47 1/2	68 00
Wilnot Mountain	5 00	5 66	5 00	5 00	13 00
Yarmouth 1st. Town	54 33 1/2	113 21 1/2	18 14	30 14	15 68
Yarmouth 2nd. Helron	8 67 1/2	32 59 1/2	2 25	21 25 1/2	225 23
Yarmouth South, Chelieque	7 65	2 35	5 00	5 00	64 77 1/2
Yarmouth West, Jogogin	3 50	0 62 1/2	0 50	3 00	15 00
Hill Grove	2 00	2 00	3 22 1/2	3 00	7 22 1/2
Argyle	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	7 22 1/2
Barrington	6 55	6 55	6 55	6 55	6 55
Pubnico	7 85	0 25	0 25	0 25	8 10
Digby Neck 1st.	3 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	10 00
Parkers Cove	5 00	1 00	0 45	2 00	7 95
Yarmouth 3rd	0 77	1 00	0 45	9 75	11 52
Jordan Bay	1 20	1 20	1 20	1 60	4 00
Litchfield	1 64	1 64	1 64	2 50	1 60
Ragged Islands	14 28	14 28	14 28	14 33 1/2	2 50
Collection on Sabbath	3 06	3 06	3 06	3 06	42 89 1/2
Collection at the Missionary Meetings	372 53 1/2	395 44	75 80	271 02	9 16
Proportion of expenses	17 77	19 67	2 62	12 94	1173 88
Total	354 76 1/2	380 37	74 27	258 08	56 00

The above sums are paid to the Treasurers of the various Societies.  
 One hundred dollars of the 1st Yarmouth Church Foreign Mission to be appropriated to the support of a Native Preacher.

SAMUEL BISHOPMAN, JR., Treasurer of W. B. Association.

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FRENCH MISSION, in account with WM. CHURCHILL,  
Treasurer.

1865.		Dr.	
June 6.	To bal. per acct. rendered, (see last year's Minutes,)	\$11 83	
Aug. 11.	Missionary's expenses on collecting tour,.....	17 58	
Oct. 25.	S. Selden, for printing F. Mission report in Minutes,	8 00	
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Jan'y. 4.	Missy's. expenses on collecting tour to Westport,	5 60	
April 4.	Mrs. Malonson, for Missionary, for Charity fund,	3 00	
May 24.	Missionary's one year to date,.....	480 00	
			\$526 01 1/2

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June 19.	By Western Association,—the \$19 added to this fund by the Treasurer of the Association, (see last year's Minutes,) was by mistake,—the true amount should be.....	\$225 42	
27.	1st Digby Neck Church,.....	4 00	
July 14.	Central Association,.....	30 70	
24.	Mrs. L. Dimock, Newport,.....	4 00	
Aug. 11.	Received by the Missionary, as follows:		
	David Page,.....	0 25	
	John Fountain,.....	0 50	
	E. Taylor,.....	0 50	
	Collected at Eastern Association,.....	34 93	
	Rev. A. Chipman,.....	1 00	
	Rev. S. T. Rand,.....	1 00	
	Charlotte Weatherby,.....	0 22	
	Collected at Pugwash,.....	5 20	
	William Gavel,.....	0 50	
	William Seaman,.....	0 50	
	Collected at Great Village,.....	3 54	
	Collected at Truro,.....	3 75	
	H. & L. Rand,.....	0 10	
	Rev. L. Reed,.....	1 00	
	Enoch Crosby, Yarmouth, donation,.....	1 00	
28.	Ell Griffin,.....	5 00	
Sept. 4.	Rev. Dr. Tupper,.....	1 00	
Oct. 3.	Ohio Church,.....	1 53 1/2	
25.	A friend, per S. Selden, Esq.,.....	20 00	
1866.			
Jan'y. 9.	Collected by Missionary at Westport, as follows:		
	Charles Sanders,.....	0 50	
	Mrs. McDonald,.....	0 50	
	Gilbert Walsh,.....	0 25	
	Lothy Denton,.....	1 00	
	James Gullen,.....	0 50	
	Michael Giam,.....	0 25	
	H. Davis,.....	1 00	
	Saml. Denton,.....	0 50	
	Ethiel Davis,.....	2 50	

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## Sabbath School Convention.

The following is the official report of the Sabbath School Convention at the Western Baptist Association:

At the Western Baptist Association, held at Lower Granville, a meeting of the S. S. Convention was held on Monday afternoon, the 11th of June.

Rev. H. Angell presided. After singing a hymn, prayer was offered by Rev. C. Randall.

Remarks were made by the Secretary, Bro. S. Selden, and others, on the circumstance that only a small proportion of the Schools had sent Returns with their statistics.

Addresses were delivered on the following subjects:

1. The privileges and duties of S. S. Teachers: by Rev. A. Weaver.
2. The general advantages of Sabbath Schools to the Church: by Rev. John E. Goucher.
3. The advantages of Sabbath Schools to the world: by Dr. Crawley.

Some very interesting remarks were made by Rev. N. Vidito.

On motion, adjourned.

JOS. H. SAUNDERS, *Secretary.*

[In consequence of the Eastern Association being later this year than usual it is found necessary to put the Western Minutes to press before obtaining the Statistics of the Sabbath Schools in the other Associations.—S. S.]



In addition to the foregoing the following S. Schools reported last year, but failed to do so this year :

	Scholars.	Teachers.
2nd Hillsburg,.....	33.....	7
St Mary's Bay, .....	50.....	6
West Valley.....	50.....	4
Nictaux,.....	40.....	5
Liverpool,.....	116.....	21
Springfield, .....	42.....	6
Falkland Ridce,.....	21.....	4
Lower Granville, .....	195.....	20
West Sherbrooke, .....	33.....	4
Greenfield,.....	40.....	8
Kempt, .....	91.....	10
Locke's Island,.....	50.....	6
1st Hillsburg, .....	75.....	8
	<u>835</u>	<u>110</u>

Supposing these schools to be still in operation, even with no additions, they would shew a large increase.

	Scholars.	Teachers.
Nos. returned,.....	1841.....	214
not returned,.....	835.....	110
	<u>2676</u>	<u>324</u>