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CONSTITUTION AND RULES OF ORDER

OF THE

WESTERN NEW BRUNSWICK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1.—This Association, composed only of Ministers and Delegates, who shall be members of the Churches which they represent, shall be styled "The W. N. B. Baptist Association."

ARTICLE 2.—The Association shall meet annually, at 9 o'clock, p. m., on the third Thursday of September, at such place as they shall appoint; notice of which shall be given in the Minutes. The meeting shall be opened with Social Conference; after which, the Officers and Committees shall be appointed. Every meeting held by adjournment from time to time during the session of the Association, shall be opened and concluded by prayer.

ARTICLE 3.—Each Church shall have the privilege of sending one Delegate, or more; but no Church, however numerous, shall be entitled to a greater number than five, in addition to their Pastor.

ARTICLE 4.—At each meeting of the Association, the Delegates shall deliver to the Clerk of the preceding year immediately on their arrival, the letters from the Churches; a list of the Delegates having been prepared by the Clerk, their names shall be called, and they shall take their places. The Moderator of the preceding year shall call the vote for a Moderator, by ballot, without nomination, and the person who shall be chosen by a majority of the members present, shall, upon his acceptance, lead the meeting to the choice of a Clerk. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside in all the transactions of the meeting, nominate Committees, and maintain due order among the members. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a fair and impartial record of all the doings of the Association during the session, and furnish a correct copy of the same for the press.

ARTICLE 5.—It shall be the duty of each Church to send by its Messengers a letter to the Association, giving an account of its state, particularly of the additions and diminution within the last year; and generally, of whatever relates to its peace and prosperity, together with the whole number of members in communion. It shall also forward money for the printing of the Minutes.

ARTICLE 6.—When any Church shall desire admittance into this body, application must be made by letter, and satisfactory evidence furnished of their faith and order: this being done, and a vote of acceptance taken, the Moderator shall, in behalf of the Association, give to one of their Messengers (if any be present) the right hand of fellowship.

ARTICLE 7.—When a Church shall neglect to make any communication to the Association for three years successively, it shall be considered as having withdrawn from us, and shall be dropped from the Minutes, unless two or more members request its continuance, and shall engage to enquire into its standing, and report at the next meeting of the Association.

ARTICLE 8.—Although as an Association, we disclaim all power over the Churches, so far as respects any interference with their independence and discipline, yet we deem it our privilege to judge for ourselves of the propriety of continuing any Church or Minister in our connexion, which to us shall appear to be unscriptural in principle, or irregular in practice. In order, however, that we may not withdraw our fellowship without sufficient reason, from any Church or Minister against whom a complaint is made by two members of this body, it shall be the duty of the Association to appoint a Committee to investigate the points of complaint, and report the result of their enquiries to the Association, that they may decide as duty shall appear.

ARTICLE 9.—Alterations and amendments may be made in this Constitution from time to time, such as experience may dictate.

RULES OF ORDER.

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

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SAINT GEORGE, September 17, 1868.

The Western N. B. Baptist Association met with the Church at Lower Falls, St. George, Charlotte County, on the 17th September, 1868, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

After a social religious conference of deep interest, lasting for two hours, the Association was called to order by the Moderator of 1867, whereupon the following brethren were elected officers:—

REV. W. S. MCKENZIE, *Moderator*;
B. F. RATTRAY, *Clerk*;
J. H. MORAN, *Assistant Clerk*;
ABRAHAM YOUNG, *Treasurer*;
C. F. CLINCH, *Assistant Treasurer*.

On motion, the following brethren were invited to take seats in the Association:—

Revs. William Hall, J. E. Hopper, M. Normonday, and brethren F. Hibbard, A. Bonney, A. Young, W. H. Dow, and O. B. Dotan.

The following Committees were then appointed:—

On Arrangements—Revs. J. A. Steadman, E. C. Cady, Wm. Hopkins, and Deacon J. A. Moran.

To examine and read Letters—Revs. C. Spurdin, G. M. W. Carey, and J. E. Hopper.

On Circular Letter—Revs. I. E. Bill, T. Harley, and H. Charleton.

To superintend Printing Minutes—Revs. I. E. Bill, E. C. Cady, and B. F. Rattray.

On Home Missions—Revs. I. E. Bill, George Burns, and brethren James S. May, George Jewett, J. W. Titus, and W. Lewis.

On Special Business—Revs. William Hall, Timothy Harley, George Rigby, and Deacon M. E. Cowan.

On Foreign Missions—Revs. G. M. W. Carey, W. S. McKenzie, G. Burns, Timothy Harley, and M. Normonday.

On Sabbath Schools—Brethren Calvin Goodspeed, C. G. Berryman, F. Hibbard, C. F. Clinch, Z. G. Gabel, and Rev. E. C. Corey.

On Christian Visitor—Revs. H. Charleton, E. C. Cady, J. A. Steadman, J. E. Hopper, and brother A. Bonney.

On Frederickton Seminary—Revs. C. Spurdin, I. E. Bill, C. Goodspeed, Wm. Hopkins, T. Harley, and brethren F. Hibbard, Z. G. Gabel, and C. G. Berryman.

On New Churches—Revs. E. C. Cady, I. E. Bill, B. F. Rattray, C. Spurdin, William Hall, George Burns, C. Goodspeed, and brother George Jewett.

On Temperance—Rev. B. F. Rattray, and brethren C. F. Clinch, J. H. Moran, S. Leonard, W. H. Dow, M. E. Cowan, and Deacon Sparks.

On Union Society—Revs. T. Harley, G. M. W. Carey, I. E. Bill, E. C. Cady, George Rigby, and brethren A. Young, C. F. Clinch, and F. Hibbard.

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On Departed Brethren—Rev. W. Hopkins, C. Spurden, and bro. Z. G. Gabel.
To prepare Digest of Letters—Revs. E. C. Cady, and W. S. McKenzie.

Committee on Arrangements reported as follows:—

That a prayer meeting be held on Friday morning at 9 o'clock, to continue until 10 o'clock; when the Introductory Sermon will be preached by the Rev. J. E. Hopper. Resume business at 2 P. M. Adjourn at 5 P. M. Home Missionary meeting at 7 o'clock, P. M. Revs. T. Harley, G. M. W. Carey, W. S. McKenzie, and others, to address the meeting.

Saturday, at 8 o'clock, A. M., meeting of the New Brunswick Baptist Home Missionary Board; 10 o'clock, A. M., Educational meeting.

SABBATH.—Preaching at Saint George, 1st Church, at 11 o'clock, A. M., by Rev. G. M. W. Carey; at 3 P. M., by Rev. T. Harley; at 7 P. M., by Rev. W. S. McKenzie.

Upper Falls, at 11 o'clock, A. M., preaching by Rev. T. Munroe; at 3 P. M., by Rev. I. E. Bill.

Pennfield, at 11 A. M., preaching by Rev. H. A. Charleton; 3 P. M., Rev. E. C. Cady; 7 P. M., Rev. W. M. Edwards.

Mascareen, at 3 P. M., preaching by brother J. S. May.

Greenwood Bethel, at 11 A. M., preaching by Rev. E. C. Corey; 3 P. M., by Rev. M. Normonday.

Saint Andrews, at 11 A. M., preaching by Rev. C. Goodspeed; at 3 P. M., by Rev. J. E. Hopper.

Rolling Dam, at 11 A. M., preaching by Rev. George Burns.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. T. Harley.

THURSDAY EVENING SESSION—7½ o'clock.

According to arrangement, Rev. Dr. Spurden preached. Text, 2 Tim. ii. 19, "Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, the Lord knoweth them that are his, and let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity."

Moderator resumed the Chair.

Prayer by brother James S. May.

Reading of Letters. Revs. T. Harley and E. C. Cady were appointed a Committee, *pro tem.*, to read.

Adjourned at 9 o'clock.

Prayer by Rev. George Burns.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION, 9 o'clock.

Prayer meeting at 9 o'clock. A time of refreshing, coming down from the presence of the Lord was enjoyed.

At 10 o'clock, A. M., the Introductory Sermon was preached to a profoundly attentive congregation, by the Rev. J. E. Hopper. Text, John i. 36: "Behold the Lamb of God." Theme, "Ecce Agnus Dei." 1st, in the light of prophecy; 2d, in the light of Christian doctrine; and 3d, in the light of Christian experience.

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Remarks in keeping with the discourse were also made by the Rev. I. E. Bill.

Moved by the Rev. G. M. W. Carey, seconded by the Rev. George Burns, and

Resolved, That the Rev. J. E. Hopper be requested by this Association to permit the sermon to be published in the *Christian Visitor*.

Minutes of former session read and corrected as follows: That the names of the brethren appointed *pro. tem.* to read Letters be inserted in the Minutes, viz.: Revs. T. Harley and E. C. Cady.

Reading of Letters resumed.

Adjourned at 12 o'clock, noon.

Prayer by Rev. C. Goodspeed.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION, 2 o'clock.

Moderator in the Chair.

Prayer by the Rev. George Rigby.

Reading of Letters continued.

On motion—

Resolved, That on account of the Church at New Zealand having lost its visibility, its name be struck off the Minutes of this Association.

On motion—

Resolved, That the Clerks be allowed to receive the letter from the Church at Pennfield after the Association closes.

Leave of absence was given to the Committee on New Churches to prepare their Report; and during the interval, prayer was offered by Rev. Wm. Hopkins, a hymn of praise to God sung, and prayer again offered by the Rev. J. W. Titus, when remarks of a very interesting nature, accompanied with much religious feeling, were made by the Revs. M. Normonday and H. A. Charleton.

Committee on New Churches submitted the following Report:—

Your Committee on New Churches have received and examined the letters from Howard Settlement, Pitt Street, Saint John, Queen Street, Fredericton, and Upper Queensbury Baptist Churches, and recommend that their letters be read, and the Churches received into this body.

E. C. CADY, Chairman.

Resolved, That the letters be read, and the Churches received.

The letters were then read, and the Moderator extended the right hand of fellowship, in behalf of the Association, to the delegates representing the Churches mentioned.

The Doxology was then sung in the very spirit of true devotional praise to God; after which the Rev. M. Nor Monday, according to arrangement, addressed the Association on the subject of his mission among the French inhabitants of Nova Scotia.

Moved by the Rev. T. Harley, and seconded by Bro. J. S. May—That a subscription be at once taken for the support of the above object.

The motion being carried, the following-named persons responded to the call:—

Rev. T. Harley,	\$1 00	T. B. Goss,	\$1 00
Z. G. Gabel,	1 00	Dea. Wm. Stewart,	1 00
Rev. C. Spurden,	1 00	H. W. D. Valentine, M.D.,	1 00
C. F. Clinch, Esq.,	1 00	Judson Seely,	1 00
Rev. E. C. Cady,	50	Dea. C. B. Rideout,	2 00
Rev. J. W. Titus,	1 00	Rev. Wm. Hopkins,	1 00
Simon Leonard,	1 00	W. H. Dow,	1 00
Wm. Lewis,	1 00	Mrs. C. F. Clinch,	60
Rev. I. E. Bill,	1 00	Capt. John Anderson,	1 00
J. S. May,	1 00	A. Bonney,	12
C. G. Berryman,	1 00	Rev. E. C. Corey,	1 00
Rev. H. A. Charleton,	1 00	Mrs. Prescott,	1 00
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The Committee on Circular Letter submitted the following Report:—

Your Committee on the Circular Letter have examined its contents, and recommend that it be read to the Association by its author, Rev. C. Spurden, D. D.

Report adopted.

I. E. BILL, Chairman.

The Circular Letter was then read; and on motion of Rev. I. E. Bill, seconded by Rev. G. M. W. Carey, it was *Resolved*, That it be printed in the Minutes of the Association and in the *Christian Visitor*.

On motion—

Resolved, That Dea. O. B. Rideout, of Calais, Me., be invited to take a seat in the Association.

On motion, Association adjourned at 5 o'clock.

Prayer by Rev. H. A. Charleton.

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FRIDAY EVENING SESSION, 7 o'clock.

Moderator in the Chair.

Meeting opened by the reading of the Scriptures, singing and prayer.

Minutes of the former session read and approved.

The following brethren were appointed a Committee on place, preacher, and writer of Circular Letter, for next annual session of this Association, viz.: Revs. I. E. Bill, E. C. Cady, G. M. W. Carey, W. S. McKenzie, T. Harley, and bro. Z. G. Gabel.

Reports on Home and Foreign Missions read, as follows:

HOME MISSIONS.

Your Committee are deeply impressed with the fact, that notwithstanding all our labors in the Home Mission work, that many of the centres of influence, as well as numerous outlying districts of the Province, are only partially supplied with Baptist preaching. The calls upon our Board to enlarge their sphere of action in the domestic field are increasingly urgent; but they can only respond in the affirmative in proportion as the necessary funds are forthcoming from the churches. Is it too much to ask that the 9,000 Baptists of New Brunswick should contribute \$1,000 per annum to this deeply interesting department of Christian labor. Your Committee would suggest systematic arrangements in every church of the body for keeping this important matter before the people. In addition to frequent missionary sermons by the pastors, it seems to us desirable to have monthly missionary meetings in every church, where prayer should be offered, appropriate intelligence communicated, and collections taken in aid of the cause.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

I. E. BILL, *Chairman.*

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee rejoice to say that God, by His Spirit, is moving among the nations of the earth, and opening wide and abundant doors, North, South, East, and West, for the proclamation of the Gospel.

In view of God's providences, the fields whitening for the harvest, the promise of Jehovah to give His Son the heathen for his inheritance, which is to be made actual by the instrumentality of the Church of Christ, your Committee feel that, as a Denomination, founded, as we are, upon the doctrine of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone, with our rigid adherence to the principles and practices of primitive Christianity, and our marked and instructive history, *we have a great work to do for God and humanity, and we must do it.* In the name of our God, let us set up our banners.

To this end it is hereby affectionately recommended that, as individuals and churches, we pray more for the success of our Foreign Missions, that we sympathize more with our Missionaries, and that we give more liberally to this cause of God than we have ever done before, that Christ may be preached, souls saved, and, in the desert of our sinful world, a highway prepared for our God. "Let the people praise thee, O God! let all the people praise thee."

Respectfully submitted.

G. M. W. CAREY, *Chairman.*

Upon motion to adopt, very earnest and thrilling addresses were delivered by Revs. T. Harley and G. M. W. Carey; when the beautiful hymn beginning with the words:

"The morning light is breaking,"

was sung by the choir and congregation. Then followed a most impressive address by the Moderator, Rev. W. S. McKenzie.

The Rev. W. M. Edwards, missionary at Blackville and Blissfield, then read the annual report of his labors, which was full of encouragement and prosperity, and also made some remarks.

A collection was taken up in behalf of the Home Mission work.

On motion to adjourn, the missionary hymn was sung, and prayer offered by Rev. Dr. Spurden.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION, 10½ o'clock.

Association opened in due form.

Moderator in the Chair.

Prayer by Rev. I. E. Bill.

On motion—

Resolved, That the Association suspend business to give place to the Education Society to hold its meeting.

[See Appendix.]

After the Education Society held its meeting, the Moderator resumed the Chair, when the following Resolution was adopted:—

Resolved, That the Report of the Education Society, together with the Treasurer's account, and the papers in reference to the resignation of the Rev. Dr. Spurden, be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes of this Association.

Committee on Temperance reported as follows:

Your Committee, to whom was assigned the duty of reporting on TEMPERANCE, feel called upon to give the most hearty thanks and praise to Almighty God, for the enlargement of its borders, the lengthening of its cords, the strengthening of its stakes, and that thousands who for a time had been allured by the fiends of hell, and had fallen victims to the syren spells of the subtle mocker, have been aroused to a sense of their perilous condition, broken the chains of their evil habits and are now enjoying the luxuries of sobriety and the blessings of happy, peaceful, and comfortable homes. But notwithstanding the wide-spreading

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influences for good in this particular, the rapid advancement of the various temperance organizations and their increasing strength and interest, our humanity yet wails and groans with heart-rending illustrations of the truth of Holy Writ with reference to the use of spirituous liquors. "At the last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder." Souls bitten and stung by this serpent of the still, writhing in agony and dying in despair, are lying on every hand!

Too much of the blighting, scourging effects of intemperance is known for the church of the living God to stand neutral, or merely to pass formal resolutions and recommendations for its suppression. The slain of intemperance is legion.

Your Committee not only believe that Christians should be total abstinents themselves from all that can intoxicate, but that they should be most emphatically and unqualifiedly opposed to the license system, and to the enactment of any statute which gives the authority of law to the greatest evil of the 19th century; and would therefore urge upon every member of the visible body of Christ to wage an uncompromising warfare upon intemperance in all its forms—whether in high places or low—whether protected by legal enactment, or openly defying the sanctions of law—whether nourished in refined and polished society, or exhalting its rank poisons in the dens of infamy.

Your Committee are likewise firmly of the opinion that the importation of spirituous liquors into our Province is the root of this great evil—the law authorizing such importations a brand of infamy and disgrace upon our country, and the money thus contributed to our Provincial Treasury the price of blood.

Report adopted. B. FRANKLIN RATTRAY, *Chairman.*

Committee on the Seminary reported as follows:

That they learn with satisfaction, that as far as attendance of students and the instruction given in the Institution are concerned, our Seminary is in a prosperous condition. For the detailed particulars, they refer to the report of the managing Committee.

Your Committee are especially gratified to learn that the increase in the attendance of young ladies has rendered the appointment of a lady teacher necessary. They regard this as a wise and judicious step; and they would commend to the Christian sympathy of the denomination, Miss Bentley, the sister who has undertaken this arduous office, of whose qualifications for the work they are perfectly satisfied.

The continuance of the debt still militates against the progress of the Institution, but they hope that the efforts now being made in the several Counties, and the pledges given in various directions, will soon free it from this clog upon its advancement.

Report adopted. C. SPURDEN, *Chairman.*

Committee on Union Society reported as follows:

During the past year God has continued to sanction and sustain the work of this Society. Upon home and foreign waters our bread has been cast, and we shall find it after many days. We cordially commend this valuable organization to the care and confidence of all the churches;

and as it urgently needs increased means for carrying on its great work, we trust that it may receive such enlarged support that, in the ensuing year, its income from this Association may be at least \$2,000; and we fervently pray that to all its agents and operations may be given "showers of blessing."

TIMOTHY HARLEY, *Chairman*.

Report adopted.

Committee on Sabbath Schools reported as follows :

As letters have not been received from a large number of churches, and no opportunity has been afforded to examine such as are at hand, your Committee cannot furnish a full report of the state of the Sabbath Schools connected with the churches of this Association.

From the letters read, however, they are encouraged to hope that the churches generally are becoming more sensible of the importance of this great branch of religious influence.

Believing that an early and intimate acquaintance with the Sacred Scriptures tends to form and establish correct principles, and prepares for the intelligent hearing of the Gospel, thus predisposing the mind and heart to the reception of living truth; and that it is of the highest importance that influences for good be brought to bear as early as possible, before evil has occupied the mind and bad habits become confirmed, your Committee would strongly urge that every effort be made by the churches to render their Sabbath Schools most effective.

To this end they would recommend that the exercises be varied and means employed to interest the children; and they would impress upon all Christians the necessity of being themselves interested in the Sabbath School, as the best inducement to the young to cherish the same feeling.

All of which is respectfully submitted

C. GOODSPEED, *Chairman*.

After remarks by Revs. T. Harley and W. S. McKenzie, Report was adopted.

The Committee on the next session reported, recommending that the Association meet in 1869 with the Church at Blissfield, Miramichi; that Rev. W. S. McKenzie preach the Introductory Sermon, and that Rev. T. Harley be his alternate; and that Rev. G. M. W. Carey write the Circular letter.

Report adopted.

The Committee on the *Christian Visitor* submitted the following Report:—

The Committee on the CHRISTIAN VISITOR report, that in their opinion this paper is still worthy of the warmest support of our denomination, and that it is ably and efficiently conducted. Your Committee approve of the editorials and religious matter which it contains, and they would suggest that not only does our beloved Editor deserve to be thanked and commended for the warm interest which he manifests in the prosperity of the cause of Christ, but also that Baptist families in our Province should take the paper and pay for it, that they may be instructed concerning our distinctive denominational principles and practices.

Respectfully submitted.

H. A. CHARLETON, *Chairman*.

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After an interesting, animated, and profitable discussion, in which Revs. B. F. Rattray, T. Harley, G. M. W. Carey, C. Goodspeed, J. E. Hopper, E. C. Cady, W. S. McKenzie, I. E. Bill, H. A. Charleton, and brethren A. Young, Z. G. Gabel, and F. Hibbard, participated, the Report was adopted.

The Committee on departed brethren reported as follows:—

That on the 22d April last, Elder Jarvis Ring entered into his eternal rest, in the eighty-eighth year of his age. Our departed brother was born in this Province, in the Parish of Waterboro', on the 20th of Sept., 1780. Was converted, by the grace of God, when thirteen years of age; made a public profession of religion, and was baptized by the late Rev. Joseph Crandall, in the river Saint John, in May 1800, and joined the church in Waterboro'. He, at this time, feeling his heart drawn out (as he said himself in his journal) in prayer to God for the salvation of sinners, began to preach the ever-blessed Gospel of the Son of God, and was blessed in doing so; but afterwards entered into business in the then town of Fredericton, where he, with brethren Coy and Wilmot, had a house built for God, and a church was formed in that place: and for a period of thirty-five years his house was a home for Baptist ministers. He was ordained pastor of the Baptist church in Springfield, over which he presided for some years. He afterwards removed to Nova Scotia, was pastor of the church at Bridgetown for five years, and also for two years at Port George. Returning to the City of St. John, he laboured as a Missionary, and in all his labour he was more or less useful; and during his protracted illness—a period of three years—his heart was stayed on his God, and lived in the constant enjoyment of religion, and at his death left to his loved ones the stainless memory of the just—the wealth beyond the grave.

Adopted.

W. L. HOPKINS, *Chairman*.

Adjourned.

Prayer by Rev. W. M. Edwards.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION, 7½ o'clock.

Moderator in the Chair.

The Scriptures were read, and prayer offered by Rev. T. Harley.

This session was devoted to religious conference. The exercises were participated in by many. God's presence was especially manifest. The love of Christ united and animated many hearts.

Before closing the following was then passed unani-
mously:—

Resolved, That we tender our hearty thanks to the
Church and congregation of St. George, and to the resi-
dents generally, for the kind and hospitable entertainment
extended to us during this session of the Association.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet with the
Blissfield Baptist Church, Miramichi, on Thursday, the
16th of September, 1869, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Prayer and benediction by the Moderator.

REV. W. S. MCKENZIE, *Moderator.*

REV. B. F. RATTRAY, *Clerk.*

JAS. A. MORAN, Esq., *Asst. Clerk.*

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CIRCULAR LETTER.

TO THE CHURCHES COMPOSING THE WESTERN NEW BRUNSWICK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

The founders of the Baptist churches in these Provinces were mighty in the Scriptures, and were distinguished alike for their soundness in doctrine, as they had been taught by the Spirit of God, and for practical obedience to the precepts of the Lord Jesus Christ. We would desire to emulate their faith and practice, and would earnestly exhort you in this our annual epistle, that you "stand in the ways and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein," in order that the promise, "ye shall find rest to your souls," which was made to Israel after the flesh, may be fulfilled in our experience, who are of the spiritual Israel of God.

The sacred writers invariably combine doctrine with precept; they rarely dwell upon christian privileges without at the same time enforcing evangelical obedience. The apostle Paul closes his argument upon the doctrines of sovereign grace in the Epistle to the Romans, with the exhortation, "I beseech you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service." And the apostle John, after dilating upon the privileges of those who are called sons of God, adds, "every man that hath this hope in him, purifieth himself, even as he is pure." Harmony is thus preserved between devout emotion and active obedience. Spiritual feeling is not excited, without at the same time affording a channel through which that feeling may expend itself in action. Comfort is given, not to lull into sloth and indifference, but to act as a cordial and stimulus to exertion and duty.

The doctrines of divine sovereignty, the love of God in Christ, unmerited favour to the guilty, and all those truths pertaining to the salvation of Christ Jesus, which are commonly designated the doctrines of grace, have ever been dear to the hearts of our people: nor do we thus write because we doubt the fidelity of your attachment to those fundamental principles, or the unscriptural character of that attachment, but we desire to stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance, while we detain you for a short season upon this vital theme.

There are those who think that the consolatory truths of free grace and final perseverance are adverse to the perceptive and practical parts of the christian system. They would modify the broad and distinct statements of Scripture, lest they should encourage presumption; and would explain away the predestinating will of the Sovereign Ruler, lest they should hamper themselves in the free proclamation of his mercy. But ye have not so learned Christ. Those who are perfectly instructed in the way of the Lord, are prepared to take the word of God just as it stands, and insist both on divine fore-appointment and human freedom conjoined with accountability; both on the security of the believer in Christ, and the absolute necessity of holiness in heart and life; both on the agency of the Holy Spirit in producing conviction, and on the duty of exhorting men to repent, and beseeching them to be reconciled to God.

It is true that these doctrines have sometimes been taught in such a manner as to foster presumption, and militate against piety; teachers who have claimed for themselves pre-eminently the distinctive title of

heralds of the gospel, have carefully, and we are bound to think, conscientiously, abstained from calling sinners to repentance, and from insisting on the duty of believing in Christ, and on the obligation which, under the influence of love, binds every believer to live a godly life.

By dwelling solely on christian privileges, and the profounder mysteries of the gospel of Christ, they have nurtured a race of spiritual dyspeptics, whose pampered appetites reject the wholesome words of sound doctrine, and whose sickly religion cannot bear the strain of healthy labour and vigorous exertion.

The remedy however is to be found, not in ignoring these glorious truths, nor in concealing them, but in such a scriptural unfolding of them in their connexion as will show at once their essential truth, and perfect accordance with every other portion of the divine word.

There is in fact a most vital union between faith and practice, hope and duty, love and obedience, assurance and toil. To sever these living members of the truth of Christ, is fatal to the vitality of each. Gospel privileges, when separated from the holy consecration of every talent to the service of the Redeemer, become fruitful of little better than antinomian selfishness, and selfishness in Christ's kingdom tends to rottenness and death; while on the other hand, to ring the changes upon the duties of the christian life, without blending in harmony the spirit-stirring notes of distinctive gospel truths, must degenerate into a monotonous iteration of moral law, and fail of the very effect which it is intended to produce, or result in nothing higher than bondage of spirit, and the toilsome tasks of slavish fear.

In conclusion, we remind you of the skill and wisdom with which the Holy Spirit inspired the apostles to combine these aspects of divine truth in their teaching.

Does Paul write to the Romans respecting the foreknowledge and predestinating will of God? He adds that those who were predestinated by God were so that they might be conformed to the image of His Son.

After he had, in his first letter to the Corinthians, established, by sound reasoning, the soul-inspiring truth of a glorious resurrection of the body to a state of immortality and incorruption, he presses home the conclusion, "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord; forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

Does he recount to the Ephesians the blessings and privileges of the children of God, who are adopted to Himself by Christ Jesus? He tells them that it is "according as God hath chosen us in Christ before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love."

Does he admonish the Philippian to work out their own salvation with fear and trembling? He adds immediately, "for it is God who worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure."

Does he point them to the transformation which the vile body will undergo, that it may be fashioned like the glorious body of Christ? He draws from it an argument for Christian steadfastness, "Therefore, my brethren, dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, my dearly beloved."

Profane and vain babblings, even in Paul's day, had eaten, like a gangrene, into the heart of Christian truth; and the errors which speculative minds had propagated, had overthrown the faith of some. But did this affect the foundation of God? By no means. That foundation stood, and still stands, sure, having a seal with a two-fold

impress—a divine and human inscription. One, the Lord's knowledge of His own; the other, a departure from iniquity by those who name the name of Christ.

Nor is the apostle Paul peculiar in this mode of presenting truth. Peter also admonishes those who are called into the kingdom of God's dear Son, to be holy in all manner of conversation; and because they are begotten again to a lively hope of an unfailling, undefiled inheritance, he bids them, as obedient children, to be sober, and gird up the loins of their mind.

Their redemption by the precious blood of Christ is urged as an argument with them to pass the time of their sojourning here in fear. In the same way, throughout the whole of his epistles, he blends together doctrine and duty, Christian privileges and exhortations to holiness.

Wherefore, beloved brethren, we exhort you, as ye have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in Him; rooted and built up in Him, and established in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

WILLIAM A. CHAMBERLAIN, Pastor.—Our meeting has been held in the usual manner, and we well attended. A. A. GARDNER (lic) Pastor.

CANTON.—No Pastor.—During the past year Rev. B. G. GARDNER was employed as our pastor. The Church called him to resignation. His labors were highly appreciated, and we deeply regretted his departure. We keep up our prayer meetings, and have a constant attendance.

POINTE (Africa).—Rev. GEORGE HENNING has been laboring with us during the past year, and has been highly successful. Through his labors many have been brought into the Church of God, which is the glory of God. We are glad to maintain the work of God in this part of the Province.

IRBERRY (Green Street).—No Pastor.—We were organized as a Church by the Rev. Mr. IRBERRY, Sept. 23rd, 1857. Rev. J. G. HARRIS, D. D., was called to the pastorate, and his labors were highly appreciated. On the 11th instant he was removed, and his pastorate being vacant, we have no pastor at present.

FRONTSVILLE.—T. M. MANNING, (lic) Pastor.—No later group organization. GRAND FALLS.—No Pastor.—But we endeavor to receive one. HAINVILLE.—GEO. J. TARRANT (lic) Pastor.—Have been building a house of worship and have it nearly completed. God's cause is prospering.

HOBSON AND RICHMOND.—JAMES B. BARNETT, Pastor.—HOWARD SETTLEMENT.—No Pastor.—In the place of Rev. J. H. HOWARD, who was removed from the pastorate, we have called Rev. M. GARDNER, and others. The Church was organized in this place some years ago, and has been highly prospering. With 200 old members, and 21 lately received, we have been organized anew. We wish to obtain the labor of some faithful minister of God.

LACROIX.—Rev. GEORGE HENNING (lic) acting Pastor.—We are doing for most part of the year the labors of our much esteemed pastor, Rev. JOHN

DIGEST OF LETTERS.

ANDOVER—No Pastor.—Nothing but statistics.

BLACKVILLE—W. M. EDWARDS, Pastor.—The Lord has been pleased to revive his work among us; and 14 have been added to the Church, and two restored. We have often felt that the Master has indeed come, and was calling sinners to repentance. The labors of our Pastor are highly appreciated, and have been greatly blessed.

BLISFIELD—W. M. EDWARDS, Pastor.—God has been building up his Church in our land. Zion's stakes have been strengthened, her cords lengthened, and her friends multiplied. The house of God has been a Bethel to our souls. Our Pastor has labored faithfully with us. During the winter months, we held two protracted meetings, and the Lord was pleased to revive his work among us. In March we enjoyed the valuable labors of Rev. E. Hickson for one week. The visit was short, but was a blessing to both Pastor and people.

BECAGUMIC—E. C. COREY, Pastor.—Our Pastor has collected what he could for Home Missions. His labors have been blessed among us. Our Union Sunday School is increasing.

CHIPMAN—H. A. CHARLTON, Pastor.—Our meetings both public and private are well attended. A deep interest is manifested in the entire community.

CENTREVILLE—T. M. MUNRO (Lic.) Pastor.

CANTERBURY—No Pastor.—During the last year, Bro. E. C. Corey was employed as our Pastor. The Church called him to ordination. His labors were blessed among us. He labored with us until last May. At present we are in rather a scattered state. We keep up our prayer meetings.

DOUGLAS (African)—Rev. George Burns has been laboring with us some of late. Last Sunday he baptized two.

FREDERICTON—C. SPURDEN, D. D., Pastor.—Through His tender mercy we continue to this day a branch of the Church of God, which "is the pillar and ground of the truth," working with our Pastor to maintain the worship of God. About 63 of our members (reported 133) are in different parts of the Province and in foreign lands.

FREDERICTON (Queen Street)—No Pastor.—We were organized as a Church by a Council duly called, Sept. 23rd, 1867. Rev. J. C. Hurd, M. D., was chosen Pastor, and continued with us till August last. His labors were highly appreciated, and his departure deeply regretted. On the 14th instant it was resolved that a Pastor be secured forthwith.

FLORENCEVILLE—T. M. MUNRO (Lic.) Pastor.—No letter except statistics.

GRAND FALLS—No Pastor.—But are anxious to secure one.

HAINESVILLE—GEORGE JEWETT (Lic.) Pastor.—Have been building a house of worship and have it nearly completed. God's cause is steadily progressing.

HODGDON AND RICHMOND—JAMES E. BLEAKNEY, Pastor.

HOWARD SETTLEMENT—No Pastor.—It has pleased God to revive his work in this place under the labors of Rev. E. C. Corey and others. The Church organized in this place some years ago, had lost its visibility, and been dropped from the Association. With 26 old members and 21 lately baptized, we have been organized anew. We wish to obtain the labors of some faithful servant of God.

JACKSONTOWN—Rev. GEORGE HOWARD (Lic.) acting Pastor.—We enjoyed for most part of the year the labours of our much esteemed pastor, Rev. John

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Rowe. He left us in June last. Bro. C. Howard is laboring with us. He has a good congregation, and we hope soon to see the fruit of his labors.

JACKSONVILLE—**GEORGE HOWARD** (Lic.), Pastor.—We can not report as favorably as at other times, but are still in existence, and hope ere long to receive some to our membership.

1st KINGS CLEAR—**GEORGE RIGBY**, Pastor.—Nothing but statistics given.

2nd KINGS CLEAR—**J. H. TUPPER**, Pastor.—The Gospel services of Rev. G. R. Campbell, extending usefully over a term of two years, were concluded for the present in June last. Nothing special has occurred to communicate; but we are hopefully looking forward to better times.

1st KESWICK—**GEORGE BURNS**, Pastor.—Rev. Joseph Harvey was our Pastor up to October last. Within a few weeks arrangements have been made with Rev. George Burns to spend a part of his time with us. The Church has been in a cold and helpless condition. Occasional prayer and social meetings have been held, but the Sabbath School has not been organized this season.

LUDLOW—**GEORGE L. PRICE** (Lic.), Pastor.—Rev. Alexander Estabrooks, our former Pastor, has left us for a length of time to study in the Institution at Fredericton. We have lately licenced our esteemed Bro. G. L. Price to preach the Gospel.

LITTLE SOUTH WEST—**E. HICKSON**, Pastor.

MACNAQUACK—**GEORGE BURNS**, Pastor.—We have reason to thank God and take courage. Our prayer and conference meetings are kept up, and the ordinances receive special attention.

NASHWAAK—**WM. HARRIS**, Pastor.—While we have cause for thankfulness that few, as far as we know, have been guilty of those gross sins which bring deep disgrace upon the Christian name, we have abundant cause for mourning and repentance on account of our want of zeal, our neglect of active and real duties, and our failure to meet the claims of God and the unconverted. Rev. Wm. Harris, in the midst of great discouragement, labors with us one half of his time.

NEW JERUSALEM—**D. W. CRANDALL**, Pastor.—Last year we had no Pastor, but the Lord sent us one last January. He has been laboring with us ever since. Is very much beloved. He has organized two Sunday Schools, attends the Bible classes, and generally preaches three times on the Sabbath. May grace, love, and peace be in and around you is the sincere wish and prayer of your brethren and sisters.

NEWCASTLE, (Grand Lake)—**JAMES TRIMBLE**, Pastor.—The past year with us has been one of darkness. Soon after the last Association our beloved Pastor Rev. P. M. McLeod left us to labor in another field. In May last, Rev. Jas. Trimble visited us, and we have secured him for Pastor one half the time.

NEWCASTLE, (Mir.)—**EDWARD HICKSON**, Pastor.—Nothing in the letter except statistics.

NORTHESK.—**EDWARD HICKSON**—Pastor.

PORTLAND—**E. C. CABY**, Pastor.—Have enjoyed less of the revival spirit during the past year than usual. Still we are united, and wish to contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints. We feel that it is important to look after the old paths. The distinctive principles of our denomination need to be more earnestly and faithfully preached.

PENNFIELD—**W. L. HOPKINS**, Pastor.—The letter reports nothing beyond statistics.

SOUTH RICHMOND—J. E. BLEAKNEY, Pastor. We cannot report any thing special, still we have enjoyed some refreshing seasons. Our congregations are quite large and attentive, considering this is not a Baptist community. Bro. G. R. Campbell was laboring with us last year, but on account of the Rev. James Bleakney being engaged with the Richmond and Hodgden church, only a few miles distant, he kindly withdrew, leaving the field to Bro. Bleakney.

2ND ST. ANDREWS—B. FRANKLIN RATTRAY, Pastor.—The meetings of the church have been well sustained. We are now about to suffer a loss the church is ill able to bear, in the removal of a brother and his family whose steadfastness and liberality from the beginning are well known. The church is small, but it is believed that the same Almighty arm that has sustained it thus far, will, if we prove faithful, be with us to the end.

1ST SAINT GEORGE—J. A. STEADMAN, Pastor.—It was with much pleasure we learned that you had consented to hold this your 21st annual session with us. We give you a hearty welcome to our hearts and homes, feeling assured you will receive that hospitality becoming brethren in Christ.

As a church we have made but little progress. Pray for us.

2ND FALLS (St. George)—J. A. STEADMAN Pastor.—Have nothing encouraging to report in reference to the state of religion. Conference and prayer meetings have not been regularly kept up of late. This, however, is not the fault of our Pastor. Our Sunday School is progressing favorably, so is the cause of temperance.

SAINTE JOHN (Brussels Street)—TIMOTHY HARLEY, Pastor.—When we last addressed you we were without a permanent Pastor, but in answer to our united prayers our Heavenly Father sent us the Rev. Timothy Harley, whose faithful labors will, we trust, be the means of many being added to the church. Union continues among us.

SAINTE JOHN (Germain Street)—G. M. W. CAREY, Pastor.—We have cause for gratitude—souls have been born into the kingdom of God's dear Son. The gates of Zion have been kept wide open, and invitations full and free have gone forth.

SAINTE JOHN (Leinster Street)—W. S. MCKENZIE, Pastor.—Our record of events contains nothing of special interest. Services on the Lord's day have been regularly sustained, also social meetings during the week. Financially our position is very satisfactory. The spirit of liberality has not abated. We have an excellent Sabbath School.

SAINTE JOHN (Pitt Street)—JOHN W. TITUS (Lic.), Pastor.—Our church was organized Jan. 22nd, 1866. We desire admission into the Western Association. Public worship is regularly maintained every Sabbath and during the week. We have a promising Sabbath School.

SAINTE JOHN (Carleton)—I. E. BILL, Pastor.—Our prospects are brighter. Under the faithful ministry of our beloved pastor our congregations are increasing, and our Sabbath School is rapidly enlarging. We are praying the spirit's power will attend. And we have reason to believe that answers from above will be given.

SALMON CREEK (Chipman)—JAS. TRIMBLE, Pastor.—Have not had regular preaching during the last year until of late. Last Fall, Rev. J. C. Steadman visited us. His labors were blessed, and he baptized 14. We called him to become our Pastor, but other arrangements prevented his accepting our call. Rev. J. M. Currey made us two visits, which were blessed. Our prayer and conference meetings have been regularly kept up. Of late we have secured the labors of Rev. James Trimble. And now we are enjoying a revival.

SOUTHAMPTON—D. OUTHOUSE, Pastor.—We yet live by the merciful providence of God. We have of late the labors of Bro. D. Outhouse. Congregations large. We are in Christian fellowship.

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TEMPERANCEVILLE—**JOHN L. SHAW (Lic.)**, Pastor. Since Rev. J. E. Bleakney closed his labors with us, we have been without a pastor until July, when we engaged Bro. Shaw. We are grateful to God that we have been able from time to time to feel his presence.

UPPER GAGETOWN—**J. R. STRANG**, Pastor.—Our pastor is laboring with us as last year, but with greater zeal and interest. God has blessed his labors, and a number have been added to the church by baptism. We have two prayer meetings a week, largely attended. We have as interesting a Sabbath School as the country can produce. We have purchased a Parsonage, for which we are to pay \$800. We have already raised \$600 of the amount.

UPPER QUEENSBURY—**SOLOMON W. PARENT (Lic.)**, Pastor.—Organized April 25th, 1868. Number of members 18.

WOODSTOCK—**J. C. BLEAKNEY**, Pastor.—God has blessed us during the past year with an ingathering of twenty, nine of whom have been baptized into our fellowship, the remainder received from other churches. We have repaired our place of worship, and purchased an organ for the use of the Sunday School and church services, for which we have had to raise something near \$300. The Sunday School is much improved, being the best for years. Our pastor is laboring with good acceptance, and good congregations.

LOWER WOODSTOCK—No Pastor.—Had Rev. E. C. Corey up to April last; since then, had occasional preaching from Bro. Outhouse and Campbell. Have a flourishing Sunday School. The cause of temperance is flourishing in our midst.

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LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

BELONGING TO THIS ASSOCIATION.

NAMES.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	DATE OF ORDINATION.	PLACE OF ORDINATION.
Bill, I. E.	Carleton, Saint John.	March, 1829	Nictaux, Nova Scotia.
Burns, George	Lower Line, Queens-	Jan., 1851	Upham.
Bleakney, J. C.	Woodstock, [bury.	Sept., 1868	Richmond.
Bleakney, J. E.	Richmond, C. C. . . .	Feb., 1868	Hodgden and Richmond
Beckwith, W. H.	Upper Gagetown, . . .	Sept., 1832	Pembroke, Maine.
Cadey, E. C., A. M.	Saint John,	Dec., 1859	Portland, St. John.
Carey, G. M. W. "	Saint John,	July, 1856	St. Catharines, Ontario.
Campbell, G. R.	Eel River,	July, 1857	Howard Settlement.
Corey, E. C.	Simonds, C. C.,	1867	Eel River.
Crandall, D. W.	New Jerusalem,		Ontario.
Edwards, W. M.	Blissfield,	March, 1855	Hampton.
Estabrooks, G.	Simonds,	July, 1847	Upper Gagetown.
Estabrooks, Alex.	Fredericton,	July, 1864	Andover.
Harley, Timothy	Saint John,		England.
Hopper, J. E., A. M.	Fredericton,	Sept., 1867	Fredericton.
Hughes, B. N.	Jacksonville,	Oct., 1858	Maugerville.
Hickson, E., A. M.	Newcastle, Mir.,	July, 1862	North Esk
Harris, Wm.	Keswick,	Feb., 1830	Wales.
Hopkins, W. L.	Pennfield,	Nov., 1854	
Harvey, J. G.	Upper Woodstock, . . .	Feb., 1858	Springfield, Queensbury.
Jewett, Benjamin	Prince William,	Sept., 1860	Andover.
McKenzie, W. S. A. M.	Saint John,	June, 1857	East Abington, Mass.
McLeod, P. M.	Saint John,	July, 1867	Newcastle, G. Lake.
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Rattray, B. F.	Saint Andrews,	July, 1859	Upper Gagetown.
Rideout, W. C.	Saint Davids,	Sept., 1849	Nova Scotia.
Rigby, George	Kingsclear,	March, 1842	
Spurden, C., D. D.	Fredericton,	April, 1842	England.
Spencer, James	Saint John,	1852	Nova Scotia.
Saunders, T. W.	Prince William,	July, 1832	Prince William.
Steadman, J. A.	Saint George,	Aug., 1867	Saint George.
Thompson, A. D.	Saint Andrews,	May, 1835	Ledge, St. Stephen.
Tozer, James	Blissfield,	March, 1826	Northesk.
Tupper, J. H.	Kingsclear,	March, 1844	Jacksontown.
Walker, James	Mascareen,	Jan., 1839	
Webb, E.	Nerepis,	Oct., 1850	

LICENSED TO PREACH.—T. P. Davis, George Jewett, Joseph Jones, S. D. Miller, D. C. Stilwell, James S. May, Calvin Goodspeed, George Howard, John Forrest, Solomon W. Parent, John L. Shaw, George L. Price, and T. M. Munro.

S. E. STATISTICS.

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PASTORS, WITH DATE OF SETTLEMENT, AND DELEGATES.

CHURCHES AND CLERKS.

ABSTRACT STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES AND CLERKS.	PASTORS, WITH DATE OF SETTLEMENT, AND DELEGATES.	INCREASE.				DECREASE.				S. S. STATISTICS.				
		By Baptism	By Letter	Restored	Excluded	Dismissed	Excluded	Died	Total	Minute Money	No. Schools	No. Teachers	No. Scholars	No. Vols. in Library.
ANDOVER.....	A. C. Hammond													
BLACKVILLE.....	Levin Dupuy													
BLISSFIELD.....	W. M. Edwards	1860, †	By Letter only.											
BECKAGUMIC.....	A. H. Hayward													
CHP MAN.....	W. H. Fleming													
CANNING.....	R. T. Babbitt													
CARDEN.....	Benj. Richards													
CENTREVILLE.....	W. D. Eley													
CANTERSBURY.....	C. M. Dow													
DOUGLAS (African).....	G. Wherry													
DUMFRIES and QUEENSBURY.....	George Burns	1820	Rev. E. C. Corey											
FREDERICTON.....	H. W. Clark													
FREDERICTON.....	W. S. Eley													
FREDERICTON (Queen Street).....	C. S. Ingraham													
FLORENCEVILLE.....	T. H. Eley													
GRAND FALLS.....	N. L. Price													
HAINESVILLE.....	G. J. Sharp													
HODGDEN and RICHMOND.....	L. Supters.													
HOWARD SETTLEMENT.....	D. Dickenson													
JACKSONTOWN.....	J. Eley													
JACKSONVILLE.....	Robert Hannah													
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	George Howard	1880	By Letter only.											
	JAMES E. BLEAKNEY	1867, †												
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**AN ACCOUNT OF THE BENEVOLENCE OF THE CHURCHES
AT HOME AND ABROAD.**

CHURCHES.	For Preaching at Home.	For building and re- pairing Houses of Worship.	For the Union Society, and its Objects.	For Acadia College.	For other Objects.	For Sabbath Schools at Home.
Blackville,	\$120 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Blissfield,	200 00	\$20 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Beckaguimic,	120 00	.....	.....	.....	\$20 00	\$27 00
Chipman,	200 00	10 00	.....	.....	.....	4 00
Centreville,	150 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 00
Douglas (African), . . . .	.....	.....	\$1 50	.....	.....	.....
Fredericton,	418 89	229 16	43 19	.....	.....	27 70
Fredericton, Queen-st.	600 00	250 00	15 00	.....	850 00	25 00
Florenceville,	105 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grand Falls, . . . .	.....	.....	6 50	.....	.....	.....
Hainsville,	33 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hodgden & Richmond,	150 00	1600 00	.....	.....	.....	20 00
Jerusalem,	285 00	350 00	15 38	.....	48 05	15 00
Kingsclear, 1st,	180 00	.....	10 66	.....	.....	.....
Little South West,	34 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Macnaquack,	200 00	.....	5 55	.....	.....	.....
Newcastle, Mir.,	100 00	8 00	5 00	.....	29 00	3 00
Northesk,	50 00	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....
Portland,	600 00	144 00	75 00	\$8 00	210 00	140 00
Pennfield,	500 00	120 00	5 80	.....	8 00	10 00
St. Andrews, 2d,	300 00	.....	40 00	.....	.....	66 00
St. George, 1st,	400 00	550 00	21 50	.....	.....	15 00
St. George, 2d, Falls,	200 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 00
St. John, Germain St.	1200 00	260 00	30 00	.....	940 00	150 00
" Brussels St.	1200 00	500 00	.....	20 00	260 00	200 00
" Leinster St.	1000 00	668 00	149 39	20 00	934 50	45 00
" Pitt Street,
" Carleton,	400 00	300 00	20 00	40 00
Upper Gagetown,	300 00	24 00	600 00	20 00
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APPENDIX.

NEW BRUNSWICK BAPTIST HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

OFFICERS FOR 1868-9.

President.

REV. I. E. BILL.

Vice-Presidents.

REV. C. SPURDEN, D. D.,
" J. A. SMITH,

REV. J. ROWE,

" J. HERRITT,

" W. A. COLEMAN,

" W. SAUNDERS,

" A. D. THOMPSON,

" W. S. MCKENZIE.

" G. M. W. CAREY,

Corresponding Secretary.

REV. E. C. CADY.

Recording Secretary.

J. E. MARSTERS.

Treasurer.

G. M. STEEVES.

Auditor.

HON. A. McL. SEELY.

Executive Board.

J. H. HARDING,

V. GRAVES,

E. J. BARTEAUX,

CHARLES FISHER,

L. McMANN,

D. L. SHARP.

J. S. MAY,

A. W. MASTERS,

M. E. COWAN,

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J. TITUS,

J. W. HARTT,

T. BELL,

J. R. CALHOUN,

S. GEROW,

C. E. BURNHAM,

C. G. BERRYMAN.

With the Officers of the Society, and Ministers connected with the two associations.

MISSIONARY AND UNION SOCIETY REPORT FOR 1867-68.

Presented by Rev. E. C. Cady, Corresponding Secretary to the Society,
at its Annual Meeting in Sackville, July 11, 1868.

Your Board, in presenting their fifteenth Annual Report, in the very outset, wish to record their deep sense of their unworthiness and inefficiency in attending to the great work which has been committed to their care. God has, indeed, blessed the labors of our Society. We trust He has forgiven our mistakes and overruled many of them to our humiliation and his own glory. He has done many great things for us. But He could not do *many mighty* works among and by us, because of our unbelief. "To us belong confusion of face; to the Lord our God belongeth mercies and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against Him."

The results of fifteen years' Missionary labor are presented in the Minutes of our Associations, so far as these results could be ascertained and measured by our finite minds. In some instances these result have been overrated and in some underrated by us. God, in the final reckonings, will present a full and accurate account, which will indeed reveal our littleness and His greatness. But in this we shall rejoice, and glorify His Name that we have been made, in some measure, the humble instruments in His hands of carrying forward the interests of His kingdom in the world.

The record of our doings for the past year is nearly as follows :

DORCHESTER AND VICINITY

has been assisted in supporting their earnest and efficient Pastor, Rev. Thomas Bleakney. In presenting one of his quarterly reports, he says: "I have preached three times each Sabbath, attended fifteen services during the week evenings, and baptized three converts." He reports thirty baptized during the year.

SHEDIAO

has been receiving a small sum also, to assist them in supporting their Pastor, Rev. W. D. Manzer, for one year from May 1st, 1867. This Brother reports preaching at four stations on each Sabbath, and once during the week, teaching a Bible class, and attending to other pastoral duties. Baptized three.

THE NEWCASTLE (MIR.) FIELD

has been occupied efficiently and faithfully for the past eight years by our missionary, Rev. E. Hickson. In his last report, he says: "During the quarter, I have regularly occupied my five stations, viz.: Little South West, North Esk, Nelson, Douglstown, and Newcastle. I have preached twice every Sabbath, and once every week, conducted a prayer meeting each week, a conference meeting once a fortnight, and administered the communion once a month to two churches, and once a quarter to the third. In Newcastle church the Sabbath school has been sustained through the winter, and is now increasing in numbers and interest." Baptized one.

BLISSFIELD AND BLACKVILLE

have been occupied by Rev. W. M. Edwards for the past eight years. His labors have frequently been blest by revivals. But at no time have his reports been more interesting than during the past year. He has the care of two churches. Preaches at five stations. Throughout most

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of his field the revival power has been felt during the past year. He reports twenty-two baptized, and others added to the churches by letter and experience. God has done great things for this people, "whereof we are glad."

ST. ANDREWS.

Rev. T. W. Crawley, for so long the efficient missionary of this Society in St. Andrews, had removed to the States, and Rev. B. Franklin Rattray had become the pastor of this church at the time our last report was presented. But Bro. Rattray was not under appointment by this Board. The church, soon finding themselves unable to support their Pastor, unaided, applied to us for help at the Association at Mautogville, which was readily granted. The success of this mission has been great. During the past year, the Sabbath school has been larger than formerly, the congregations good, and the religious interest, at times, fervent. Five have been baptized. The cause of temperance in that part of the Province has been greatly promoted by Bro. Rattray.

MUSQUASH AND DIPPER HARBOUR

have been occupied by Rev. Abel Washburn. A church has been organized, and three happy converts baptized into its fellowship. Brother Washburn, besides preaching to this new church, reports having preached more or less at Mason's Bay, Lancaster Mills, Gooseberry Cove, Chance Harbour, and Point Lepreaux.

GRAND FALLS AND TOBIQUE

were occupied one year ago, by our missionary, Rev. W. A. J. Blakeney. But before the Western Association, in September, he resigned his mission; since which time, the field has been unoccupied. Your Board have corresponded with Brother Howard, with a view to his occupying these fields, and even went so far as to give him an appointment; but have not heard from him since notifying him of this fact. A man is needed for this field at once.

HAINSVILLE

has enjoyed the missionary labors of Bro. George Jewett for a part of the time for the past year. He reports having travelled four hundred and forty miles, preached forty-four sermons, attended eleven conferences, and twenty-two prayer-meetings. Two have been baptized.

REV. W. A. COLEMAN,

last fall, was appointed as your Missionary to Buctouche, Richibucto, and the country north as far and as much as he would be able to attend to. He spent one month in the field, preaching and prospecting. He visited Little Buctouche, Big Buctouche, Wellington or McGlocklin Road Settlement, Richibucto, and Kouchibouquasis; travelled two hundred and seventy-four miles; and collected \$8. From the want of funds at the command of the Board, and supposed inability of the field to support a man, the mission was discontinued for the present. And as both the Associations, in 1866, had expressed a desire for the appointment of one or more general missionaries, your Board felt that the time had come when God, in his providence, had provided for us the right man for that work. Accordingly, he was so appointed, and had assigned to him for his field the destitute churches and such parts of the Province as are unoccupied, with the permission also to labor with such churches as had pastors, who might wish him to assist in protracted meetings. For the

want of funds at our control, your Board thought it best that Bro. Coleman should collect his salary, whenever and from whomsoever he could obtain it. He entered upon his work in December last, and thus far his labors have been much blessed to the awakening of the churches and the conversion of souls.

Our Brother presents the following report :

"Spent seven months in missionary labour; attended two hundred meetings; visited a great many families; travelled a good many hundreds of miles; fifty-one persons have been baptized on profession of their faith; thirty-three of whom were added to churches destitute of pastors; and a number of backsliders have been restored to church fellowship. Collected (in all) in support of missions, \$284; \$118 of which was collected in the City and Portland churches, and \$171 in the churches that I have visited in the country."

Urgent applications have been made for assistance from the 3rd Elgin and New Jerusalem churches; also from the Baptist brethren in St. Stephen, and, we doubt not, with just claims upon our liberality. For want of funds, however, your Board has not been able as yet to respond to these calls, but they hope to be able to do so at an early date.

THE FOREIGN MISSION FUND

has yielded for sister DeWolf, and towards the support of native preachers in Burmah, \$324.84.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION FUND.

Three brethren have received aid from this fund, viz.: William Jones, of Acadia College, \$48.74; John Forrest, \$45; and Rev. Alexander Estabrooks, \$15. These two brethren have been pursuing their studies profitably and successfully in our Seminary at Fredericton.

THE GENERAL EDUCATION FUND

has paid towards the debt on our Seminary, \$91.44.

THE SUPERANNUATED MINISTER'S FUND.

has contributed to

The Widow McInnis,	\$20 00
Rev. E. M. Starratt,	5 00
The Widow Lawrence,	10 00
Rev. William Puleifer,	10 00
The Widow of Rev. E. M. Starrett,	10 00
Total,	\$55 00

THE SABBATH SCHOOL FUND

supplied contributions as follows:—

Stoney Creek S. S.,	\$3 70	Ludlow,	\$5 00
Elgin S. S., per Rev. D.	6 00	Rev. B. F. Rattray, old claim,	6 00
Bleakney,	6 00	Woodstock, old acc't,	5 00
Hainsville S. S., per G. S.	5 00	North River S. S.,	5 00
Sharp,	5 00	Total,	\$69 70
Newcastle, Mir.,	12 00		
St. Andrews,	22 00		

The Society had on hand at the opening of the year, \$288 23
 Have raised during the year, 1,468 46

Have paid orders to the sum of
 Balance in hands of Treasurer, \$1,886 13
 Making, \$20 56
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6	"	Portland Church,	do.	U F,	4 00
Feb. 7	"	Elgin Church,	per Rev. D. Crandall,	U F,	81 04
5	"	Mrs. Corey's Estate,	per Rev. H. Todd,	H M F,	8 00
Mar. 4	"	Dorchester Church,	H M F,	110 00	
4	"	Portland Church,	per Rev. E. C. Cady,	U F,	4 72
18	"	Rev. G. M. W. Carey,	U F,	4 00	
18	"	York A. U. S. Missionary Society,	per Rev. I. E. Bill,	H M F,	5 00
18	"	2nd Keswick Church,	per Rev. I. E. Bill,	H M F,	6 55
Apl. 14	"	Mrs. Olstead,	H M F,	7 00	
18	"	Dr. Spurden,	H M F,	2 00	
18	"	Rev. J. A. Steadman,	H M F,	5 00	
May 6	"	Leinster Street Church,	H M F,	6 00	
July 7	"	Rev. W. A. Coleman,	collected for H M F,	34 08	
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July 8	By balance in hands of Treasurer,		\$1,706 69	\$1,706 69
8	" amount from Leinster Street Church,	omitted, U F,	\$320 58	
			56 00	

Orders remaining unpaid—

	Widow Lawrence,	S M F,	.....	\$10 00
	Rev. E. Hickson,	H M F,	.....	50 00
	" B. F. Batray,	H M F,	.....	25 00
	" W. M. Edwards,	H M F,	.....	12 50

St. John, N. B., July 8th, 1868.

I have examined the above account, and find the same correct, with vouchers for all payments except \$141.88, to C. Tupper, on the 21st August last. Several amounts on the credit side there are no vouchers for.

St. John, July 8th, 1868.

G. M. STEEVES, TREAS.

A. McL. SEELY, AUDITOR.

The several Special Funds, Baptist Missionary and Union Society, in Account with G. M. Steeves, Treasurer.

UNION SOCIETY.

1868.		DR.	
July 8.	To paid Barnes & Co., for printing,	.....	\$2 50
"	credit Home Mission Fund,	.....	233 88
"	Ministerial Education	.....	87 71
"	Foreign Mission	.....	73 09
"	General Education	.....	73 09
"	Sabbath School	.....	58 46
"	Superannuated Ministers' Fund,	58 46
			\$587 19

1868.		CR.	
July 8.	By receipts to this Fund during the year,		\$587 19
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HOME MISSION FUND.

1867.		DR.	
July 8.	To balance due Treasurer,	\$26 78
1868.	" paid orders on this fund,	823 85
July 8.	" balance on hand,	.....	22 18
			\$872 81
1868.		CR.	
July 8.	By subscriptions to this fund during year,	.....	\$686 93
	" from Union Fund,	.....	288 88
			<u>\$872 81</u>

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION FUND.

		Dr.	
1868.			
July 8.	To paid orders on this Fund,		\$108 74
1868.		Cr.	
July 8.	By balance on hand,		\$15 68
1868.			
July 8.	" subscriptions during year,		1 00
	" from Union Fund,		87 71
	" balance due Treasurer,		4 36—\$108 74

FOREIGN MISSION FUND.

		Dr.	
1868.			
July 8.	To paid orders on this Fund,		\$141 28
	" balance on hand,		223 64
			<u>\$365 02</u>
1867.		Cr.	
July 8.	By balance on hand,		\$140 19
	" subscriptions during year,		151 74
	" from Union Society,		73 09—\$365 02

GENERAL EDUCATION FUND.

		Dr.	
1868.			
July 8.	To paid orders on this Fund,		\$91 44
	" balance on hand,		13 51
			<u>\$104 95</u>
1867.		Cr.	
July 8.	By balance on hand,		\$31 86
1868.			
July 8.	" from Union Fund,		73 09—\$104 95

SABBATH SCHOOL FUND.

		Dr.	
1868.			
July 8.	To paid orders on this Fund,		\$69 70
	" balance on hand,		50 30
			<u>\$120 00</u>
1867.		Cr.	
July 8.	By balance on hand,		\$6 54
	" from Union Fund,		68 46—\$120 00

SUPERANNUATED MINISTERS' FUND.

		Dr.	
1868.			
July 8.	To paid orders on this Fund,		\$56 00
	" balance on hand,		19 36
			<u>\$74 36</u>
1867.		Cr.	
July 8.	By balance on hand,		\$15 90
1868.			
July 8.	" from Union Fund,		58 46—\$74 36

NEW BRUNSWICK BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

FOUNDED A. D. 1836.

OFFICERS FOR 1868.

President—Z. G. Gabel.

Vice-Presidents—

{	Rev. A. D. Thompson,
	Rev. Timothy Harley,
	A. D. Yerxa, Esquire,
	John Ferris, Esquire, M. P.

Secretary—Frederickton—R. H. Phillips.
" St. John—John R. Calhoun.

Treasurer—A. F. Randolph.

Auditor—Z. R. Everitt.

Committee—Rev. I. E. Bill, Rev. George Burns, Rev. E. C. Cady, A. M., Rev. G. M. W. Carey, M. A., Rev. J. G. Harvey, Rev. W. S. McKenzie, M. A., Messrs. John Pickard, Geo. C. Hunt, Thomas Bridges, J. M. Hunt, C. Goodspeed, B. A., F. Hibbert, M. P. P., John Smith, Henry Vaughan, Gilbert White, Hon. A. McL. Seely, A. W. Masters, J. F. Masters, C. G. Berryman, L. McMann, G. M. Steeves, J. S. Harding, J. S. May, and William Lewis.

The Thirty-second Anniversary of this Society washeld in St. George, on the 18th of September, 1868.

The President, Z. G. Gabel, Esq., took the Chair, and called upon the Rev. Timothy Harley to offer prayer.

The Annual Report and the Treasurer's Account were then read by the Rev. J. E. Hopper, B. A.; and, after brief addresses from the Revs. J. A. Steadman, Dr. Spurden, H. A. Charleton, and B. F. Rattray, the Report was adopted.

The President then called the Rev. Dr. Spurden to the Chair, while he earnestly urged the immediate necessity of paying the debt on the Seminary, which he regarded as a debt of honor. Pointed remarks were then made by the Rev. G. M. W. Carey and other brethren.

Resolved, That the Rev. T. H. Munro unite with the Rev. B. N. Hughes in collecting from the churches in Carleton County.

Resolved, That the Rev. H. A. Charleton be assistant collector in Queen's County.

Resolved, That the Rev. George Burns be a collector in the County of York.

Resolved, That the Committees appointed to collect for the liquidation of the debt on the Seminary, proceed at once to attend to their duty, and send the amounts apportioned to their several Counties to the President, Z. G. Gabel, Esq., by the 1st of November next, to be held by him, in trust, for the payment of the debt when the whole amount shall be raised.

A Committee was then appointed, consisting of the Revs. I. E. Bill, E. C. Cady, W. S. McKenzie, and J. E. Hopper, for nominating the Officers for the ensuing year. During their absence, the Rev. G. M. W. Carey offered prayer.

The Committee of Nomination submitted their Report, which was adopted.

The Moderator of the Association then resumed the Chair; and, on motion, it was *Resolved*, That the proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Education Society be inserted in the Minutes of this Association, together with the report, and the papers referring to the resignation of the Rev. C. Spurden, D. D.

TIMOTHY HARLEY, Sec'y. *pro tem.*

REPORT.

The Committee have much pleasure, in presenting their Thirty-second Annual Report, in being able to state that the Seminary, during the past year, has enjoyed a good degree of prosperity. The number in attendance has been ninety-seven, forty-six of whom have been boarders. The senior department is in advance of that of last year—indeed, of any year. The Junior department, owing to the length of the vacation, shows a falling off. This, in the future, will be remedied, as it is our intention to open this department in July, instead of September. With regard to the Seniors, the long vacation in the summer has been found to work well, as there is no break in the studies from the opening to the close of the Institution. This arrangement, after the satisfactory trial it has had, we intend to continue.

During the year, two public examinations were held—one at Christmas, and the other at the end of the close of the School—and your Committee are gratified to state that the result was highly creditable, both to the pupils and their instructors; and that the attendance of friends of the institution was both numerous and respectable. As the Press has given extended notices of these examinations, it is needless to say anything further respecting them.

To render the Institution still more efficient, and to give additional accommodation to pupils deriving advantage from it, the Committee are desirous of fitting up the Gymnasium as a class-room; and they respectfully solicit the increased liberality of all the friends of education, to carry out their wishes in this respect.

We would also remind the Association of the absolute necessity for carrying out the scheme adopted by the Western Association last year for the liquidation of all the Society's debts, and a thorough repair of the Seminary premises. With this accomplished, a wide field of usefulness and a bright career await our future history.

The services of a Lady have been secured for the Female department, who has had much experience, and who has been a very successful teacher of young ladies.

Eight of the students last year entered College. Six more will matriculate this year. Besides, some eight or ten others are preparing for a similar course. These are facts which we desire our people to note. We again urge the importance of prayer for the Seminary; and re-

quest that that day so generally observed throughout this Continent (the last Thursday in February), may be duly kept by all our churches throughout this Province. And not only on that day, but a further request that our County Quarterly Meetings would devote half an hour of some one day of their sessions for a like purpose.

It affords the Committee pleasure to assure the denomination that in connection with the acquisition of knowledge, the moral and spiritual welfare of the students is not overlooked. The Principal, in addition to the morning and evening worship, conducts a weekly prayer-meeting especially for their benefit; and while this year we cannot report any marked display of God's power in the conversion of souls, we trust that good impressions have been made.

During the past year, the following changes have been made in the teaching and boarding department of the Seminary:—

1st. Rev. Dr. Spurden, in the early part of the year, presented his resignation of the Theological Chair, which, for reasons given by himself, and recorded in the Minutes of the Committee, was accepted, and his long and valued services were duly recognized, and an earnest wish expressed that his future labors, in whatever sphere, might be abundantly blessed. A vote of thanks was passed.

2d. The steward having resigned his situation, the Committee have secured Mrs. J. P. A. Phillips to take charge of that department; and they feel confident that every thing will be done to promote the comfort of the boarders.

3d. During the past year, the Principal has resided outside the Seminary building; but the Committee have found that it has not been attended with good results. They have, therefore, requested the Principal to occupy the rooms originally assigned for his use; and hope that this arrangement will prove satisfactory to all concerned.

Brethren of the Churches, we want your prayers. We want your money. We want your active sympathy to aid us in this important and noble cause, that we as a body may do our part to advance our children in intelligence and culture, and that our ministry may be in advance of the people, and not suffered to fall behind them.

Commending this Institution to the blessing of Almighty God, and to the further countenance of the Christian public, the Committee, in closing their Report, would urge upon the Ministry, and all who are interested in education, to favor the Seminary with occasional visits. These visits do much to encourage teachers and scholars, and will at the same time afford satisfactory evidence of the beneficial working of the Institution.

R. H. PHILLIPS,
Secretary in Fredericton.

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Committee of Baptist Seminary, in account with the Treasurer.

1868.		Dr.	
June.	To balance of account in last year's Minutes,		\$190 20
	" Wood (fifteen cords) soft and hard,		88 95
	" making fires twenty-nine weeks,		29 00
	" cutting wood, &c.,		14 69
	" Map and sundries for school-room use,		8 57
	" printing bills for reading,		1 00
	" Mr. Forrest, for glazing,		5 36
	" Mrs. Martin, for cleaning,		2 60
	" Mr. Hains, for repairs,		53 01
	" Mr. Graham, for plastering,		7 00
	" Stove,		6 00
	" Messrs. Pagan & Babbit,		1 00
	" Hugh Wiley, account chairs,		19 80
	" C. Broderick, for wood from Mitchell,		16 00
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June.	By cash, Harvey Church,		\$1 85
	" " Hopewell Church,		2 10
	" " Shediac Church,		2 00
	" donation, Rev. P. McLeod,		4 85
	" Room rent last year,		15 00
	" Fuel fees from last year,		9 00
	" Cash from Z. G. Gabel,		75 28
	" Room rent present year,		17 00
	" Donation J. L. Hains, (in repairs),		21 26
	" " R. H. Phillips,		6 00
	" Fuel fees present year,		60 50
	" Am't from Union Society, per G. M. Steves,		31 44
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Statement of the several amounts due on the Seminary at Fredericton.

Mortgage,	\$1,000.00
Interest to January, 1869,	180.00
Note,	800.00
Interest,	614.00
Incidental,	25.80
Treasurer, \$136.67, (Hopper), \$66.00, (Spurden),	202.67
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Wanted for repairs, some of which cannot be dispensed with,	\$2,842.47
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	830.00
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Resources:	\$3,172.47
Cash on deposit about	\$417.00
June 11, 1867.	

Z. G. GABEL, President.

Resignation of Rev. Dr. Spurden.

For the last twenty-five years this esteemed brother has labored in, defatigably, through winter and summer, seed time and harvest, and, we may add, through evil and through good report, for the furtherance of secular and religious education in connection with the Baptist Seminary at Fredericton. During these twenty-five years what a host of young men have come out from the Institution, some to engage in agricultural and mercantile pursuits, others to enter the learned professions, and a goodly number to take their stand as watchmen upon Zion's battlements. *Faithfully and nobly* has the late Principal of Fredericton Seminary performed his part in the education of this growing country, and his name will go down to future generations embalmed with the gratitude of an appreciative public.

In the providence of God he has felt himself called upon to resign the post which he has so long held, and accordingly has handed in the following

LETTER OF RESIGNATION.

FREDERICTON, Sept. 10, 1867.

To the Board of the N. B. Baptist Education Society:—

Dear Brethren,—As there is no longer any occasion for my services in the Theological department of the Seminary, in consequence of there being no students for that branch of study, I beg respectfully to resign the office which I held last year. This will terminate my connection with the Institution; and in retiring from the service of the Society, I return my sincere thanks to those members of the Board from whom I have uniformly and for many years received aid and encouragement.

I remain, yours truly,

C. SPURDEN.

REPLY OF THE BOARD.

At a meeting of the Board of Education, held on the 14th Oct., 1867, in the City of St. John, the following Resolution was passed:—

Resolved,—That the Rev. Dr. Spurden having, at the request of the Baptist Education Society, come to this country about twenty-five years ago, for the purpose of taking charge of the Baptist Seminary at Fredericton, and having, during that long period, with but one brief interval, conducted its affairs; but now, from various circumstances, being induced to resign that charge, the Board cannot allow the present opportunity to pass without tendering to Dr. Spurden the expression of their high estimation of his qualities as a Teacher, and of his upright, amiable, and excellent character during the whole of that time, while zealously and devotedly discharging the duties of Principal of the Seminary.

In this expression of their feelings the Committee have also the utmost satisfaction in believing such are not the sentiments entertained by themselves only, but also by the Denomination of the two Provinces which have been so long connected in these educational interests, and

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by at least that part of the people of this Province among whom he has so long resided, and to whom the excellence of his character is well known and most highly appreciated. Trusting in the God who has led *him and his* "all their life-time to this day," will still continue to lead and "redeem them from all evil," and make them, as they have been, a blessing to the Denomination, the Board now conclude by conveying to Dr. and Mrs. Spurden their most cordial and affectionate regards.

And further *Resolved*, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Clerk to Dr. Spurden, and the same be inserted in the *Christian Visitor*.

By order of the Board.

JOHN H. CALHOUN,
Secretary in Saint John.

An account of monies received at the Western Association during its session, Sept. 17, 18, and 19, 1868, by the Treasurers, Abraham Young and C. F. Clinch, Esqs., and paid over to G. M. Steeves, Esq., Treasurer of Missionary Board; also of monies received since the session, by the Rev. E. C. Cady, and likewise paid over to G. M. Steeves, Esq., Treasurer of M. B.

CHURCHES.			
Beckaguimic,	Home Missionary Fund,	do.	\$6.55
Douglas (African),	Union Society,	do.	1.50
Fredericton,	do.	do.	23.75
Do.	Foreign Missionary do.	do.	13.68
Grand Falls,	Home Missionary do.	do.	6.50
1st Kingsclear,	Union " do.	do.	10.57
Macnaquack,	Home " do.	do.	5.55
New Jerusalem,	Do. " do.	do.	15.38
Donation, C. F. Clinch, Esq. Do.	Do. " do.	do.	20.00
Donation, C. F. Clinch, Esq., Foreign,	do. " do.	do.	20.00
Rev. George Burns, Home " do.	do. " do.	do.	2.00
Collections at the Association, Union Society do.	do. " do.	do.	38.15
Minute money there,	do. " do.	do.	49.73
			\$213.36

A. YOUNG,
CHAS. F. CLINCH, } TREASURERS.

Minute money,	\$8.00
Fredericton Queen Street Church, Union Society,	15.00
Saint George for Union Society Funds,	12.00
" " " Foreign Missions.	9.00
Pennfield Church,	5.80
Paid over to Treasurer, as stated above,	\$49.80
	Total, \$263.16

E. C. CADY.

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 ourselves to the Lord Jesus Christ, and engage to adhere to him as the head of his people in the covenant of grace, and rely on him as our Prophet, Priest, and King, to bring us to eternal blessedness.

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

We also give up ourselves to one another in covenant, promising to 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; and if we have any personal difficulty with our brethren, we will not cherish enmity or speak of our grievances to others, but will faithfully labour with them, according to the direction of our Lord—Matt. xviii. 15, 17—that sin may be put away from among us, and that iniquity may not be harboured in the church. We engage to watch not only against the most gross evils, but also against all foolish talking and jesting, which are not convenient—vain disputing about words and things which gender strife—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.