

MINUTES

OF THE

SECOND SESSION

OF THE

EASTERN NEW BRUNSWICK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD AT

Hopewell, Albert County,

MONDAY, TUESDAY, AND WEDNESDAY,

9TH, 10TH, AND 11TH JULY.

Minutes of Corresponding Associations, and other Documents relating to the E. N. B. Baptist Association, and Letters of General Correspondence, may be directed to the Rev. E. D. Very, St. John, N. B.

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MINUTES.

HOPEWELL, Monday, July 9, 1849.

The Eastern New Brunswick Baptist Association convened at the Baptist Chapel at Hopewell, this day, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Introductory Sermon preached by Elder David Crandal, from 14th chapter of Mark, and 8th verse: "She hath done what she could."

- Elder Joseph Crandal was appointed Moderator.
- Elder G. Bunting, Assistant Moderator.
- Elder J. Newcomb Clerk.
- Dea. N. Bennet, Treasurer of the Association.
- Elder J. Francis, Treasurer of Domestic Missions, Minute Money and Union Society.

Unanimously Resolved, That the Messengers and Brethren from the Nova Scotia and the Western New Brunswick Baptist Associations, together with Brethren recommended by Delegates, take their seats, and participate in the deliberations.

Elder D. Harris, Delegate from Nova Scotia Association, together with Elder Viditte, Brethren Obed Chute, Goutcher, Elder G. F. Miles, Delegate of the Western N. B. Association, and J. V. Tabor, took their seats with the members of the Association.

Bro. James V. Tabor was appointed to assist the Clerk.

The following Committees were then appointed:

- To Examine Letters—Elders J. Francis and J. Herritt.
- To Read Letters—Elders G. F. Miles and W. Sears.
- On Special Business—Elders J. Blakeney, D. Crandal, W. Jackson, J. Bunting, T. Stone, J. Ring, Jas. Herritt, John Marsters.
- To Examine Circular Letter—Elders J. Francis, James Herritt, G. F. Miles, and W. G. Parker.
- On Colportage—J. V. Tabor, G. F. Miles, Daniel Crandal, and James Keirsted.
- On Sabbath Schools—Brother John Sears, Elders Viditte, McPhail, and J. Marsters.
- On the Christian Visitor—Elders David Harris, D. Crandal, W. Sears, Samuel Clark, and J. C. Smith.
- On Domestic Missions—Elders J. Marsters, T. Stone, P. Duffy, Brothers J. Hughes, E. F. Foshay, and R. H. Emmerson.
- On Foreign Missions—Elders J. Wallace, D. Harris, M. Keith, Brothers Goutcher, A. Much, and Deacon J. Anderson.
- On the Bible Question—Elder W. Sears, Deacon A. Fowler, Weedon Fewier, Abel Washburn, Deacon P. Robinson, N. Bennett, John Crandal, and all life members.

On New Churches—Elder J. Blakeney, Asa Fillamore, Rufus Reed, and Elder J. Ring.
 To Audit Accounts—Brethren J. Wallace, Ezra Frost, and Levi Wells.
 On the Union Society—Elders D. Crandal, J. Francis and W. Jackson.

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

Hopewell—Elder W. Sears, Deacons P. Robinson, N. Bennet, W. Fillamore, James Calhoun, and brethren S. Cook and Levi Wells.

Johnstone—

1st Wickham—

Gondola Point—Elder James Blakeney and Bro. Jas. Keirated.

1st Salisbury—Elder J. Crandal, and Bro. John Crandal.

Harvey—Elder J. Francis, Deacons R. Reed, John Cleaveland.

D. Crandal, Licentiate, Samuel West and W. Reed.

Sackville—Elder W. Parker, Deacon E. Reed, and Wm. Ayer.

2d St. Martins—Elder Jackson.

Hillsborough—Elders J. Newcomb, P. Duffy, Deacon J. Steves, W. Curiale, G. Steves, A. Bennet, and W. Wallace.

1st Sackville—Elder Ring, Frederick Sea, John Anderson, John Sears, Licentiate, and Thomas Anderson.

Coverdale—Elder M. Keith W. Blakeney, W. Smith and S. Fillamore.

Sussex—Elder Bunting.

2d Salisbury—Elder James Herritt.

2d Salisbury—Elder Crandal and William Kay.

New Ganaan—Elder James Herritt.

Upham—Elder J. Bunting.

Norton—Elder J. Blakeney, A. Much, and Deacon Frost.

After prayer by Brother D. Crandal, adjourned to 3 o'clock.

MONDAY, 3 o'clock, P. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Moderator.

The remaining Letters from the Churches were then read.

2d Grand Lake—Elder John Marsters.

Moncton—Elder D. Crandal and Deacon J. Harris.

2d Springfield—

Jemasg—Brother John Hughes.

1st St. Martins—Elder W. Jackson and Abel Washburn.

2d Wickham—

Dorchester—Elder D. Crandal and J. C. Smith.

1st Springfield—Elder J. Ring.

Butternus Ridge—Elder M. Keith.

After which it was

Resolved, That this Association hold its next annual session with the First Baptist Church in Springfield, on the third Monday after the 20th June, 1850; that Elder W. G. Parker preach the Introductory Sermon; in case of failure, Elder J. Bunting; and that Elder W. Jackson write the Circular Letter.

Resolved, That Elder D. Crandal, W. C. Davis, and Zebulua Davis be a Committee of Arrangement for the next year.

Resolved, That Elder Joseph Crandal be our Messenger to the Western N. B. Baptist Association; in case of failure, Elder J. Bunting. That Elder J. Crandal be our Messenger to the Nova Scotia Baptist Association; in case of failure, J. Blakensy.

Resolved, That Elder J. A. Smith be our Messenger to the Baptist Convention; in case of failure, Elder J. Francis.

Resolved, That this Association, confiding in the prudence of its Delegates, will defray their expenses to their several appointments.

Resolved, That Elder E. D. Very be requested to superintend the printing of the Minutes; that eight hundred copies be printed immediately for circulation, and that the Articles and Covenant be printed in them.

After benediction, adjourned to six o'clock, when Elder D. Harris, Messenger from Nova Scotia Association, preached on Missions, from 1st Chronicles chap. iv., 10th verse.

TUESDAY, 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock, A. M.

Met according to adjournment. Sermon on Education preached by Elder J. Crandal, from Isaiah, 60th chapter, and first clause of 4th verse.

The Committee of the Education Society for 1848-9 presented their report, which was accepted, and ordered to be printed in the Minutes. [Vide Appendix A.]

An interesting address was delivered by Elder Francis.

The Committee on Home Missions presented the following

REPORT:

The Committee on Domestic Missions Report, that the extensive portion of the Province, from Bay De Verte to Restigouche River, a distance of 300 miles, is in a great measure destitute of the preaching of the Gospel, and believe that this statement alone is sufficient to arouse the Churches of Christ to employ Heaven's instrumentality to save the perishing thousands.

Also that the large body of the French population in this Province are still bound in fetters of ignorance and perishing for lack of knowledge, and recommend that the Corresponding Secretary of the Association, Mr. D. Very, be requested to ascertain when the Missionary from Canada may be expected to preach the ever-lasting Gospel to that interesting people in their native language.

The Committee rejoice in the success which has attended the labours of Elder T. S. Reid among the Aborigines of this country, and will be glad to share in the honour of assisting to sustain him in translating the Scriptures and preaching the glorious Gospel in the Indian tongue.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. H. EMERSON, Chairman.

Adopted.

After which a collection and donations were taken, which amounted to \$7.

Resolved, That Elder J. Crandal be our Missionary to Restigouche, and that Brother Foshey, Licentiate, accompany him.

The Circular Letter was read, after which it was unanimously
Resolved, That it be adopted and printed in the Minutes; also,
that it be published in the "Christian Visitor."
After the benediction, adjourned to 3 o'clock, P. M.

3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder Vidtee.

The Committee on the Bible Question presented the following

REPORT:

The Committee on the Bible cause beg leave to Report the following Preamble and Resolution:—

Whereas, this Association feels deeply convinced of the indispensable need of the Scriptures, for the instructing, comforting and sanctifying of God's people, and of the imperious duty of those blessed with such an invaluable treasure, to make use of every possible means for the universal circulation of the same: And as we conscientiously believe the principles embraced in the American and Foreign Bible Society, to be the only ones through which the whole mind of God can be made known to man; and it appearing to us that an unerring Providence has thrown open a door at the present time, which should excite to double diligence, inasmuch as all the Catholic countries in the world appear now at the feet of the Church of God imploring the Sacred Scriptures at her hand.

Therefore, Resolved, That we annually recommend collection to be made, and donations solicited, for the purpose of carrying out this desirable object, without infringing upon the General Union Society.

Adopted. **APPEL WASHBURN, Chairman.**

The Colporteur Committee presented their

REPORT:

The Committee on Colportage report that they believe the circulation of Religious Books and the visitation of families, as well in populous districts as in the more secluded parts of our Province, to be highly beneficial and loudly called for in this day when so many means are being made use of by the enemy to allure unstable souls—and that we recommend the continuance of the good work amongst the Churches, and also where there is no religious interests, in order to put as many Religious Books in circulation as possible.

And we do recommend the Churches to take up collections and make vigilant exertions to liquidate the debt remaining on the debt, viz: The Pony, Carriage, &c. as well as the incidental expenses of the Colporteur while performing the labour assigned him.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Adopted. **G. F. MILES, Chairman.**

The Committee on Foreign Missions submitted their

REPORT:

The Committee on Foreign Missions Report that they feel most deeply the necessity and importance of making greater exertions in the cause of God and truth in the distant parts of the Earth, especially in that part of the world where our beloved Missionaries are located. Also that we feel bound to fulfil our solemn pledge to sustain our beloved Brother Burps and family, and recommend that we unite in fervent prayer to God, that He would enable liberal souls, and move on the hearts of others to contribute of their substance for the perishing Heathen.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. WALLACE, Chairman.

Adopted.

Interesting addresses were thereupon delivered by Elders Parker, Jackson and J. Crandal.

The Circular for the Union Society was adopted, and interesting addresses delivered.

Resolved. That we heartily respond to the communication of the Board of the General Union, and would recommend that all the Ministers and Messengers present meet at five o'clock to-morrow morning, for solemn prayer, and to form a Committee to prepare efficient means to carry out the object named in said appeal.

Adjourned, after prayer by Elder D. Crandal, to Wednesday morning.

WEDNESDAY, 10, A. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Preaching by Alexander Mueb, from 1st Samuel, 15th chapter, last clause of 22d verse.

After which the Committee on Sabbath Schools submitted the following

REPORT:

The Committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to Report. That, according to the Letters read in this Association, there are thirteen Churches enjoying the benefit of Sabbath School instruction; and that sixteen Schools are in operation. That this Committee deeply regret that in large Baptist communities there is not interest enough felt in the mental training of the Youth, to engage in Sabbath School instruction; and would recommend that all Churches, not enjoying this privilege, do make an exertion to increase the number of Sabbath Schools in this Association.—That we recommend our Missionary and Colporteur, if consistent with his present engagements, to take an active part in forming Schools while they travel in the Province; and that although many of the Schools are in a flourishing condition, we regret so few make exertions therein where Schools actually exist.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN SEARS, Chairman.

Adopted,

The Committee on the Christian Visitor presented their Report.

REPORT:

The Committee on the Christian Visitors beg leave to Report, That, in their opinion the Christian Visitor is a valuable Auxiliary to the cause of Religious truth in this Province, and recommend that every possible support be afforded to increase its circulation by the Ministers and Members of the Association and the friends of Truth generally.

Adopted. D. HARRIS, Chairman.

Resolved, That Elder T. Stone be the Treasurer of the Association for the ensuing year for the Domestic Missionary Funds.

Resolved, That the following Article be added to the Constitution: That no member be allowed to speak twice on any one subject, except by way of explanation, or by permission from the Moderator.

Resolved, That this body do appoint a Secretary for the Education Society, which office now stands vacant; and that we submit to the judgment of the Western Association Asa Coy, Esq. for the said Secretary.

Resolved, That Brethren Frederick Sears and Thomas Anderson be added to the Westmorland County Board.

*Report of the Committee of the whole Association held at 5 o'clock
Wednesday morning*

Resolved unanimously, That we approve of the objects embraced in the Union Society, and will endorse them, through the help of God, to advocate its claims in the Pulpit, and in conversation with families and individuals.

Resolved, That Quarterly meetings be held regularly, and that the objects embraced in the Union Society be advocated, and collections taken in aid of the funds.

Resolved, That the first Quarterly meeting be held with the first Church in Salisbury, on Wednesday the 25th day of July, previous to the departure of our beloved Missionaries to their important fields of labour in the South of New Brunswick.

Resolved, That we will gladly welcome and assist an agency appointed to visit the Churches by the Board of the General Union for the above named purposes.

Resolved, That the Address from the Board of the General Union Society together with the Resolutions adopted by this body be printed in our Minutes.

The Committee on Special Business submitted their Report which was adopted.

Resolved, 1st—That as the Church at Norton consider Brother A. Much qualified for Ordination, they should proceed in the usual way to effect that object.

2nd—That this Committee recommend that although a Resolution to the effect, that Mr. Matthew Smith is not recognized as a

Baptist Minister by this Association was passed last year, and printed in the Minutes, yet they consider it necessary for the credit of the Denomination that the Moderator should inform the Colonial Secretary by letter on the subject.

3rd. That the word Elder be substituted for the word Reverend as applied to Ministers of this Association.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due, and are hereby tendered to the inhabitants of this place, for the unprecedented and long to be remembered exertions in affording every accommodation to the Ministers and Messengers, &c. during the Session.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are hereby tendered to the Choir, who have so attentively given their aid in conducting the singing, and particularly for the "Judgment Anthem," whereby our souls have been stirred within us, and lively emotions called up for the conversion of perishing sinners, and that the Anthem be again sung at the close of this Association.

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be tendered to the Rev. W. Allen and Committee, for their kindness in freely giving this Association the use of their Chapel for religious worship on the Lord's Day.

After which, the Anthem being sung, and a suitable address and prayer from the venerable Moderator following, the Association adjourned to meet with the First Baptist Church in Springfield, the third Monday after the 20th June, 1850.

JOSEPH CRANDAL, Moderator.

JAMES NEWCOMB, Clerk.

Hopewell, July 11th, 1849.

CIRCULAR,

To the Christian Brethren composing the Eastern New Brunswick Baptist Association.

DEAR BRETHREN,—In glancing at different subjects for your consideration in this our annual epistle, at a time like the present when, to the joy of many, light and knowledge are generally disseminated, we discover no subject within our scope, of more importance for the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom, and therefore claiming more strongly our efforts as a body engaged for the glory of God and the good of mankind than the advancement of Education, the want of which (considering it with all its numerous train) is one of the most serious obstacles to the advancement of truth.

It is consoling to observe that the prejudice which has heretofore prevailed with many against the efforts of Christians in the discharge of this most important duty is somewhat subsiding; and a sense of the importance of a well informed Ministry furnished with all necessary knowledge from the word of God, without too much dependence on the statement of others is prevailing the mind of the greater part of the community.

The plea that many have made against a learned Ministry, that the Apostles with few exceptions were illiterate, is also subsiding, and the fact is more generally considered, that the word of truth was written by divine inspiration, and the Apostles endowed with the miraculous gift of tongues, were not necessitated to learn in the ordinary way a foreign tongue either to understand or to teach the important truths left on record for our instruction. It is consoling also to view the efforts that are now made for the dissemination of useful knowledge by Colportage through the length and breadth of this and the sister Province, and also the efforts made for the instruction of the youth by means of the Sabbath School, all of which are of the very greatest importance and claiming the first place in the exertions of the Church of God.

Although we urge strongly the importance of Education, and consider all we can say as coming far short of its claims, we would not intimate that it includes all that is necessary to attend to, but as that which may be preparatory to every good work by giving a knowledge of God's requirements at our hand.

As God has instituted his Church for the express purpose of disseminating the light and truth of his everlasting word to the earth's remotest bound, its chief duty not being to seek its own glory but the spiritual benefit of mankind, bearing in mind what Christ has done for us, and likewise the precious promises he has left on record to bear us up amidst all opposition, and which he has assured us are all yea and amen in Christ Jesus. We would consider it an important duty devolving upon us as the professed

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followers of Christ to deny ourselves of many of those things which we may esteem pleasant and profitable, for the sake of sending the word of God in its purity to the destitute and perishing heathen; not only those bearing that name in foreign climes, but those also who are in reality such surrounding us in our own country. Our negligence in this, as well as in many other known important duties is no doubt the cause of so much leanness in many of our Churches and the occasion of God's displeasure, as manifested in his judgments which are abroad in the earth. It is much to be deplored that the hand of Almighty God is so little viewed in the dispensations of his providence; even the professed people of God are too many of them ascribing them simply to natural causes, not viewing God to rule in the armies of heaven and among men; and therefore they are not laid to heart, and the evils for which we are thus visited are not sought out, and repented of, and forgiveness and grace sought to enable us to engage in God's service acceptably.

As God has made it one of the chief duties of his servants, to whom he has revealed his will; to expose those things by which the enemy of souls and his emissaries are deceiving the world of mankind, it is not to be concealed that ignorance has ever been the parent of superstition; and therefore to expel that gloomy fiend, it behoves all who wish well to their fellow men to engage not only by the influence and substance that have been placed at their disposal, but by approaching a throne of grace seeking from the unbounded source of wisdom and knowledge those qualifications which are necessary to endow suitably the followers of Christ. We therefore would strive to enforce upon the minds of all who sincerely wish to engage in the service of their great Redeemer the necessity of uniting heart and hand in disseminating useful knowledge through the length and breadth of the earth by every means and in every way that God may be pleased to discover to us as being the most effectual method of promoting the glory of God and the good of mankind.

Amount due the Board of Missions \$ 200.00
 Interest on do 50.00
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 1822

JAMES H. A. HILLIARD
 Treasurer, and Secretary

The Baptist Education Society of New Brunswick, in Account Current with Executive Committee.

1848.		—Dr.—	
		Paid due the Committee,	£1 15 8
Oct. 19		Paid Central Fire Insurance Comp. interest,	10 0 0
		Paid for cutting fire wood,	1 0 0
		Paid Steward sweeping, &c., one year, wood,	£0 18 9
		Cash,	7 1 3
			<hr/> 8 0 0
		Paid for riveting and putting up School Room stoves,	0 12 6
		Paid sundries, glass, &c.,	1 8 10
1849.		Paid Central Fire Insurance Company interest on Bonds,	22 10 0
June,		Paid Mrs. S. Smith interest on note,	12 0 0
		Paid Rev. C. Tapper balance due,	7 12 4
		Paid Mr. T. B. Smith one years salary,	50 0 0
		Paid Rev. C. Spurden,	200 0 0
		Paid Mr. James P. A. Phillips, printing and advertising,	5 4 7
		Paid for hard wood 8a., do. soft 7a.,	0 15 0
			<hr/> £320 19 11
1848		—Cr.—	
Oct. 17		Received from Treasurer of General Union,	10 0 0
		Tuition Fees,	46 11 5
		“ “ “ Mr. J. P. A. Phillips,	4 4 7
1849		“ “ “ Donation,	250 0 0
June,		“ “ “ Legislative Grant,	250 0 0
		“ “ “ 16 Corda school wood, 12s. 6d.,	0 18 9
		“ “ “ Tuition paid by Mr. W. Turner in wood,	0 8 0
		“ “ “ “ Mr. Nelson,	0 7 0
		Balance due the Committee,	7 10 2
			<hr/> £320 19 11

Error in last year's account,—for 6 yards of wire cloth for windows, read 7 yards.

Statement of Debts due by the N. B. Baptist Education Society, June 30th, 1849.

Amount due the Central Fire Ins. Co. on Mortgages,	£375 0 0
Amount due Mrs. S. Smith on Note,	200 0 0
Interest on do.,	24 4 0
Amount due the Estate of the late F. W. Miles,	19 3 4
Amount due the Executive Committee,	7 10 2
	<hr/> £625 17 6

Examined, and found correct, }
JAMES P. A. PHILLIPS, }

Account of Students Board.

1849. —Cr.—

In hands as per minutes 1847.	29 12 7
Jan'y 20, Rev. C. Spurden,	1 1 0
March 20, Rev. G. F. Miles,	2 0 0
April 19, Rev. T. W. Saunders,	1 0 0
May, Mr. Emerson,	0 8 0
June, Mr. Emerson,	1 0 0
Due to the Steward,	2 7 6

£11 9 1

1848. —Dr.—

Oct. 27, Paid the Steward 8 weeks' board for Mr. Emerson,	£8 8 0
1849.	
Jan'y 20, Paid do. 3 weeks' board, do.,	1 5 7
March 20, Paid do. on account of Board,	2 0 0
April 19, Paid do. do. do.,	1 0 0
Paid by Mr. Emerson himself,	1 8 6
Balance of 16 weeks' board,	2 7 0

£11 9 1

CHARLES SPURDEN.

The Norton Domestic Missionary Board in account with John Hays, Treasurer,

1848. —Dr.—

To cash paid Elder James Reed, for Missionary labour,	£2 10 0
1849.	
January, To cash paid Elder Joshua Bunting on account for do.,	8 8 2
April 7, Cash paid to George Burns on account of ten weeks Missionary labour at Buctoquah and Johnston,	7 10 8
Paid for account Book,	1 0 0

1848. —Cr.—

Received from General Union Board,	42 10 0
Received Collections,	8 14 8
Collected by Geo. Burns on Missions,	4 19 11
Collected by Elder J. Bunting,	2 2 2
Balance in Treasurer's hands,	0 0 0
Due to Geo. Burns,	2 9 4
Due to Elder J. Bunting,	2 16 10

JOHN HAYS, Treasurer.

Domestic Missions in account with Missionaries.

1849.	—Da.—	
July 9.	To amt. paid at Hopewell to Elder J. Crandall,	£4 0 0
	To do. do. to Brother E. F. Foshay,	2 16 11½
		<u>£6 16 11½</u>
1849.	—Cr.—	
July 9.	By amt. recd. in subscriptions and donations at Association at Hopewell,	£6 16 11½
		<u>JOHN FRANCIS.</u>

Elder Titus Stone in acct. with the Eastern Baptist Association.

1849.	—Dr.—	
	To amt. received from General Union Society,	£5 0 0
	To do. from Hopewell Union Society,	0 12 4
	To do. from J. T. Smith,	0 14 6
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Feb.	To do.	do.,
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		<u>£12 1 10</u>
	—Cr.—	

	By amount paid Elder W. Sears, delegate to Western Association,	£4 0 0
	By amount paid for Minutes to publishers,	0 14 6
	By Elder Francis delegate to N. S.,	4 0 0
	By Balance paid by Elder J. Francis,	8 7 4
		<u>12 1 10</u>

	—Dr.—	
July 11.	To collections recd. at Hopewell,	£6 1 8½
	To balance paid by J. Francis,	3 7 4
		<u>£9 9 0½</u>
	Balance in Treasurer's hand,	£9 9 0½
		<u>T. STONE, Treasurer.</u>

Received for the General Union Society.

2nd Church, Sackville, by Elder W. G. Parker,	£1 10 0
1st Church, St. Martins, by Elder W. Jackson,	6 0 11
—Do.— For Domestic Missions,	0 16 5
Hopewell Church, by Elder W. Sears,	1 7 2½
Do. do. Subscription by John Starrat,	0 6 3
Do. do. Jeremiah Starrat,	0 6 2
Do. do. Reuben Calhoun,	0 6 2
Moncton Local Union, Deacon Prince,	0 12 4
Mrs. M. S. Harris,	0 6 2
Mr. Isaiah Wallace,	0 12 4
Salisbury, — Trites, Esq., for Foreign Mission,	0 9 0
Do. do. Bible Society,	0 5 0
	<u>£12 17 11½</u>
	<u>JOHN FRANCIS, Treasurer.</u>

ABSTRACT OF THE STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

STATIONS.	Date of Formation.	Additions			Renewed,	Dismissed,	Excluded,	Died,	Total,	Money for Printing the Minutes.	Money for	
		By Baptism	By Letters.	Restored.								
	1849											
Butternut Ridge,	1836	1					1	121	0	5	0	
Coverdale,	1842	17	1					42	0	5	0	
2d Dorchester,	1845	1	1					17	0	2	0	
Gondola Point,	1841	1				3		17	0	0	0	
Harvey,	1841	55	3			3		139	0	10	0	
Hillsborough,	1822	98	6			1		223	0	9	6	
Hopewell,	1818	54	1	1		2	3	222	0	17	6	
Johnstone,	1824	12	1	1	5		1	80	0	2	6	
Jones,		2					1	48	0	6	6	
1st Grand Lake,	1834							26	0	3	1	
2d Grand Lake,								30	0	3	1	
Moncton,	1828	11	3	1			1	135	0	8	0	
Norton,	1805	7	3				3	75	0	7	6	
New Canaan,		10					10	108	0	5	0	
1st Springfield,			1					99	0	4	10	
2d Springfield,	1842							17	0	3	0	
1st Sackville,	1798	5						146	0	7	6	
2d Sackville,			1				1	147	0	5	11	
1st Salisbury,	1798	2					1	41	0	5	0	
2d Salisbury,	1847	1			1			25	0	4	0	
2d Salisbury,	1839							37	0	3	0	
1st St. Martins,	1819	1					3	147	0	7	5	
2d St. Martins,	1840							24	0	0	0	
1st Wickham,	1825							2	43	0	5	
2d Wickham,	1839	10						111	0	7	6	
Sussex,	1848							2	69	0	2	
Upham,		2	6		12	3	3	90	0	7	1	
Churches from which no Letters are rec'd.												
1st Dorchester,	1845							62	0	0	0	
Elgin,	1839							134	0	0	0	
1st Grand Lake,	1842							26	0	0	0	
Hampton,								40	0	0	0	
Stadholm,								20	0	0	0	
Total,		290	17	3	18	17	25	15	2535	7	6	10

Notz. Our Churches are respectfully requested to be careful that the statistics of their letters agree with the former year, as irregularity in this should in no case appear.

APPENDIX.

(A) THE NEW BRUNSWICK BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

FOUNDED, A. D., 1836.

- President**—Elder Joseph Crandal.
Vice-Presidents—Elders John Masters and Samuel Robinson.
Treasurer—Solomon Hersey, Esq.
Secretaries—Asa Coy and Samuel W. Babbit, Esquires.
Principal—Rev. Charles Spurden.
Assistant Teacher—Mr. Thomas B. Smith.
 Every Minister of the Denomination is a Member of the Board of Directors.

STUDENTS.

SENIOR CLASS.

- 1 Donald Livingston, St. George,
- 2 Edmund Knight, do.
- 3 D. McDougal, Woodstock,
- 4 J. H. Watson, Fredericton,
- 5 J. A. Kinnear, do.
- 6 A. McLean, Gage Town,
- 7 I. Wallace, Hillsborough,
- 8 J. Newcomb, St. Martins,
- 9 W. H. Estabrooks, Fred'n.,
- 10 J. G. Lorimer, do.
- 11 R. H. Emerson, North Esk.
- 12 John Moore, Long Reach,
- 13 Dow Fundine, Wakefield,

MIDDLE CLASS.

- 14 John Barker, Fredericton,
- 15 William J. Taylor, do.
- 16 George Barbar, do.
- 17 Francis J. McBeath, do.
- 18 Wm. A. McBeath, do.
- 19 Wm. F. Kinnear, do.
- 20 Alex. McPherson, do.
- 21 Enoch W. Chestnut, do.
- 22 F. R. Harris, do.
- 23 Henry Hale, do.
- 24 Wm. H. Richards, do.
- 25 William Bizard, do.

- 26 R. W. Thomas, Fredericton,
- 27 Francis W. Turney, do.
- 28 Wm. B. Knight, do.
- 29 Charles A. Nelson, do.
- 30 Francis Lansdown, do.
- 31 J. R. H. Phillips, do.
- 32 Timothy O'Connor, do.

JUNIOR CLASS.

- 33 C. W. Richards, Fredericton
- 34 T. O. Chestnut, do.
- 35 J. D. McPherson, do.
- 36 John Greenlow, do.
- 37 A. L. Turner, do.
- 38 Jesse Lafford, do.
- 39 John W. Knight, do.
- 40 Wm. R. Turner, do.
- 41 C. D. D. Phillips, do.
- 42 John R. Bartlett, do.
- 43 Enoch B. Turney, do.
- 44 Charles H. Lincoln, do.
- 45 Edwin B. Lincoln, do.
- 46 Henry Thorne, do.
- 47 George Bendeler, do.
- 48 F. Charles Bishop, do.
- 49 Jas. W. Sutherland, do.
- 50 George N. Babbit, do.

TUITION FEES.

- Under 10 years of age, 10s. for each Term of 11 weeks.
 Between 10 and 14, 15s.
 Above 14 years, 20s.
 2s. 6d. for fuel each Spring, Winter, and Autumn Term.

Accommodations for Boarding are provided in the Seminary at the rate of 8s 6d per week. This charge includes board, the washing of six articles, and necessary attendance. Each Student provides his own bed and bedding.

The course of study includes the usual branches of a Commercial, Classical and Mathematical education.

At the Thirteenth Annual Meeting of the Society, held at Hope-well on the 8th July, 1849, the following Report was submitted by the Committee:

REPORT.

The adjoining list contains the names of the Students who have attended the classes in the Seminary during the past year, from which it will appear that the number amounts in all to Fifty, and the Principal has much satisfaction in bearing testimony to the diligence evinced by the Students generally, the proficiency they have made in various branches of learning, and the good behaviour which has been observed during the year.

It would afford the friends of the Society pleasure to learn that the members of the community to which the Institution more immediately belongs were availing themselves of the means of improvement thus afforded them on behalf of their sons; the Committee however are sorry to be compelled to state that but few families, resident in the country, seek for their children the advantages of a more extended education than that which is furnished by the common schools; they do not pretend to determine the causes which operate to produce this neglect of a higher order of education, but they may be allowed to deplore that any thing short of the most absolute necessity should be suffered to prevent a youth from advancing to the highest state of mental cultivation within his reach.

But notwithstanding the indifference to education which apparently exists, and the severe commercial depression which the last year has witnessed, the Committee regard with satisfaction the circumstance that the number of Students during the year has nearly equalled that of previous years; they congratulate the friends of the Society upon this indication of general confidence in the community, and healthy prosperity in the Institution. Mr. Emerson, a licentiate of the body, pursued his studies with much diligence and success from October, 1848, to the May following, according to provision made at the Western Association held last year at St. George's; the statement of expenses incurred for the necessary purposes of the Board at the Seminary will be found in the Cash account, from which it will appear that the sum of £27 7s. 6d. is still due the Steward.

The Annual Examination of the pupils took place on Friday the 8th June, and was attended by the Rev. J. M. Brooke and Professor Jack, of King's College, as Commissioners on behalf of the Government. The Legislative grant, amounting to two hundred and fifty pounds, has been received this year as before. The amount received last year from the General Union Society was only ten pounds, which is not much more than a fourth part of the interest of the debt for one year; and as the Committee have felt

themselves in justice bound to increase the Salary of the Assistant Teacher, to the amount of ten pounds for the ensuing year, they trust that the dividend from the Union Society will be augmented, and so enable them to meet all demands. The Committee cannot in connexion with this subject, refrain from reverting to the loss and disadvantages which accrue from the payment of so large a sum as £35 every year for interest, this sum if allowed to accumulate, would discharge the whole debt in 16 years. The Committee do not imagine that, in the present state of the country, any effort to pay the debt at once would be successful, but it might be possible for some one or more friends to lend the amount upon security of the ground and building either free from interest or at a much lower rate than 6 per cent, without the slightest inconvenience to themselves; were this done the whole could be repaid in annual instalments within a given period out of the funds which are now being swallowed up for interest. They leave this for the consideration of those to whom the Lord has entrusted property with its responsibilities.

The interior of the building stands in need of some repairs which the Committee have judged it proper to order, with the assurance of the determination to study to the utmost economy that is compatible with the preservation of the building and the comfort of the inmates.

The Committee mentioned in their Report two years ago that the Records of the Society had been destroyed by fire; they would suggest the propriety of searching for the record of the constitution of the Society, and having it again committed to writing among their papers; and should the Society see fit to authorize the Executive Committee to frame a draught of such additions to the Constitution as altered circumstances may render expedient, they will endeavour to attend to that duty, and present the subject for consideration at the next meeting of the Society.

The following Resolutions were then adopted:

1. That the Report now read, be received and laid before the Church.

2. That the friends of the Society rejoice in the measure of prosperity which has been vouchsafed them by the disposer of all events, during a period of extreme commercial depression; and they look forward with confidence to still more cheering indications of the divine favour in future years.

3. That the Committee be instructed to search for the original Constitution of the Society, and prepare a draught of such additions as may appear desirable, to be presented for consideration at the next meeting of the Board of Directors.

4. That Asa Coy, Esquire, be appointed Secretary to the Society, in the room of John T. Smith, Esquire.

5. That the Committee of Management for the ensuing year, consist of C. Spurdon, S. Elder, Hon. W. B. Kinnear, S. W. Babbit, Aaron Hartt, W. Sewell, and James P. A. Phillips.

THE BOARD OF THE GENERAL BAPTIST UNION SOCIETY OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

To the New Brunswick Eastern Baptist Association, send Christian salutation:

Dear Fathers and Brethren, may the Great Head of the Church meet with you and bless you in your annual Association.

The Work Committed to our care by our brethren in the Lord, calls upon us to represent to you faithfully the present financial condition of the Union Society.

During the last year we are sorry to say that very little has been done to sustain the cause of Christ in destitute places at home or to support our Missions abroad. During the last year nothing comparatively has been done to sustain our dearly beloved Missionaries abroad in heathen lands. We are bound and pledged to our brethren for one half of our Foreign Missionary expences, which would amount to about one hundred pounds per annum. Shall we have to tell our Missionaries that we cannot sustain them any longer? Shall we have to tell the hundreds of millions of perishing Heathen, that seventy Churches in this Province are not able to sustain one half of a Missionary's time? Can we look up to Heaven, to him who gave himself a ransom for us, who shed his blood to redeem us, and say we cannot send a knowledge of his love, or of his Death to six hundred millions of the perishing Heathen who in the providence of God, are saying "Come over and help us?"

How many destitute places in our own province require the Gospel to be preached among them, and how many of your Ministers are anxious to go. But they have bodies as well as souls, families looking up to them for support, and engagements in life, which they must meet like other men. If we neglect the destitute in the Province who are to care for them?

A wide door is opened to circulate the Bible among the nations of the earth. All the Catholic countries in the world appear at the feet of the Church of God imploring the Bible from them.

The Union Society is designed to support all these great Institutions, as well as to help our aged Ministers, and to educate and qualify men for the Foreign Missionary field. Let the Union Society go down, and all these Institutions go with it. Yea more, our integrity and our promise as Ministers and Churches to our Missionary and to our brethren in Nova Scotia go down also.

Dear brethren, we have reason to fear that God has a controversy with us, in cutting off the fruits of our fields, for our withholding from his cause and not giving as he has prospered us.

We will be anxiously looking for what action you will take on this question.

May God direct you in all things.

Signed by order and in behalf of the Board,
SAMUEL ROBINSON, Chairman,
GEO. A. GARRISON, Clerk pro tem.

A DECLARATION

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

ARTICLE 1. We believe that there is but one only living and true God, who is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness and truth: Dent. vi. 4; John iv. 24; Psal. xc. 2; Jer. x. 10; Isu. vi. 3; Exod. xxxiv. 6, 7.

2. That there are three Persons in the Godhead—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, who are but one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory: 1 John. v. 7; Acts v. 3, 4.

3. That the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, in which he has given us our only rule of Faith and Practice: Act. xx. 32; 2 Tim. iii. 15—17.

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

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

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

7. That man being left to himself, soon fell from that happy and glorious estate in which he was made, by eating the forbidden fruit, by which he brought himself and all his posterity into a state of death: Gen. iii. 6; Rom. v. 12—19.

8. That man being thus dead, his help and recovery are wholly in and from God: Hos. xiii. 9; Eph. ii. 8; John vi. 44.

9. That God the Father has chosen a great multitude of the human family, whom no man can number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, and given them to his Son in the covenant of his grace, that he might redeem them from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works, which is the only foundation of salvation for lost and helpless sinners; and thereby the Ministers of the Lord are encouraged to preach the Gospel to every rational creature, because the purposes of God, and the infinite value of Christ's atonement, secure the increase and establishment of Christ's kingdom, so that the Kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ; and He shall reign for ever and for ever: Rom. viii. 29, 30; Eph. i. 4, 5; John vi. 37—39; Rev. vii. 9; Tit. ii. 14; Mark xv. 16; 2 Tim. ii. 19; Mat. xiii. 33; Rev. xi. 15.

10. That Jesus, the eternal Son of God, has come, and taken on him our nature, and in that nature has yielded a perfect obedience to the law which we have transgressed, and suffered death for our sins, and has brought in a complete and everlasting righteousness, and has risen and ascended to the right hand of God,

and ever liveth to make intercession for us : Heb. x. 5—10 ; Dan. ix. 24 ; Heb. vii. 25.

11. That the Holy Ghost, and he only, can and does make particular application of the benefits of the atonement made by Christ to every elect soul : John iii. 5—8 ; and xvi. 7—15.

12. That the Spirit of God applies the benefits of this atonement, by convincing us of our sinful, lost and miserable condition, and then discovering the glorious Saviour, as he is exhibited in the gospel, in his suitableness and sufficiency, and enabling us to embrace him with our whole souls, by which he is made unto us wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption : John xvi. 8 ; 1 Cor. 30.

13. That the life of religion consists in the knowledge of God, and conformity with him in the inward man, which necessarily produces an external conformity to his commands, and brings us to live in obedience to His holy will in all our ways, and in our several places and relations : John xvii. 3 ; Mat. xxiii. 26 ; Eph. ii. 10.

14. That true believers being united to Jesus Christ, shall never perish, but live and reign with him for ever. They have communion with God, and by his Spirit they are united with each other, and have communion one with another, whereby they are made partakers of each other's gifts and graces : John iii. 15, 16, and x. 23 ; Rom. viii. 17 ; Rev. iii. 21 ; 1 John i. 3 ; Rom. i. 11 ; Phil. i. 7.

15. That the first day of the week, commonly called the Lord's day, is the Christian Sabbath : Mat xxviii. 1—6 ; John xx. 19 ; Rev. i. 10 ; Heb. iv. 8—10.

16. That God has appointed the ordinance of civil government for defending the poor as well as the rich, in their civil rights, without infringing upon the consciences of any, or attempting to dictate or govern in the worship of the eternal God, which belongs only to Jesus Christ the great law-giver and head of his church : Rom. xiii. 1—4 ; 1 Pet. ii. 13—15 ; Luke xxii. 25, 26 ; Isa. xxxiii. 20—22 ; Eph. i. 22.

17. That there will be a general resurrection both of the just and unjust ; and that God hath appointed a day in which he will judge the world in righteousness, by Jesus Christ, and will reward every man according to his works ; when the wicked shall be sent away into everlasting punishment, and the righteous received into life eternal : John v. 28, 29 ; Rom. ii. 16 ; Mat. xvi. 27, and 25—46.

PART THE SECOND.

Concerning a visible Church of Christ and its Discipline.

1. We believe that a particular visible Church of Christ is a number of Saints and people, by mutual acquaintance and communion voluntarily and understandingly covenanting and embodying together, for upholding and promoting the worship and service of God, to show forth his declarative glory, and for their own edification : 1 Pet. ii. 5 ; 1 Cor. i. 2 ; Acts ii. 42, 47.

2. That Baptism and the Lord's Supper are Ordinances of Christ, to be continued until his second coming, and that the former is requisite to the latter, that is to say, that those are to be

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admitted into the communion of the Church, and to partake of all its Ordinances and privileges, who upon profession of their Faith have been baptized by Immersion, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Ho'y Ghost: Mat. xxviii. 19, 20; 1 Cor. xi. 23—26; Acts ii. 41, 42, and ix. 18—26, and viii. 12, 36, 39; Mat. iii. 6—16; Rom. vi. 4; Col. ii. 12; John iii. 23; John i. 9, 10; Acts viii. 36—39.

3. That since none but true believers can rightly partake of the Ordinances, therefore the door of the Church should be carefully kept against all such who cannot give scriptural evidence of their union with Christ: 1 Cor. xi. 27, 29; Mat. vii. 6, 15—20; Ezek. xlii. 7, 9; Isai. xxvi. 2; 1 Pet. ii. 5.

4. That a Church thus gathered, hath power to choose, and by Elders to Ordain those officers that Christ has appointed in his Church, viz. Bishops or Elders, and Deacons; and also to depose such officers who walk contrary to the rules of the gospel; and to discipline their members, though in some such cases it may be convenient and profitable to request the advice of neighbouring Churches of Christ: Acts i. 21—26, and vi. 3—6; Num. i. 10; Mat. xviii. 15—18; Acts xv.

5. That a Bishop or Elder has no more power to decide any case or controversy in the Church, than any private brother; yet they, having superior gifts for teaching and ruling, ought to exercise and improve the same for the benefit of the Church; and the Church ought to be subjected to the gifts bestowed on the Minister from the Lord, while he is rightly administering in his place, whose place it is to lead in the actings of the Church, and to administer the Ordinances of the Gospel, and devote himself to the work of teaching, warning, rebuking and exhorting the people publicly, and from house to house; Mat. xx. 25—29; 1 Pet. v. 3; Mat. xxviii. 19, 20; Acts xx. 20—28, 31.

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

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

8. That there is a mutual obligation between the Minister and People—one to administer in things religious and spiritual, according to the gifts God has given. The Church to communicate of their temporal or worldly substance for his comfort and support, and that by an equality, as nearly as can be ascertained, that one may not be burthened and another eased: but this is not to be effected by force or compulsion, or by the sword of civil power; but it is to be a free will offering agreeably to the scripture truth; and every member deficient in this matter ought to be disciplined by gospel rule, as for any other breach of covenant, or neglect of performing Christian duty; 2 Cor. viii. 12—13; Lukex. 7; Rom. xv. 27; 1 Cor. ix.

COVENANT.

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

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

We also give up ourselves to one another in covenant, promising to conduct towards each other as brethren in Christ, watching over one another in the love of God—reproving, rebuking, and admonishing one another for good as occasion may require; and if we at any time know that any members of the Church are guilty of immoral conduct, that we will not expose it by tattling it to others, but will faithfully labour with them, according to the direction of our Lord—Math. xviii. 15—17—that sin may be put away from us, and that iniquity may not be harboured in the church.

We engage to watch not only against the most gross evils, but also against all foolish talking and jesting, which are not convenient—vain disputing about words and things which gender strife—disregarding promises, and not fulfilling engagements—tattling and backbiting, spending time idly at taverns, or elsewhere, and vain, unnecessary worldly conversation on the Sabbath, and whatsoever else is contrary to sound doctrine, according to the glorious gospel of Christ. We promise to hold communion together in the worship of God, and in the ordinances and discipline of his church, according as we are or shall be guided by the Spirit of God in his word—expecting that He will yet further and more gloriously open his word and the mysteries of his kingdom—applying to the blood of the everlasting covenant for the pardon of our many errors, and praying that the Lord would prepare and strengthen us for every good work to do his will, working in us that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. **AMEN.**