

**MINUTES**

OF THE

**TWENTY-EIGHTH SESSION**

OF THE

**WESTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

OF

**NOVA SCOTIA,**

HELD WITH THE

*Baptist Church at Pine Grove, Annapolis County,  
Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday, June 15th,  
17th, and 19th.*

WITH THE

**CIRULAR LETTER, &c.**

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# MINUTES.

PINE GROVE, ANNAPOLIS CO.,

Saturday Morning, June 15th, 1878.

The Western Baptist Association convened according to appointment with the Pine Grove Baptist Church this day, at 10 o'clock, A. M., in its Twenty-eighth Anniversary.

The Association was called to order by Rev. W. H. Richan, the Moderator. After singing hymn 1069,

"Come let us strike our harps afresh,  
To great Jehovah's name,"

Rev. Dr. G. E. Day offered prayer.

Social services of a religious nature were engaged in while the Clerks, *pro tem.*, made out the list of delegates.

## DELEGATES.

*Pine Grove*—Rev. W. G. Parker, Deas. Thos. Marshall, Geo. Dodge, Obadiah Dodge, S. B. Weaver, Chas. Elliot.

*Annapolis and Upper Granville*—Deas. Ebenezer Bent, John Rice, Bros. Benjamin Mills, (Lic.), and W. W. Saunders.

*Yarmouth 1st*—Rev. Geo. E. Day, M. D.

*Port Medway*—Rev. Geo. O. Gates.

*New Albany*—Rev. E. J. Grant, and Bro. Albert Oakes.

*Digby Neck*—Rev. J. C. Morse, Dea. Jacob Denton, and Bro. Henry Nichols.

*Liverpool*—Rev. Geo. O. Gates, Dea. Thos. Nickerson, and Bro. S. S. Murray.

*Arcadia*—Rev. A. H. Lavers.

*Hill Grove*—Rev. G. H. Goudy.

*Digby*—Rev. J. H. Saunders.

*Freeport*—Rev. W. L. Parker, Deas. Edward Denten, and Isaiah Thurbur.

*Tiverton*—Rev. W. L. Parker.

*New Tusket*—Rev. W. L. Parker.

*Ohio*—Bros. J. W. Weeks, (Lic.), and James E. Allen.

*Kempt, Queens Co.*—Rev. T. C. DeLong, and Bro. Jas. Kempton.

*Hebron*—Rev. A. Cohoon, Deas. W. R. Doty, Wm. Durkee, Joseph Saunders, Bros. N. E. Patten and Jas. E. Weddleton.

*Yarmouth West*—Rev. H. N. Parry, Deas. N. Corning, and Ebenezer Rose.

*Clements*—Rev. J. M. Parker, Deas. Danl. D. Potter, Jas. E. Potter, Bros. E. Buckman, Gilbert Hicks, and Joseph Potter.

*Tusket*—Rev. P. R. Foster.

*North Brookfield*—Deas. Jos. M. Freeman, John Hardy, and Bro. A. J. Leadbetter.

*Caledonia*—Dea. B. Leonard Telfer.

*Sherbrooke*—Rev. E. J. Grant, Bros. Thos. A. Wilson, and W. Wilson.

*Barrington*—Rev. W. H. Richan.

*Wood's Harbor*—Rev. W. H. Richan.

*Dalhousie*—Bro. Robert Medicraft.

*Lake George*—Rev. Aaron Cogswell.

*Tusket Lakes*—Rev. Aaron Cogswell.

*Lower Aylesford and South Wilmot*—Revs. E. O. Read, and Charles Tupper, D. D., Deas. J. Neiley, J. L. McKennie, Gilbert Margeson, and C. Spinney.

*Hillsburg 1st*—Dea. H. H. Chute, Bros. Nelson Miller, and W. P. Marshall.

*Beaver River*—Rev. G. B. Titus, Dea. W. H. Goudy, Bros. T. Corning and Reuben Raymond.

*Upper Wilmot*—Revs. W. E. Hall and Obed Parker, Dea. Leason Baker, Bros. Wm. McGill, A. B. Stronach, and Spurdin Stronach.

*Annapolis Royal*—Deas. Isaac Healy, T. H. Randall, Bros. D. Whitman, and Alex. Thomàs.

*Lockeport*—Deas. Austin Locke, Martin Ringer.

*Wilmot*—Rev. John Brown, Deas. S. Jackson, H. Chesley, A. T. Morse, W. H. Balcom, and Bro. A. Longley.

*Middlefield*—Rev. A. J. Cogswell.

*Greenfield*—Rev. A. J. Cogswell, and Bro. Milford Cole, Senr.

*Temple, Yarmouth*—Rev. W. H. Warren, Dea. J. C. Anderson, and Bro. James Cain.

*Westport*—Rev. L. B. Gates.

*Milton, Queens Co.*—Deas. J. H. Nickerson, S. Freeman, Edward Kempton, Bros. Benj. Kempton, and James F. Freeman.

*Yarmouth, South*—Revs. John Rowe, and J. H. Robbins.

*Springfield*—Rev. E. J. Grant, Dea. Chas. Roup, Bros. Geo. Durland, Wm. McNayr, Wm. Spowl, and Wm. McGill.

*Nictaux*—Rev. W. J. Blakeney, Deas. Clark Felch, Wm. Gates, Wm. Shafner, Rufus Banks, and Bro. Daniel Wood.

*Wilmot Mountain*—Rev. J. E. Blakeney, Deas. N. Johnston, Charleton, and Bro. Calvin Marshall.

*Lower Granville*—Bros. B. W. Shafner, Wm. E. Armstrong, and George E. Croscup.

*Lawrencetown and Valley West*—Bros. J. E. Armstrong, M. C. Beal, and B. B. Daniels.

The Association was duly organized by the appointment of

#### OFFICERS.

REV. W. E. HALL, *Moderator.*

REVS. GEO. O. GATES and G. B. TITUS, *Secretaries.*

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The following Committees were then appointed:—

ON ARRANGEMENT.—Revds. W. G. Parker, E. O. Read, W. A. J. Blakeney, W. E. Hall, J. H. Saunders, John Brown, Bros. Leason Baker, and B. Daniels.

TO EXAMINE LETTERS.—Revds. J. Rowe, Aaron Cogswell, and P. R. Foster.

TO READ LETTERS.—Revds. A. Cohoon, W. H. Warren, and J. M. Parker.

Several of the Letters from the Churches were read.

The Committee of Arrangements reported in part as follows:—

1st.—That the morning sessions commence at 10 o'clock, and close at noon; that the afternoon sessions begin at 2.30 and close at 5; that the evening sessions commence at 7.30. We also recommend that a prayer meeting be held each morning at 9 o'clock.

The following Brethren were invited to seats in the Association:

Revds. W. B. Boggs, F. Beattie, of Hopewell, N. B., M. Normondy, C. Blakeney, J. A. Moore, J. D. Skinner, P. F. Murray; Bros. Prof. Tufts, of Horton Collegiate Academy, Prof. C. E. Gates, Solomon Chute, Major Townsend, Wm. Denton, Harding Morse, C. Whitman, G. Tufts, J. H. Hall, A. W. Whitman. (Lic.), Edward Marshall, B. H. Parker, S. Selden, Chas. Skinner, W. J. Gates, E. P. Caldwell, (Lic.), Henry Goucher, and Prof. Pinney.

The session closed after prayer by Rev. T. C. DeLong.

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#### SATURDAY—Afternoon Session.

Prayer was offered by Rev. M. P. Freeman.

Minutes of first session read and approved.

Rev. M. P. Freeman reported himself as Delegate from the N. Eastern Association.

Reading of Letters from the Churches resumed.

After reading the Letter from the 1st Hillsburg Church, by request Rev. Dr. Tupper led the Association in prayer for our dear bro. G. D. Cox and family.

Revds. Dr. Tupper, J. H. Saunders, John Rowe, and Dr. Day were appointed a special committee to examine and report upon a letter sent to this body by the Foreign Mission Board.

The Committee of Arrangements reported further:—

#### COMMITTEES.

CIRCULAR LETTER.—Revds. G. E. Day and W. H. Richan.

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.—Revds. A. Cohoon, E. O. Read, J. C. Blakeney, and Bro. W. R. Doty.

QUESTIONS IN LETTERS.—Revds. J. H. Saunders, T. C. DeLong, and Bro. N. Corning.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.—Revds. J. Brown, A. H. Lavers, Bros. B. H. Parker, and H. H. Chute.

EDUCATION.—Prof. J. F. Tufts, Revds. W. H. Richan, M. P. Freeman, Bros. S. Selden, and W. W. Saunders.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.—Revds. W. J. Blakeney, Aaron Cogswell, and P. F. Murray.

OBITUARIES.—Revds. J. H. Saunders, Dr. Tupper, J. W. Bancroft, and Obed Parker.

TEMPERANCE.—Bros. W. J. Gates, A. Longley, S. S. Murray, Revds. H. N. Parry, and F. Beattie.

The Committee also recommended that the Circular Letter be read on Monday morning, immediately after the Association Sermon; that the session of Monday afternoon be devoted to the consideration of the reports of Committees on Questions in Letters, and Missions, and that a Public Missionary Meeting be held in the evening. They further suggested that the session of Tuesday morning be given to reports of Committees on Education, Religious Literature, and Sabbath Schools. That reports on Sabbath Observance, Obituaries, and Temperance, together with general matters, be the order of the second session of Tuesday; and further, that a devotional meeting be held on Tuesday evening.

The Committee also suggested the following

#### SABBATH APPOINTMENTS.

- Pine Grove*—10.00 A. M. Rev. W. B. Boggs.  
" 2.30 P. M. " J. W. Bancroft.  
" 7.30 " " Dr. Geo. E. Day.  
" (*Wesleyan*)—10.30 A. M. Rev. Frank Beattie.  
" " 3.00 P. M. " G. B. Titus.
- Nictaux*—11.00 A. M. Rev. Geo. O. Gates.  
*Torbroke*—3.30 P. M. " John Rowe.  
*South Williamston*—7.30 P. M. Rev. M. P. Freeman.  
*Melvern Square*—3.00 P. M. Rev. J. C. Blakeney.  
*Farmington Grove*—7.30 P. M. Rev. Geo. O. Gates.  
*Evergreen*—10.30 A. M. "  
*Prince Albert*—10.30 A. M.  
*Paradise West*—3.00 P. M. Rev. P. R. Foster.  
*Clarence*—3.30 P. M. Rev. W. H. Richan.  
*Paradise*—7.30 P. M. " P. R. Foster.  
*Lawrencetown*—11.00 A. M. Rev. W. L. Parker.  
*Lawrencetown and Valley West*—3.00 P. M. Rev. A. Cohoon.  
*Tremont*—3.00 P. M. Rev. J. M. Parker.  
*Greenwood*—11.00 A. M. Rev. A. J. Cogswell.  
*North Kingston*—3.30 P. M. Rev. A. J. Cogswell.  
*Bridgetown*—11.00 A. M. Rev. A. H. Lavers.  
*Port Williams*—10.30 A. M. Rev. L. B. Gates.  
✓ *Port George*—10.00 A. M. Rev. J. A. Moore.  
*Lawrencetown, (Wesleyan)*—11.00 A. M. Bro. J. W. Weeks, (Lic

They further recommend that at each of the services collection be taken in behalf of Home Missions.

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In the absence of Rev. T. A. Higgins, appointed to preach the Associational Sermon, and also of his alternate, the Committee recommended that Dr. Tupper be requested to preach the sermon. After prayer by Rev. E. O. Read the session closed.

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#### MONDAY MORNING, June 17th.

The Association assembled at 10 o'clock.

After preliminary exercises participated in by Revds. P. F. Murray, W. H. Warren, and Dr. G. E. Day, the Associational Sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. Tupper from 1 Samuel xii. 24.

At the close of the sermon Rev. E. O. Read offered prayer.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Minutes of last meeting read, corrected, and approved. Rev. W. H. Warren was, by vote, added to the Committee on Obituaries.

The Committee on Circular Letter reported, recommending the reading of the Letter.

The Letter was then read by its writer, Rev. J. H. Saunders. Subject: "The Lord's money; how shall it be rescued from the service of the Devil."

On motion the Letter was adopted, and ordered to be printed in the Minutes, and also in the *Christian Messenger*.

Your Board after mature consideration, decided to foreclose the

The Special Committee appointed to consider the letter sent to the Association by the Foreign Mission Board reported. Report adopted.

Session closed after singing hymn 282, and prayer by Rev. W. E. Parker.

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#### MONDAY—Afternoon Session.

After singing a hymn, prayer was offered by Rev. P. F. Murray. Minutes of morning session read and approved.

Committee on Questions in Letters reported. The report was in part adopted. (See Appendix A.)

*Resolved*, That the request from the Freeport Baptist Church to hold the Association there next year, be laid on the table.

Rev. J. L. Read reported himself a delegate from the Central Association.

Revds. J. Murray, J. W. Manning, S. Welton, Bros. A. Marshall, Jos. Munro, and H. B. Shafner, (Lic.), were invited to seats in the Association.

The remaining Letters from the Churches were read. Also a letter from the Foreign Mission Board addressed to the Association.

The Committee appointed to secure to the Baptist Churches of Nova Scotia the benefits of Incorporation reported. Report adopted. (See Appendix B.)

Board of Infirm Ministers' Fund reported through their Secretary, Rev. A. Cohoon. Report adopted. (See Appendix C.)



Committee on Missions reported through their Chairman, Rev. W. H. Warren. Spoken to by Revds. Dr. Tupper and J. H. Saunders, and laid on the table for discussion this evening.

*Resolved*, That all moneys sent the Association not appropriated be equally divided between Home, Foreign, and French Missions.

The following brethren were appointed to constitute the Board of Infirm Ministers' Fund, viz : Revds. G. E. Day, P. R. Foster, J. A. Stubbert, A. Cohoon, A. H. Lavers, Bros. J. C. Anderson and W. R. Doty.

*Resolved*, That Bro. Selden be requested to publish 1500 copies of the Minutes of the Association at the same rate as last year ; also to insert the Report of the Home Mission Board and the Minutes of the Home Missionary Union, and reserve 50 copies for the use of the Association.

*Resolved*, That Bros. H. H. Chute, A. Longley, W. R. Doty, H. C. Robbins, and Austin Locke be our delegates to the Convention.

*Also resolved*, That Revds, W. H. Warren, A. Cohoon, W. L. Parker, P. R. Foster, and Bro. J. C. Anderson be our delegates to the Central Association.

*Also resolved*, That Dr. Tupper, and any other of the ministering brethren visiting the Eastern Association, be our delegates.

*Also resolved*, That Rev. W. H. Warren, and any other of the ministers visiting in P. E. Island, be our delegates.

The Committee of Arrangements further reported, naming the speakers for the evening. Each address to be limited to ten minutes :

On Foreign Missions—Revds. W. B. Boggs, J. W. Manning, and George Armstrong. On Home Missions—Revds. Dr. G. E. Day, W. H. Warren, and A. Cohoon. On French Missions—Revds. M. Normondy, J. H. Saunders, and J. Rowe.

*Resolved*, That the Committee of Arrangements select the various Committees at this session of the Association for next year.

*Resolved*, That Rev. J. W. Bancroft be added to the Committee of Arrangements.

On motion, the report of the Committee on Questions in Letters was taken from the table.

*Resolved*, That a vote of thanks be tendered the Freeport Church for the kind invitation to meet with them next year.

On motion, *Resolved*, That we accept the invitation of the Hebron Church to meet in Hebron on our next annual session.

On motion, leave of absence was granted to Bro. W. A. McGill of Springfield, and Rev. A. H. Lavers.

After prayer by Rev. T. C. DeLong, the session closed.

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MONDAY—Evening Session.

MISSIONARY MEETING.

After singing, prayer was offered by Rev. J. W. Manning. Minutes of afternoon session read and approved.

Report of Committee on Missions read by the Chairman, Rev. W. H. Warren.

Addresses on Missions followed. On Foreign Missions—Revds. W. B. Boggs and George Armstrong. Home Missions—Revds.

Dr. Day, W. H. Warren, and A. Cohoon. French Missions—Revds. M. Normandy, J. Rowe, and J. H. Saunders.

Report again laid on the table.

After prayer by Rev. John Brown, this interesting session closed.

TUESDAY MORNING, June 18th.

Rev. Aaron Cogswell offered the opening prayer.

The Minutes of previous session read and approved.

The report on Missions was again taken from the table. Spoken by Revds. Dr. Tupper, E. O. Read, J. H. Saunders, Dr. Day,

T. C. DeLong, W. B. Boggs, A. Cohoon, W. G. Parker, John Brown, J. W. Manning, and others. Report amended and adopted. (See Appendix D.)

The following resolution passed:—

Whereas, The Foreign Mission Board has been appointed to transact the business of this department of our denominational work;

And Whereas, All the facts of the case referred to by them in their report are before them as they are not before us, we can consequently better understand the question than we can;

Resolved, therefore, That we refer this matter back to the Board for their decision, and that we hereby renew our pledges of support.

Leave of absence was granted Revds. Dr. Day, G. H. Goudy, Aaron Cogswell, T. C. DeLong, G. B. Titus, and Bro S. S. Murray.

Committee of Arrangement reported in part as below:—That J. M. Parker preach the next Annual Sermon, and that Rev.

W. Bancroft be his alternate; also that Rev. John Brown write the Circular Letter.

Committee on Education reported. Spoken to by Prof. Tufts, Horton Academy, Revds. George Armstrong, Dr. Day, W. H.

Warren, A. Cohoon, J. H. Saunders, and John Brown. Report accepted. (See Appendix E.)

After prayer by Rev. P. R. Foster, session closed.

TUESDAY—Afternoon Session.

Prayer by Rev. J. H. Saunders. Minutes of last session read and approved.

Committee on Religious Literature reported. Spoken to by Bro. S. Selden, Revds. E. O. Read, A. Cohoon, Joseph Murray, John Rowe, and G. Armstrong. Report adopted. (See Appendix F.)

Leave of absence granted Rev. J. W. Bancroft, Bros. Gilbert Margeson, Jos. King, J. W. Weeks, (Lic.), James E. Allen.

Committee on Obituaries reported. Spoken to by Rev. Dr. Tupper. Report adopted. (See Appendix G.)

Committee on Temperance reported. Spoken to by Revds. Frank Beattie, W. G. Parker, John Rowe, W. H. Warren, W. B. Boggs, and Bro. A. Longley. Report adopted in a slightly amended form. (See Appendix H.)

The Committee of Arrangements reported finally as below :—

**COMMITTEES FOR 1879.**

ON DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE.—Revds. John Brown- E. N. Archibald, P. R. Foster, and Dea. J. C. Anderson.

ON CIRCULAR LETTERS.—Revds. J. W. Bancroft and J. A. Stubbert.

ON EDUCATION.—Revds. T. A. Higgins, W. H. Richan, and J. M. Parker.

ON MISSIONS.—Revds. Dr. Day, John Rowe, A. Cohoon, and Dea. A. C. Robbins.

ON OBITUARIES.—Revds. W. G. Parker, and W. E. Hall.

ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.—Revds. Geo. O. Gates, L. B. Gates, and W. L. Parker.

ON TEMPERANCE.—Rev. J. H. Saunders, and Bro. A. Longley.

ON QUESTIONS IN LETTERS.—Revds. P. F. Murray, W. J. Blakeney, and P. R. Foster.

ON ARRANGEMENTS.—Revds. A. Cohoon, G. B. Titus, H. N. Parry, A. H. Lavers, G. E. Day, J. A. Stubbert, J. Rowe, and P. R. Foster.

Report on Sabbath Schools read and adopted. (See App. I.)

The following resolution passed unanimously :—

*Whereas*, The use of Tobacco may be considered as a useless expenditure of money, injurious to the health of those that use it, and also a filthy habit ;

*Therefore Resolved*, That this Association recommend the representatives of the Churches to bring this matter at an early day before their respective Churches, and use every effort in their power to have the use of the weed abandoned by our church members, and the money that was by them formerly so expended be given to the support of the Gospel.

*Resolved*, That we tender our hearty thanks to the Church and Congregation at Pine Grove for the kind and hospitable entertainment they have extended to delegates and friends during the session of Association.

*Resolved*, That the Treasurers of this Association be requested to pay to the Treasurers of the respective Boards the amounts of money appropriated to the different objects.

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*Also Resolved*, That the Treasurer be requested to furnish a copy of his report for the Minutes.

*Resolved*, That Bros. B. H. Parker and A. J. Leadbetter be the Auditing Committee.

On motion, the Committee on Sabbath Observance were discharged.

On motion, Dr. Tupper was requested to furnish for publication in *Christian Messenger* and *Visitor* the sermon of Monday morning.

Prof. Spinney and his two children, by request, sang in excellent style several sacred songs, for which he received, by vote, the thanks of the Association.

The Minutes of the session being read and approved, after prayer by Rev. Geo. Armstrong, the Association adjourned by the passing the following resolution :—

*Resolved*, That in compliance with the invitation of the Baptist Church at Hebron, this Association now adjourn to meet with that Church (D. V.) on the third Saturday of June, 1879, at 10 o'clock, A.M.

The doxology being sung, the benediction was pronounced by the Moderator.

The whole session of the Association was of a most pleasing character. The morning prayer meetings were full of interest, and the evening meeting of Tuesday, (social), with its earnest prayers and exhortations, and sweet songs of praise, will long be remembered by those present. The brethren bade each other good bye with prayer for each other's prosperity and the extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

W. E. HALL, *Moderator.*

GEO. O. GATES, } *Secretaries.*  
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Statistics of the Churches in the N. S. Western Association, held in Pine Grove, June, 1878.

NAME OF CHURCH.	PASTOR'S NAME.	Year of Settlement.	CLERK, AND P. O. ADDRESS.	INCREASE.			DECREASE.			Resident Members.	Non-resident M'brs.	Total Membership.	
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1 Acadia French Mission*	M. Normonday.	1870	Simon Bolsor, North Rang.	6	2				3	73	2	93	
2 Annapolis Royal	T. A. Higgins.	1874	J. C. Britton	5	2				5			75	
3 Annapolis and Upper Granville.		1801	John Rice, Bridgetown.	2	5							295	
4 Argyle	1830		Heman Nickerson	4						110	12	122	
5 Acadia	A. H. Lavers.	1871	B. C. Robbins	1					2	21	8	29	
6 Barrington	W. H. Richan.	1854	1863 Josiah Smith	4					2	27	19	46	
7 Beaver River	G. B. Titus.	1846	1877 W. S. Raymond	1					1	36	17	53	
8 Brookfield.		1828	A. J. Leadbetter, North B.	1					3	16	9	25	
9 Caledonia.		1864	B. L. Teller	1					1	1	1	3	
10 Clements.	J. M. Parker.	1810	James Potter, Upper C.	1					1	1	1	3	
11 Dalhousie West.		1835	John Hannan	1					1	1	1	3	
12 Digby	H. Sanders.	1840	J. S. Parker.	3					3	122	24	146	
13 Digby Neck, 1st.	J. C. Morse.	1809	1842 W. C. Denton, Waterford.	3					3	98	13	111	
14 Digby Neck, 2nd		1849	W. Denton	2					2	162	13	175	
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19 Hampton	J. A. Bleakney	1824	1874 Jacob Chase	9					9	273	60	333	
20 Hebron.	A. Cohoon	1837	1876 James Grosley	3					3	208	45	253	
21 Hillsburgh, 1st.		1823	T. H. Miller	1					1	4	4	9	
22 Hillsburgh, 2nd		1843	John H. Thomas	1					1	9	15	24	
23 Hill Grove and Sand Point*	J. Goodwin, (Lic.)	1843	John A. Adams	1					1	9	15	24	
24 Jordan Bay*		1848	John Adams	1					1	9	15	24	
25 Lake George	W. Whittier	1844	W. S. F. McKenne, Queens Co.	1					1	88	2	90	
26 Lawrencestown	A. C. C. C. C.	1848	Chifford Locke	1					1	88	2	90	
27 Lower Aylesford & South Wilmot	E. O. Road.	1879	1877	1					1	137	6	143	
28 Lower Granville		1820	Robert Fitz Randolph	1					1	137	6	143	
29 Lower Sade River*		1829	L. S. Tufts, Kingston Station.	1					1	7	402	39	441
30 Lewis Head		1867	Eden Spruy, G. Ferry.	1					1	8	186	194	
31 Lightfield	J. F. McKenne.	1831	Thomas D. Giffin	1					1	8	186	194	





**Ministers in the N. S. Western Association.**

NAME.	Place of residence.	Date of Ordination.	Place of Ordination.
Rev. H. Achilles.....	Parker's Cove.....	Nov. 1, 1854	Marshall's Cove.
" E. N. Archibald.....	Osborne.....	1865	Alexandra, P. E. I.
" W. A. J. Blakeney.....	Nictaux.....	1860	Cambridge, N. B.
" J. W. Bancroft.....	Weymouth.....	April 17, 1875	Windsor.
" John Brown.....	Paradise.....	April 7, 1870	Sodbury, Glo., G. B.
" A. Cohoon.....	Hebron.....	July 11, 1872	Paradise.
" A. Cogswell.....	Tusket Lakes.....	Jan. —, 1843	St. Mary's Bay.
" A. J. Cogswell.....	Greenfield.....	1874	Tusket Lakes.
" G. E. Day, M. D.....	Yarmouth.....	Jan. 26, 1868	Yarmouth.
" P. R. Foster.....	Tusket.....	Sept. 9, 1868	Kempt, Queens Co.
" L. B. Gates.....	Westport.....	Sept. 24, 1861	New Cornwall.
" G. O. Gates.....	Liverpool.....	Oct. 22, 1873	Liverpool.
" G. H. Goudy.....	St. Mary's Bay.....	June 7, 1877	St. Mary's Bay.
" E. J. Grant.....	New Albany.....	1878	New Albany.
" A. H. Lavers.....	Arcadia.....	Sept. 21, 1876	Port Medway.
" T. A. Higgins.....	Annapolis.....	1857	Liverpool.
" W. E. Hall.....	Melvern.....	Sept. 23, 1864	New Germany.
" J. C. Morse.....	Digby Neck.....	Nov. 30, 1843	Digby Neck.
" P. F. Murray.....	Bridgetown.....	March 14, 1848	Westport.
" J. F. McKenne.....	Ragged Islands.....	Oct. 20, 1859	Greenfield.
" M. Normonday.....	Saulterville.....	July 20, 1859	Yarmouth.
" W. G. Parker.....	Lawrencetown.....	Jan. 20, 1848	New Albany.
" Obed Parker.....	Melvern.....	Feb. 21, 1844	Wilnot.
" W. L. Parker.....	Freepoint.....	Sept. 30, 1868	Upper Aylesford.
" J. M. Parker.....	Clements.....	Oct. 5, 1866	Springfield.
" H. N. Parry.....	Chegoogin.....	April 25, 1877	Gaspereaux.
" W. H. Richan.....	Barrington.....	Sept. 30, 1863	Barrington.
" John Rowe.....	Hebron.....	.....	Maccan.
" E. O. Read.....	Tremont.....	Jan. 8, 1858	Gaspereaux.
" J. H. Sanders.....	Digby.....	Aug. 11, 1858	Ohio, Yarmouth Co.
" J. A. Stubbart.....	Deerfield.....	Dec. 17, 1843	Port Medway.
" J. D. Skinner.....	Beaver River.....	April 21, 1875	Beaver River.
" Charles Tupper, D.D.....	Aylesford.....	July 17, 1817	Canard.
" G. B. Titus.....	Beaver River.....	March 26, 1874	Osborne.
" Edward Whitman.....	Lockeport.....	Aug. 13, 1872	Lockeport.
" W. H. Warren.....	Yarmouth.....	Feb. 8, 1872	Cavendish, P. E. I.

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J. W. Weeks,  
J. M. Longley,  
Bernard Shafner,  
James R. King,

J. C. Spurr,  
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# CIRCULAR LETTER.

THE LORD'S MONEY. HOW SHALL IT BE RESCUED FROM THE SERVICE OF THE DEVIL?

THE CIRCULAR LETTER FROM THE NOVA SCOTIA WESTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION TO THE CHURCHES OF WHICH IT IS COMPOSED.

Dear Brethren and Sisters,—

In this letter we use the word money in a representative sense. Permit us first to call your attention to five facts.

1st. *There is a vast amount of money in the world.* Our Heavenly Father has not only made this His footstool very beautiful, but very rich, as well. The budgets of parliaments, voicing the lavish expenditure of nations, and the untold millions represented in its commerce express this. We may be allowed to add that this great wealth is increasing with the progress of the ages. Nor can we describe the wealth of earth without mentioning its undeveloped resources, now silently awaiting the touch of human skill and effort to greatly increase its richness.

2nd. *All this money belongs to the Lord Jehovah.* The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the cattle upon a thousand hills are His. The gold and the silver are His also. Every dollar, every cent, every grain of sand rightfully belongs to Him. He has created all things, and for His pleasure they are, and were created.

3rd. *A very small percentage of this money is employed in the service of Jehovah.* The most of the wealth of earth is devoted to the service of the devil for the injury of man. The proof of this is found in the governmental and commercial reports of the day. These show that the Christian nations spend vast sums wickedly. The liquor bill of the United States is \$700,000,000 annually; and Great Britain spends £147,000,000 sterling for the same wicked purpose every year. The United States spend \$610,000,000 annually for tobacco, while the salary of all the ministers of the gospel in her domain is said to be only \$6,000,000 yearly. It is quite probable that these rates of expenditure will apply to this Province. And yet we boast of our Christianity. Let us add to this, and compute if we can, the money spent in other vices, so ruinous to our race. Remember that it takes large sums of money to ruin the beautiful mechanism of the human body; that it resists most stoutly the assaults of vice; and that establishments for the quelling of these flames of perdition are very expensive. These vast sums are all paid with the Lord's money. All this is used to

defraud Him and destroy man; and much of this by a people calling themselves after His Name. Then we may add to this the untold millions spent in the support of heathen religions. Compare this with the mere pittance devoted to the service of the Saviour, in the extension of His kingdom, and the millenium seems to be far ahead of us. How guilty is the world in these matters referred to. Let us look well to our ways as church members, that we are not participants in this guilt.

4th. *The Lord has use for all this wealth.* The kingdom of Christ never has, nor ever can increase in the world without the expenditure of money. The history of the Church in all ages proves this to have been so in the past. The prophecies and principles of His kingdom alike prove that it must be so in the future.

5th. *The prophecies and promises of God's Word declare that all this money is to be reclaimed* from the channels in which it now flows, and devoted to the service of Christ, to "make the place of his feet glorious"; and to make His people "an eternal excellency, a joy of many generations."

In the light of these facts we ask

HOW IS THIS MONEY TO BE RECLAIMED?

This question is legitimate inasmuch as we know that Christians and churches have work to do, influences to exert, and responsibilities to bear in this connection. God's purposes and plans are intertwined with the purposes and plans of man. "Every man's life is a plan of God." We are the salt of the earth to save it from moral putrefaction and decay. We are the leaven in the mass, to give it new life. We are the light of the world to give correct direction to its energies. "Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, mine epistles known and read of all men." How do we use our Lord's money? If we, as the followers of Christ, are astray in the use of money, who will guide the wicked masses in this particular? Are the means in the hands of God's own children used for unholy purposes, then Christ is not honored, and the world is not blessed as it would be by their conversion to right views on this subject. Judgment must begin at the House of God.

The most embarrassing difficulties of our churches to-day pertain to their finances. Our churches are, many of them, disgraced by arrearages, while our ministers are worried and perplexed for want of support. Many churches are pastorless, and many preachers are worse than churchless for the same cause. The appeals of our Missionary Boards, and of our beloved "Acadia," now in ashes, have in them too much of the wail of starving agony to do honor to the glorious kingdom to which they belong. On every hand open doors are before us, through which the sin-cursed are calling for the bread of life. From every existing religious organization the refrain is heard, "We want more money," while every evil work is well sustained, and the coffers of false religions are full. All this must

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be changed. But how? Do not these financial groanings of the Church voice the displeasure of our God? Do they not, as in ancient times, speak of our breach of covenant with Him? Are we not hindered in our progress because we are embracing and practicing errors?—*Financial errors* it may be!

That we may better understand the will of our Heavenly Father, and more intelligently labor for the redemption of earth's treasures to the work and service of God, permit us to emphasize the foregoing facts.

The first, viz: "That there is a great deal of money in the world," we put against the cry of "hard times," when the claims of Christ's cause are pressed upon us. "Hard times" in this connection may mean hard hearts and want of love to God. It may mean that the money is in the wrong hands; and that some of it is in our hands.

The second fact, viz.: "That all this money belongs to our Lord" will lead us to a careful consideration of our stewardship and the claims of a sinful world upon us.

The third fact, viz: "That but a small per centage of this wealth is consecrated to the service of God" will lead us to a careful and righteous expenditure of our means, lest *our* money be used to aid and perpetuate the reign of evil.

The fourth fact, viz.: "That money is an important factor in Christ's "plan of salvation" is worthy of more attention than it has yet received from the Christian Church. The historical evidence of this is conclusive. It may yet be known that the church's lack of funds is not because of the poverty of her membership, but rather that the possessions of Christians are not properly invested. Pride of possession and false views of the Spirit's influence may mislead. A religious creed may be made up of truths, and yet not be truthful. It may be false in its proportions. It may be delusive in its perspective."

Doubtless there are many in the Christian church to-day whose voices are loud in prayer for a repetition of Pentecostal blessings. Who would both cease to pray and wish for them, if they but took the idea that such an outpouring of the Holy Spirit would as surely wring the money out of them, as it would enable them to speak with tongues and rejoice. This feature of Pentecost has been far overlooked by our ministers and churches that the Spirit's influence is seldom gauged by the money freely offered to the service of God, but rather by the joyous experiences of the people and the number of the converts baptized. In apostolic times, men and women and *money* were rescued from the service of the devil. In many of our modern revivals it would be thought unwise to produce any grand financial scheme for church work lest we should check the Spirit's operations and chill the zeal of the converts.

Ere the wealth of earth is fully devoted to the service of God the Church must find its way back to the original platform, and

embrace most heartily the principles of unselfish benevolence inculcated by the first outpouring of the Spirit.

According to the unchanging purposes of grace, the Holy Spirit at Pentecost put heavenly classics and consecrated finances together. Let us not attempt to separate them. But this we are doing if we are claiming religious privileges without consecrating all we have and are to the service of God. Ananias and Sapphira tried this in the first church. Their fearful failure should warn us. The will of our Saviour in this particular is plainly uttered. Let us rejoice in it. He has ordained noble uses for money. Let us invest in these heavenly enterprises. In the necessities of our Missionary and Educational institutions we can read our duty as they call upon us for assistance. In the woes of the benighted devotees of evil, as we see them in the light of our own joyous experience of God's grace, we may recognize the proper use of our money.

The fifth fact, viz.: That earth's riches shall yet all be laid at the Saviour's feet—That His Church shall be most gloriously adorned and sustained—That the gold and the silver, the precious stones and the wood, with the abundance of the sea, shall be fully devoted to the service of Christ, should encourage us to invest to the extent of our ability. Faith in God demands this. Benevolence, one of the cardinal principles of Christ's kingdom, is a kingly grace. It will never be satisfied till it reigns supremely. Earth will never be truly blessed till every knee bows to it—Till every heart catches to the full its spirit—Till every purse is emptied at its feet. "Freely ye have received freely give," is its mandate. "It is better to give than to receive," is its reward. "There is that withholdeth, but it tendeth to poverty," is its threatened penalty. When the Christian Church better understands the teachings of her Lord,—when she is brought to exercise full confidence in His purposes of mercy, which were of old, then her treasury will be full. The riches of earth shall be reclaimed from the service of the devil, so far as the possessions of Christians are concerned. The time will then have past when we shall expect religious progress by abstract spiritual influences—When the Holy Spirit will be expected to control us thoroughly, except in our personal and real estate. The time will then have passed when a sister will be found in our church richly appareled, with nothing to give for the conversion of the heathen. No brother will then answer the appeals of our institutions with the deceptive cry of "hard times." Then shall the earth yield her increase, and God, even our own God, shall bless us.

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# APPENDIX.

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## Report on Questions in Letters.

The Committee on Questions in Letters beg to report that the following resolution passed by the Lower Aylesford and South Wilmot Church, was considered by them :

*Whereas*, All our meeting houses and nearly all our members are in Kings County, which naturally places us within the limits of the Central Association :

*And whereas*, It is generally more convenient for us to send delegates to said Association :

*Therefore Resolved*, That during your present session at Pine Grove, that we ask the Western Association to grant us a letter of dismission to unite with the Central Association about to be held in Canard.

They recommend that the request of the Church therein recorded be granted by this Association.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. SAUNDERS, *Chairman*.

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## Report on Incorporation.

The Committee appointed to secure to the Baptist Churches of Nova Scotia the benefits of Incorporation, report as follows :

An Act of Incorporation was passed by both houses of Legislature in April last, and received the Governor's signature. Your Committee recommend that the Act referred to be published in a prominent place in the minutes of this Association for future reference.

G. E. DAY, *Chairman*.

AN ACT SECURING TO BAPTIST CHURCHES OF NOVA SCOTIA THE BENEFITS OF INCORPORATION.

(Passed the 4th day of April, A. D., 1878.)

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Assembly as follows :—

1. It shall be lawful for any Baptist Church now organized in this province, or that may yet be organized, to secure the benefits of incorporation according to the provisions of this Act by calling a meeting as hereinafter to be defined.

2. Members of any such churches assembled at the place of worship of said church, and by a majority of votes shall elect from the members of



said church three, six or nine persons as a Board of Trustees; and such Trustees and their successors in office shall be a body corporate on behalf of the said Church.

3. Public notice shall be given of the meeting for the election of Trustees under this Act, and also of all subsequent meetings for the election of Trustees at one regular service of the church on each of the two Sabbaths next preceding such election, the object, time and place of such meeting to be distinctly stated in said notice.

4. The trustees thus elected shall be so divided by lot at the first election, one-third of them shall go out of office at the expiration of one year, one-third at the expiration of two years, and one-third at the end of three years, and thereafter the term of service of one third of their number shall expire annually, and their places shall be filled by a new election as provided by Section third; it being understood that those going out of office shall be eligible for re-election.

5. The Trustees first elected shall file, or cause to be filed, in the Book of Records of church business an account of their election duly signed by the Chairman and Secretary of the meeting at which said election took place, and thenceforth the Board of Trustees so organized shall be a body corporate. Such Trustees shall hold regular meetings for business at such time and place as they may appoint, and special meetings may be called by any three of them; a majority of the whole number shall be a quorum for the transaction of business, and a majority of the votes cast on any question shall decide such question.

6. Such Trustees shall take charge of the property of said church, both real and personal, but such Trustees shall have no right to divert the property of said church from uses appointed by the church, or to incur debts beyond what is necessary for the proper care, repairs and preservation of the property of the said church, unless such authority is specially conferred by such church on such trustees; and such authority to alienate, sell or encumber shall be valid only when approved by a majority present at a meeting of persons qualified to vote for Trustees, such meeting to be called as provided in Section third of this Act. In other respects the Trustees shall have all the rights, powers and duties granted by law to bodies corporate.

7. When a person elected Trustee shall die, or for the term of three consecutive months cease to attend or support the worship of said Church, his place may be declared vacant by an official notice of the Board of Trustees to the church, and a new election shall be ordered to fill such vacancy as provided in Section third of this Act.

8. This Act shall in no way interfere with the churches that are now enjoying the benefits of incorporation.

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### Report on Infirm Ministers' Fund.

The first regular meeting of your Board was held Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> when Rev. G. E. Day was chosen Chairman, and Rev. A. Cohoon Secretary and Treasurer. Meetings have been held through the year as circumstances required. Aid has been rendered to three of our aged Ministers, one of whom has since gone to his rest, and one Sister, widow of the late Rev. Samuel Richardson.

Your Board after mature consideration decided to foreclose the Marshall mortgage, and the matter is now in the lawyer's hands.

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A. COHOON, *Secretary.*

INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND in account with A. COHOON, TREASURER.

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"	" " C. Randall.....	20 00
"	" " Mrs. Richardson.....	20 00
April 2.	" for copy of Release from Recorder's Office .	0 85
June 10.	" Postage, P. O. Orders, &c.....	0 84
"	" Balance to New Account.....	23 82
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A. COHOON, *Treasurer.*

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**Report on Missions.**

Your Committee would respectfully suggest that it is too soon for our churches to throw aside the Master's commission to "preach the gospel to every creature." When the time shall come for suspending operations in this department of Christian work some special revelation of the Divine Will may be expected intimating the expediency of such a course. As yet, however, the great commission remains in full force.

The magnitude, necessity, and importance of the Foreign Missionary enterprise are exceedingly great. This work is solemnly laid upon us by our Redeemer's last command, and we cannot neglect it without disloyalty to our King. The past year has been marked by some vicissitudes in our foreign field. Bro. Armstrong has been compelled, on account of sickness, to abandon the station which he had taken up, but has been successful in locating at another place nearer the sea-coast, which will probably prove an excellent station. Bro. Churchill and family have been sick so, but, at last accounts, all the company were well. One of the native helpers was suddenly stricken down, but the Lord can raise up others. The brethren and sisters are still toiling, sowing the seed of the Kingdom by the different departments of the mission work.

In this great undertaking we need faith and courage. If, with timidity, or doubt, or indifference, we prosecute this work, it will inevitably bring disappointment and shame,—but a bountiful sowing in faith and hope and dependence on God will lead to prosperity and joy. To this end enlarged contributions are much needed. There must be a general waking up of our churches to the claims of this great work.

A number of churches in this Association have contributed nothing to this cause during the year just closed, and the contributions of many have been deplorably small, in many cases being less than three cents per member.

It gives your Committee pleasure to announce that our Home Missions are in a comparatively prosperous condition. Fourteen missionaries have been regularly employed during the past year in the service of the Home Missionary Union; and, in addition to this, twenty pastors have been aided financially in continuing their labors among feeble churches. God has graciously blessed the efforts of these laborers, and through their agency more than one hundred have been added by baptism to our numbers. It is satisfactory to know that the liabilities of our H. M. Board are about \$400 less than they were last year on May 31, and that these liabilities will, for the most part, be removed before the Annual Meeting of the Union. Your Committee earnestly commend this important matter to the continued sympathy and more liberal support of our churches.

The condition of the French Mission is not so satisfactory as could be desired. The missionary, however, has continued laboring on the field, and there have been some signs of the Master's approval. Your Committee regret that there are evidences of a lack of denominational interest in this important mission. We sincerely hope that there may soon be a change for the better, and that more adequate contributions shall be forwarded by our brethren for the French Mission treasury.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. WARREN, *Chairman.*

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### REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee beg leave to submit the following report:—

As a denomination we have been engaged in educational work for about fifty years, and a review of what has been accomplished during that period affords abundant reason for gratitude. Results have proved the wisdom and foresight of the fathers in founding the institutions at Wolfville.

Your Committee contemplate with pleasure the present condition of the denomination in regard to education. Our pulpits are being filled by an educated ministry; our membership is intelligent and appreciative of higher education; they are loyal to the institutions

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at Wolfville and liberal in their benefactions towards their support ; from the ranks of our youth increasing numbers are coming up year by year, anxious for more education than the common schools can give and determined to secure the higher and broader culture of our Academy and College. These are cheering signs indicative of good to come.

The calamity that befell the College building in December we believe will be overruled by the All Wise Disposer of events for his glory and the advancement of his kingdom. It has called forth the sympathy of our people in no ordinary manner, and notwithstanding the financial depression, liberal donations have been given toward the Building Fund, and the work of re-building is already being pushed rapidly forward.

Your Committee would express their confidence in the wisdom and discretion of the Board of Governors, and believe that they are judiciously managing the affairs committed to them, and will bring about such results in the erection of the new buildings as will merit and receive the hearty approbation of all and secure the largest measure of good to the denomination and the State.

During the past year a larger number of students has been in attendance at the institutions than ever before. Seven young gentlemen graduated from the College at the late anniversary, six of whom have the Christian ministry in view. Three young ladies completed the Literary Course in the Academy and received certificates to that effect. Twenty-six young men from the Classical Course of the Academy presented themselves to the College Faculty for the Matriculation Examination, all of whom we hope will be in the Freshman Class in College next year.

Many of the friends of the College have long desired to see more attention given to the Theological Department, believing that a home-trained ministry is best adapted to our condition and to the development of our churches. Prof. Welton, who has been studying two years in the University of Leipsig, Germany, will be in the College next year and give his whole strength to Theological instruction, assisted by Dr. Crawley. We hope our licentiates and younger brethren in the ministry who have not hitherto taken a Theological training will avail themselves of the opportunities thus placed within their reach.

Your Committee would suggest that active measures be taken to secure additional subscriptions to the Building Fund and to collect and forward the same to the Treasurer, Dr. Barss, that if possible a debt may not be incurred by the erection of the College and Seminary. With hearty co-operation in the work, and prayer for the divine blessing on our efforts this result can be secured and the institutions started on the second half century of their career with enlarged facilities for usefulness and increased power for good.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. Turrs, *Chairman.*

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**Report on Religious Literature.**

Your Committee have nothing very cheering to report concerning the dissemination of Religious Literature by our Denomination.

Quite a number of Sabbath Schools have been supplied with Baptist Literature through the agency of the Home Missionary Union. This Society is prepared to fill all orders for Sabbath School Books at short notice, and your Committee recommend, that until the establishment of a Book Depository, which it is hoped will soon be effected, the churches avail themselves of this agency to supply their Sunday Schools.

The Committee regard the Denominational newspaper as an important instrumentality in spreading abroad the truth as held by us. They are of opinion that if, instead of two papers for these Maritime provinces, we had but one, the character of the paper could be considerably improved, the circulation increased, and the wants of the denomination more fully met.

Respectfully submitted,

A. COHOON, *Chairman.*

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**Report on Obituaries.**

Our beloved brother, and father in the gospel, Rev. Charles Randall, of Weymouth, peacefully departed this life on the 24th of March last. Like his associations with us while he lived, the duty of recording to his memory is very pleasant. He will long be remembered as a man of God. There are few men to whom we could with more propriety refer as an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no guile. His was the unusual experience of more than 45 years on the same field of labor, and his the more extraordinary privilege of enjoying increasing popularity to the end of his days. Though for several of his last years he was laid aside from his usual labors, to a very great extent, by disease, his death is much lamented in the large field he so long and faithfully served. In public estimation in the County of Digby he leaves but few equals. His life was an illustration of the gospel he preached. He was a careful student of the Scriptures, and mighty therein. He was quite as careful a student of human nature, and well acquainted therewith. His preaching was scriptural, analytical, and logical. Though it was not his privilege to enjoy literary advantages such as these times afford, he highly prized them. He was endowed with a good share of common sense, and a love for souls which well fitted him for his work. Veneration and benevolence found expression in his life. His strong will and passions were under the control of heavenly wisdom. In humility he esteemed others

better than himself, while he valued his own convictions of truth and duty above any price. He has left a marked impression for good upon his people. When compelled by his many infirmities to relinquish his position as pastor he cheerfully submitted to that condition, against which human nature usually rebels, to see those who came after him preferred before him. He was sympathetic and helpful to his successor. He is now resting from his labors. His memory is fragrant. His example is worthy of imitation. May we all be followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

During the year it has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove several very valuable members from our churches. Of this number we may be permitted to mention Dea. Sidney Welton, of the Lower Mylesford and South Wilmot Church. He was for many years a valued member. Three of his sons in the ministry, viz: the Revs. D. M., C. B., and Sidney Welton, are now occupying useful posts in the service of God; while the father is resting from his labors.

Deacon Samuel Brown, of Temple Church, Yarmouth, passed away to his reward on March 12th last. He was a worthy man, a consistent church member, and a faithful officer,—always at his post, and never flagging in his interest in the prosperity of the Master's cause. Whilst he sincerely loved all classes of Christians, he was devotedly attached to his own denomination, believing firmly that Baptist doctrine and practice are in more strict accord with the teaching of God's Word than those of any other body of Christians. He was of large-hearted benevolence, genial in disposition, and spiritually-minded in all the relations of life. We bless God for a life so useful, and an example so worthy of imitation.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. SAUNDERS, *Chairman.*

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### Report on Temperance.

Your Committee are glad to be able to report a rapid advance in the cause of Temperance during the past year.

The "tidal wave" of the "Reform movement," and the persevering efforts of older organizations, are having their beneficial effects in awakening a deeper interest in the public mind, on this important subject.

The Baptist denomination in these Provinces, has ever occupied a front position, in relation to the Temperance movement, "Ministry" being almost, if not entirely "Teetotalers." To us of our "body," still standing aloof, your Committee would have the duty of lending the "helping hand," to "rescue the



perishing," and "raise up the fallen" into the higher life, thus humbly imitating the example of our Divine Teacher, whose mission to earth was to "save the lost."

3. Your Committee, knowing the liquor traffic to be the "fruitful source" of at least *seven-eighths* of the crime, pauperism, and other attendant evils which curse these "Christian lands," cannot urge in too strong terms the great importance of keeping before the public this subject of Temperance, by means of the pulpit, the platform, the press, and the Sabbath School.

4. ALLIANCE JOURNAL.—Your Committee, recognizing the value of Temperance literature, especially for the young, believe it should be more freely placed within the reach of our people. We most heartily recommend the *Weekly Alliance Journal*, which contains much valuable and interesting information on Temperance and other kindred subjects. This useful periodical has been reduced to the trifling sum of one dollar per annum, so as to secure for it a general circulation.

5. COMMUNION WINE.—For various reasons, one of which has reference to the removal of a temptation from perhaps a weak brother who has been reclaimed from the paths of the drunkard, your Committee strongly recommend the use of unfermented wine at the "Lord's Supper," instead of the "mixed compounds," which unscrupulous dealers too frequently palm off on church officers for the "pure juice of the grape."

6. PROHIBITION.—Prohibition should be the aim of all true Temperance workers. To this end we should use our influence, in every proper way, for the purpose of placing in positions of public trust men who will reflect our opinions upon this important subject.

7. In the opinion of your Committee, it does not comport with the Christian character to "tipple." "Touch not, taste not, handle not," should be our motto.

8. In proportion as the religious element predominates in our Temperance organizations so will success attend them. The Temperance cause embodies that second great commandment of our Divine Teacher, viz.: "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." Your Committee urge the duty of making the cause a subject of prayer in connection with the other benevolent objects of the denomination.

They further recommend that our people connected with the various Temperance organizations use their influence to increase the spirit of devotion and self-sacrifice, so as the sooner to rejoice in the utter annihilation of the terrible liquor traffic, thus saving our race from its sad effects.

9. *Whereas*, Much evil often arises from the too frequent practice of physicians prescribing intoxicating liquors to their patients;

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Therefore resolved, Your Committee are of opinion that this practice is, to say the least, of doubtful propriety.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. J. GATES, *Chairman.*

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### Report on Sabbath Schools.

Your Committee beg to report that in their opinion there is not much deep interest taken in Sabbath Schools as their importance demands. They are sometimes called the nursery of the church, but comparatively speaking there are very few transplantations. When we state that the average number of conversions in Sabbath Schools is ten per hundred, it becomes at once apparent that, considering the amount of time and labour expended, the numbers of religious books in use, and the early age of the scholars, the proportion is far too small. We also report it as our conviction that if this small proportion is to be raised to its proper height, there must be not less instruction in the historical and doctrinal parts of the Bible, but more direct and decided efforts to bring the scholars to the knowledge of Jesus Christ. The salvation of the whole class must be the aim of every teacher, and he should be content with nothing less, if Sabbath Schools are ever to accomplish the objects for which they were instituted.

Your Committee also suggest that the greatest care be taken in the selection of libraries, and that the question of pure literature should always be considered of much more importance than the question of price.

They also submit that it would be helpful to the interests of our Sabbath Schools if the pastors would occasionally preach on their behalf, and seek to deepen and strengthen the interest of both parents and teachers in the blessed work of training the children in the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Respectfully submitted, on behalf of the Committee,

J. BROWN, *Chairman.*

**Treasurer's Account of Moneys for Benevolent Objects received at the N. S. Western Baptist Association, held at Pine Grove, Annapolis County, June, 1878.**

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	French Missions.	Acadia College.	Ministerial Education.	Indian Missions.	Total.
Temple Church, Yarmouth.....	\$44 63	\$21 60	\$15 35	\$ 7 60	.....	\$10 35	\$99 23
Hebron .....	.....	55 25	8 00	12 00	\$ 7 30	10 80	93 55
Pine Grove Church.....	15 00	9 53	4 75	1 00	1 00	1 80	33 08
Arcadia, Yarmouth.....	5 00	3 00	0 50	.....	0 50	.....	9 00
1st Yarmouth Church.....	27 80	31 71	4 95	17 62	5 20	8 45	145 75
Milton, Queens.....	7 78	17 65	6 00	.....	.....	.....	31 43
Ohio, Yarmouth.....	5 30	5 30	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 60
West .....	4 80	3 30	0 85	1 00	0 50	0 75	11 70
South .....	6 00	2 50	.....	2 50	.....	.....	11 00
Liverpool Church.....	21 00	20 25	6 50	10 00	3 00	10 00	70 75
Lockeport .....	.....	20 00	20 00	8 00	5 50	.....	53 50
Brookfield, Queens.....	10 00	6 74	2 26	.....	.....	2 62	21 62
Wilmot .....	42 13	73 02	27 53	3 80	.....	4 00	150 51
Weymouth.....	.....	22 19	.....	.....	.....	.....	22 19
Nictaux.....	4 00	18 00	18 53	.....	.....	2 00	42 53
Westport.....	6 00	6 00	6 00	.....	.....	5 50	23 50
Freeport.....	5 00	5 00	5 00	4 50	.....	5 00	24 50
Tusket, Yarmouth.....	12 15	2 25	.....	5 00	.....	2 00	21 40
Lawrencetown and Valley West.....	4 75	1 08	1 75	0 25	.....	.....	7 78
Greenfield.....	1 00	0 75	.....	0 50	.....	.....	2 25
Middlefield.....	.....	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 00
Springfield.....	10 48	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 48
Clements.....	10 00	8 40	10 00	8 00	.....	.....	36 40
Lower Aylesford.....	8 82	9 75	2 20	.....	.....	0 55	21 32
1st Digby Neck.....	1 50	1 50	0 50	3 50	0 50	0 50	8 00
2nd Digby Neck.....	1 00	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	2 00	5 00
Annapolis and Upper Granville.....	11 26	23 67	8 63	.....	0 50	2 50	46 56
New Albany, Annapolis Co.....	3 54	2 25	2 25	0 50	.....	0 25	8 79
Lower Granville.....	17 20	4 85	5 75	.....	1 00	5 65	34 45
Port Medway.....	4 00	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 00
Upper Wilmot.....	10 75	12 25	10 00	4 00	.....	2 00	39 00
Wilmot Mountain.....	1 50	8 94	4 00	.....	.....	1 50	15 94
Caledonia.....	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 00
Tiverton.....	2 00	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	4 00
New Tusket.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	2 00
Hill Grove.....	3 35	4 00	.....	.....	.....	2 90	10 25
Wood's Harbour, Shelburne.....	2 00	2 00	1 00	2 00	.....	.....	7 00
Lewis Head.....	2 00	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	4 00
Lake George, Yarmouth.....	.....	4 00	4 00	.....	.....	0 92	8 92
Tusket Lakes, .....	.....	2 00	2 00	1 00	.....	0 50	5 50
Barrington.....	1 95	1 00	0 95	.....	.....	.....	3 90
Beaver River.....	3 25	2 25	3 00	2 55	2 55	3 40	17 40
Hampton, Annapolis Co.....	.....	9 85	1 50	.....	.....	1 00	12 35
Kempt, Queens Co.....	0 92	0 92	0 92	.....	.....	.....	2 76
Annapolis Royal.....	24 96	13 53	5 00	.....	.....	.....	43 49
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Mrs. C. Foster, Br dgetown, don.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00
Collections for Home Missions—	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tremont and North Kingston.....	2 72	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 72
Lawrencetown and Valley West.....	2 54	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 54
Nictaux.....	4 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 25
Paradise.....	5 34	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 34
Pine Grove.....	42 34	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	42 34
Wilmot Mtn. and Melvern Sq... ..	5 92	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 92
Pine Grove for French Missions.....	.....	.....	28 70	.....	.....	.....	28 70
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$422 93</b>	<b>\$499 78</b>	<b>223 48</b>	<b>\$97 32</b>	<b>\$27 55</b>	<b>\$37 08</b>	<b>\$1383 06</b>

Audited and found correct.

B. H. PARKER, }  
A. J. LEADBETTER, } Auditors.

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## SABBATH SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Infirm Ministers	Total.	Name of School.	Name of Superintendent.	SCHOLARS.				Average attend'ce.	TEACHERS.			No in Bible Class.	Members of church in S. S. and B. C.	Vols. in Library.	Expended during the year.
				Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.		Female.	Total.					
10 85	809 13	Beddington.....	Chas. Hill.....	80	50	130	70	3	4	7	3				
10 80	93 35	Bradla.....	Albert Kelly.....	40	50	90	80	3	6	12	15	59	100		\$ 26 37
1 80	33 08	Westport.....	G. Denton.....	20	40	60		3	7	10		13	100		80 00
8 45	145 72	Basket Lake.....	A. S. Lent.....			35		2	3	5			150		9 00
0 75	11 70	East Tuskent River.....	Wm. Curry.....			50		3	2	5					
11 00	70 70	Millen, Queens.....	B. Kempton.....	60	71	131	110	11	9	20	21	43			
10 00	70 70	Time Grove.....	{ O. Dodge & E. Elliott }			90				9					
2 62	21 00	Liverpool.....	T. R. Patillo.....	46	64	110	85	6	8	14	25	25	250		75 00
4 00	150 80	Brooklyn.....	Thos. Annis.....	14	16	30		4	3	7		6	150		7 00
2 90	22 10	Elton.....	W. E. Ross.....	24	49	73	63	3	6	9	8	12	189		11 67
2 90	42 00	Middlefield.....	S. Waterman.....	8	6	14		2	2	4	8				
5 50	23 00	Warrenctown.....	J. A. Brown.....	98	88	186	65	5	4	9	20		361		42 72
5 00	24 00	New Albany.....	B. Hendry.....	35	25	60	55	3	3	6		35	200		8 00
2 00	21 00	Deer River.....	R. Raymond.....	35	33	68	60	5	3	8	17	21	100		35 00
7 30	7 30	Springfield.....	S. Sanders.....	50	39	89	60	7	2	9	48	65			
2 30	3 00	Lake George.....	Ira Porter.....	35	27	62		8	3	11		55			
4 00	4 00	Leapt.....	S. DeLong.....	35	20	55	45	3	4	7	12		50		
12 00	30 00	Northfield.....	S. Ringer.....	15	19	34	24	2	3	5					
0 55	21 00	Rockport.....	P. D. Kinney.....	80	115	195	148	6	15	21	32	48	450		147 00
0 50	2 00	Temple.....	E. Whitman.....	42	39	81	60	5	4	9	15	14	150		40 00
2 00	5 00	Libby.....	Wm. Haley.....	57	73	130	120	8	10	18	14	44	250		90 50
2 50	4 00	Delo.....	W. H. Aymar.....	30	40	70	45	4	6	10	30	16	135		29 54
0 25	8 00	Hampton.....	J. Churchill.....	55	50	105	90	7	5	12	10	40	80		
5 65	34 00	La Croix Cove.....	Robert Chute.....	16	18	34	30	3	3	6	7	14			
3 00	3 00	Willmot Mountain.....	E. Britton.....			35				5					
2 00	30 00	Greenfield.....	{ U. Johnson & H. Graves }	90	80	170	150	6	6	12		75	200		25 00
1 50	15 00	Westport.....	— Hunt & W. D. More }	34	45	79	64	4	4	8					
2 00	4 00	Mill Grove.....	J. H. Eaton.....	50	75	125	75	4	7	11	20	7	100		7 00
2 90	19 00	Deasant River.....	A. Nichols.....	30	30	60	50	3	3	6	20	6	200		8 00
7 00	7 00	Westford.....	A. J. Leadbetter.....	42	33	75	60	2	4	6					
0 92	8 00	Forest Glen.....	J. M. Freeman.....	20	20	40		2	2	3					
0 50	5 00	Medonia.....	W. C. Denton.....	12	18	30	20	2	2	4	8	7	50		3 47
3 40	17 00	Manapolis Royal.....	N. Brittain.....	11	20	30	20	1	2	3					
1 00	13 00	West Sherbrooks.....	E. L. Telfer.....	40	50	90	75	6	6	12					
2 00	20 00	Medway.....	J. L. Brittain.....	65	85	150	100	5	8	13	12	25	330		50 00
4 00	45 00	Super Willmot.....	T. A. Wilson.....	14	13	27		3	3			9	200		
1 00	13 00	Malvern.....	C. Manthorn.....	20	25	45		3	5	8	15	8	100		18 00
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4 00	4 00	Westford.....	Zebina Shaw.....	27	33	60		3	5	8	12	15			5 00
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*Moneys reported by the Churches and appropriated during the Year.*

CHURCHES.	Home Missions.	French Mission.	Foreign Missions.	Academy College.	Indian Ministers.	Total.
Annapolis Royal.....			\$4 60			\$ 4 60
Annapolis and Upper Granville.....		\$6 40	8 00			14 40
Arcadia.....	\$17 10				9 00	26 10
Beaver River.....			40 90	\$70 60		111 50
Digby.....	28 26					28 26
Forest Glen.....	57 79	6 56	33 62		6 00	104 97
Hebron.....	28 60	4 50				33 10
Hillsburg, 1st.....	70 00					70 00
Lockeport.....	16 90		18 00			34 90
Lower Aylesford and South Wilmot.....		27 56	110 00	*213 50		451 06
Lower Granville.....				†164 00		164 00
Middlefield.....	4 60					4 60
Mill Village.....						
Milton, Queens Co.....	7 32					7 32
New Albany.....	21 07	4 40				25 47
New Tusket.....		4 39				4 39
Nictaux.....		8 00				8 00
Pine Grove.....		7 00				7 00
Pubnico.....	3 43					3 43
Sherbrooke West.....	17 66					17 66
Weymouth.....	9 83		11 00			20 83
Springfield.....	23 26					23 26
Temple, Yarmouth.....	35 32			6 00		41 32
Wilmot.....		15 00				15 00
Yarmouth, 1st.....	1025 00		73 00			1098 00

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# CONSTITUTION

OF THE

## Nova Scotia Western Baptist Association.

ART. 1.—This body shall be called the N. S. Western Baptist Association.

ART. 2.—It shall be composed of delegates appointed by the Churches of which they are members, together with delegates from Corresponding Associations. Each Church connected with the Association shall have the privilege of sending one delegate or more, but no church shall be entitled to send more than five in addition to its pastor.

ART. 3.—The objects of the Association shall be, the collection of statistical and other information from the churches; the cultivation of mutual acquaintance and fraternal union; the promotion of individual godliness and the spiritual prosperity of the Churches; and, in the use of scriptural means, the enlargement of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

ART. 4.—The Association shall meet annually on the 3rd Saturday in June, at 10 o'clock, A. M., at such place as it may appoint, and the services shall be commenced with public worship. Should the interests of the body seem to demand it, a special meeting may be held at any time intervening, on requisition therefor being made by five of the churches through their pastor.

ART. 5.—The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk, and a Treasurer, all of whom shall continue in office until the election of their successors.

The Moderator shall preside in all the meetings; nominate all committees not more than three, unless otherwise provided for; take the direction of all the religious services, and call special meetings pursuant to requisition.

The Clerk shall record all the transactions and prepare the Minutes for publication.

The Treasurer shall receive all monies and other property contributed for any of the purposes of the Association and dispose of the same according to the will of the donors, or, when the will of the donors is not expressed, according to the vote of the Association.

ART. 6.—Each church connected with the Association shall send annually a Letter, containing an account of its history during the year preceding, specifying the number added by baptism, by letter, and by restoration; the number removed, by dismission, by exclusion, and by death; and the whole number then in fellowship. If any church shall neglect, for three successive years, to send such a letter, it shall be considered as having withdrawn from the Association, unless two or more members shall request its continuance, and shall engage to enquire into its standing and report at the next meeting of the Association.

ART. 7.—The Association may receive any church which shall apply for admission by sending a letter and delegates, and shall give satisfactory evidence as to its faith and order.

ART. 8.—The Association shall not in any case, interfere with the internal concerns of the churches, but it may dissolve its connection with any church which, after proper examination, shall be judged by the Association to have departed essentially from the Baptist faith and practice.

ART. 9.—The religious sentiments of this Association are those expressed in the "Declaration of Faith and Practice of the Baptist Churches in Nova Scotia."

ART. 10.—This Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the number present at any annual meeting.

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# RULES OF ORDER.

**RULE 1st.**—At each annual meeting the Letters from the Churches shall be at once handed in; from which the clerks shall immediately make out a list of Delegates.

**RULE 2nd.**—After religious worship the officers shall be chosen. The choice of a Moderator shall be made by ballot.

**RULE 3rd.**—At every sitting business shall be opened and concluded with prayer.

**RULE 4th.**—Brethren invited to a seat with us, may speak on all subjects under consideration, but vote on none.

**RULE 5th.**—No subject shall be discussed without a motion thereon being first made and seconded.

**RULE 6th.**—Every speaker shall address the chair; and no person shall speak oftener than twice on the same subject, unless by permission of the body.

**RULE 7th.**—When a church is received into the Association the Moderator shall give to one of its delegates the hand of fellowship.

**RULE 8th.**—At the commencement of each sitting the Minutes of the last one shall be read and corrected, and of the last before the final adjournment.

**RULE 9th.**—All resolutions shall be presented in writing.

**RULE 10th.**—Motions made and lost shall not be recorded unless so ordered at the time.

**RULE 11th.**—No delegates shall be allowed to leave the Association before the business is finished, without permission of the body.

**RULE 12th.**—These rules shall be distinctly read from the chair at the opening of the Session.

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# MINUTES

OF THE

## N. S. Baptist Home Missionary Union.

CANARD, Friday, June 21st, 1878.

The Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union opened its Sixth Annual Session in the Baptist Church at Canard, Friday, June 21st, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Vice-President Rev. W. G. Parker called upon Rev. Frank Beattie to open the session by prayer.

Bro. Albert Coldwell was appointed to act as Secretary in the absence of Rev. J. F. Kempton.

The following Lists were then opened, viz. :—

### DELEGATES.

*Heron*—Rev. A. Cohoon, and Dea. Wm. Durkee.

*Tusket*—Rev. P. R. Foster.

*1st Cornwallis*—Deas. H. K. Eaton and Joshua Ells.

*North Baptist, Halifax*—Rev. J. W. Manning.

*Windsor*—Rev. E. M. Kierstead, and Bro. A. P. Shand.

*Wolfeville*—Bros. Albert Coldwell, Prof. D. F. Higgins, and J. W. Barss.

*Pereaux*—Rev. S. March, and Bro. W. Manning Sandford.

*Canning*—Rev. S. March, and Dea. Edwin Rand.

*1st Yarmouth*—Bro. C. L. Power.

*Temple Church, Yarmouth*—Deas. J. C. Anderson and James Cain.

*2nd Horton*—Revds. Isaiah Wallace, James Stevens, and Bro. John Graham.

*Granville Street, Halifax*—Dea. S. Selden.

*Hantsport*—Bro. W. Potter.

*Members in their own right*—Revds. S. B. Kempton, I. J. Skinner, M. P. Freeman, D. Freeman, M. Normondy, H. Bool, W. G. Parker, J. A. McLean, S. W. deBlois, W. H. Warren, G. N. Ballantyne, John Brown, Jos. Murray, John Chase, S. McC. Black, Aaron Cogswell, Maynard Brown.

*Brethren invited*—Rev. Frank Beattie, Bros. Harris Newcomb, W. H. Lyons, W. Pineo, Wm. Eaton, Wm. Thomas, David McPherson, Thos. Kinsman, Griffin, Chas. F. Eaton, Ebenezer Rand, — Hubley.

Motion was put to close the present session at 12 o'clock, and adjourned at 2 o'clock, P. M., to close at 5 P. M.

The Sixth Annual Report of the Board of the H. M. Union was read by the Secretary, followed by the Report of the Treasurer.

Resolved, That the Secretary's Report be received for discussion, and considered clause by clause.

Upon the adoption of that portion of the Report relative to the success of the "Union" during the year, prayer was offered by Rev. S. W. deBlois, expressive of thanksgiving to God for his favor. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. A. McLean, and session closed with benediction by the President.

## Afternoon Session.

Opened with prayer by Rev. H. Bool.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

The Report of the Executive Board was then brought forward for further discussion and adoption, some portions of it receiving considerable attention, especially that relative to the French Mission. Upon this Bro. Barss gave notice of motion.

Time having arrived to adjourn, prayer was offered by Rev. Jos Murray.

## Evening Session.

Opened at 7½ o'clock, with prayer by Rev. I. J. Skinner.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

In the absence of Bro. Barss, the substance of motion was presented in the following, viz.:

Trusting in the Providence of God that He will furnish the necessary funds to enable us to carry on the French Mission;

*Resolved*, That we advise the Board to continue its operations in connexion therewith.

Motion was carried with some hearty and hopeful remarks.

It was then moved and seconded.

That the present Missionary, Rev. Mr. Normondy, be requested to withdraw his resignation, and that the Board continue the services of Bro. Normondy for the present, and that the Board be instructed to take measures with reference to enlargement of the operations of the Board in seeking out new fields and new measures for the furtherance of the French Mission.

Carried.

The Secretary's Report, as a whole, was adopted.

The Treasurer's Report was adopted.

Motion laid on the table relative to the appointment of County Boards.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer offered by Rev. W. G. Parker.

## SATURDAY-Morning Session.

Union opened at 10 o'clock, A. M., with prayer by Rev. S. Marc

Moved and seconded that the Minutes of the Union be printed with the Minutes of each Association.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

It was then moved by Bro. A. P. Shand, and seconded that

*Whereas*, The contributions from our churches are not such as the work under the control of the Home Missionary Union demands;

*And whereas*, Our pastors and churches should more fully co-operate with the Union in order to increase its means for successful work;

*And whereas*, It seems that the Union may be more fully sustained by improved method, or a more complete organization for carrying forward Home Missionary work;

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Therefore resolved, That an Auxiliary Board be and is hereby appointed for each County in the fields occupied by the Union, to render assistance by forwarding information relative to the needs of the County, and by systematic effort to seek to enlarge the contributions of our churches for Home Missions. Said Auxiliary Boards to consist of the resident pastors and such laymen as they may appoint.

Moved by Bro. Manning, and

Resolved, That this Union desire to express their approval of the manner in which the Board have discharged the delicate and difficult duty of ascertaining the condition of the French Mission, and the action they have taken in connexion therewith.

Voted, To locate the Executive Board during the ensuing year at Yarmouth, and that the following constitute the members of the Board:—Revds, G. E. Day, A. Cohoon, J. A. Stubbert, J. Rowe, A. H. Lavers, H. N. Parry, P. R. Foster, George Titus, Bros. A. C. Robbins, W. R. Doty, J. C. Anderson, W. A. C. Randall, James Crosby.

The following were elected and appointed

OFFICERS.

President—Bro. A. P. Shand.

Vice-Presidents—Rev. M. P. Freeman, for Eastern Association.

“ S. B. Kempton, Central “

“ J. H. Saunders, Eastern “

“ J. A. Gordon, P. E. Island “

Secretaries—Revds. J. W. Bancroft and G. N. Ballentine.

Auditor—D. R. Eaton.

Moved and seconded that this Union again express its willingness to hand over its work to the Convention when proper arrangements shall have been made by that body to receive it.

The thanks of the Union were voted to the friends of Canard.

Voted. That the Secretary give notice of the meeting to be held with the church at Hebron, on the Friday before the third Saturday of June.

On motion, the Union adjourned, after prayer by Rev. W. G. Parker.

G. N. BALLENTINE, } Secretaries.  
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# SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE N. S. BAPTIST HOME MISSIONARY UNION.

The Executive Board of the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union respectfully present this their Sixth Annual Report.

The past year has, in the estimation of your Board, been one of more than usual prosperity to the missionary interests of our denomination. To a merciful and covenant keeping God we gratefully accord all the praise. Under His gracious direction and blessing the work of home evangelization has been greatly extended and the results following have been marked and encouraging. The debt of the previous year having been entirely liquidated your Board were placed in a position in which they could give more favorable attention to the spiritual needs of destitute fields. Assistance has therefore been given to nearly double the number of gospel laborers employed during the preceding year. These laborers, selected with careful discrimination, have proved themselves worthy of the confidence reposed in them, and have given their best energies to the diffusion of gospel truth and the salvation of perishing souls.

## THE GENERAL AGENCY.

It was deemed necessary by your Board to continue the work of our general missionary agency. Rev. J. H. Robbins spent about seven months of the past year in visiting the churches and missionary fields of Nova Scotia, collecting funds, improving systems of benevolence and gathering general information in reference to the condition and needs of feeble churches. He labored faithfully; and we are still reaping the benefits of his efforts in the form of larger and more regular donations than we have been accustomed to receive from contributors. In relation to his method of operation he writes in one of his quarterly reports as follows:

"Many circumstances are met to hinder regular, systematic effort in the churches, and to discourage the Agent, such as church difficulties, internal divisions and dissensions, as well as financial troubles. Under the blessing of God I have labored with some measure of success in removing or lessening such hindrances. It has always been my aim to leave churches in a better state, if possible, than that in which I found them. I have also advised and assisted churches in securing pastors or temporary supplies, and have likewise assisted some of the students in obtaining situations for the winter vacation. Although the apparent results of my efforts may not be as satisfactory as could be desired yet I have reason to believe that much good has been done."



Impaired health compelled Bro. Robbins to abandon the agency in the latter part of December, for a few months at least. He remarks:—"I found that I was experiencing physical effects detrimental to my health from the hard labor of the agency. Rest is therefore needed, especially from the exposure necessarily connected with this kind of work. For this reason I have decided to resign the agency for the present."

Careful observation and the experience of six years combine to impress more deeply than ever upon your Board the conviction that this agency is simply indispensable to the success of our Home Missionary enterprise. The question as to how this work may be carried on to the greatest advantage is worthy of mature consideration. Several churches have suggested to your Board the propriety of securing the services of active and judicious pastors, one in each of the counties of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, who would be willing, without asking any remuneration for their services, to visit the churches under their supervision once or twice every year for the purpose of awakening an interest among the people in relation to Home Mission work and of collecting funds for that object. Such a scheme, if carried into operation with energy and wisdom, would certainly economize our expenditures and facilitate the progress of our work. The obvious difficulty in this plan is that pastors will hesitate in consenting to undertake extra work involving such grave responsibilities. Most of our successful pastors have already work enough on their hands to tax to the utmost their physical abilities; and it has been shown above that the work of a general missionary agent is peculiarly trying in this respect. We have every reason for believing, on the other hand, that our agents have hitherto been the most successful and profitable men in our employ, whether we regard the question of finances or the spiritual welfare of our churches. Your Board would therefore express their decided preference for the method of conducting the work of this agency which has already been adopted.

INFORMATION REGULARLY GIVEN.

It has been the special aim of your Board to keep our churches well instructed in reference to the progress and requirements of our missionary work. The General Agent made it his chief business to visit as many places as possible for the purpose of giving the fullest information to the people with respect to our plans and prospects. In addition to this monthly reports have been published in the columns of the *Christian Messenger*, showing in detail the appointments and actions of your Board, and giving extracts from the reports of our missionaries. Circulars were also sent forth to the churches, presenting in brief a summary of our work and respective liabilities. It is thus seen that every available means have been employed for the spreading abroad of home missionary intelligence, and for the purpose of stimulating our brethren to contribute liberally and regularly to our treasury.

### MISSIONARY WORK AND SUBSIDIES.

The continued policy of your Board has been to endeavor to secure as large results as possible from the limited means at our disposal. It has been found from observation that in cases in which regular appointments are made and the Board becomes responsible for the entire salaries of our missionaries, there is in many fields a tendency to culpable indifference with regard to the matter of raising funds towards lessening the expense of such missions. The anxiety of the conscientious laborer is often allayed by quiet assurances given after the following fashion:—"You need not trouble yourself about collecting your salary. The Board is responsible for that; and they will foot the bill." To guard against contingencies of this kind your Board have, in most cases in which financial aid has been given, named a definite amount as the limit of that assistance. Whilst this plan tends greatly to diminish the apparent amount of receipts and expenditures connected with our work, yet we think the actual results are much larger than could have been secured in any other way, inasmuch as our funds have aided a very large number of weak and dependent churches.

*Prince Edward Island.*—The churches and missionary stations on P. E. Island were never more adequately supplied with earnest gospel laborers than during the past year. Bro. J. C. Spurr spent three months in missionary effort at Cavendish, Graham's Road and Belmont. He did good work, and his preaching was much appreciated by the people. Rev. J. B. Woodland subsequently took charge of the same field, where he continues laboring with much acceptance under regular missionary appointment. Rev. A. Kidson, having spent about twelve weeks in completing his mission at Dundas and St. Peter's Bay, became pastor of the churches, a subsidy of \$80.00 being granted to aid in his support. Bro. E. H. Sweet spent three months in evangelistic effort in the western section of P. E. Island. A gracious revival followed during which a large number of converts were added to the church. As a result of this revival a new church was organized at Nutsford and the interests at Alberton and Cape Wolfe were much strengthened. Rev. D. H. Simpson, aided by a subsidy of \$150.00, has carried on the work in that field to the present time. Bro. McGregor, formerly a Methodist local preacher, received a grant of \$50.00 to enable him to spend three months in pastoral work at Montague and vicinity. Rev. E. H. Foshay afterwards took charge of that field, and received aid to the amount of \$80.00 from the treasury. It is a matter of much satisfaction to your Board that the Island has thus been so well supplied with gospel ministers, and that the expense incurred has been almost wholly borne by the churches of that province.

*Cape Breton.*—The claims of the missionary fields in Cape Breton have been carefully considered by your Board. Some of the attempts to locate missionaries on that Island have been unsuccessful. Much good work has, however, been done. Rev. W. C. Ride

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continued his mission at Mira, Homeville, Little Glace Bay and adjacent settlements for about twenty-two weeks of the past year. He reports several baptisms and some spiritual growth in the churches visited by him. It was the intention of your Board to endeavor to continue his services in that province, but failing health compelled him to return to his family. Bro. J. H. Robbins spent several weeks in visiting the churches and in "strengthening the things that remain, that are ready to die." A mission of three months was performed at West Bay by Rev. M. Ross, a pledge of \$50.00 having been given, through Bro. Peter Paint to aid the Board in sustaining this mission. The little church was much encouraged by the faithful ministrations of Bro. Ross. Rev. J. A. Stubbart has received an appointment to a mission of three months at Margaree and vicinity. A subsidy of \$100.00 has been voted to aid the churches at Cow Bay, Mira, Homeville and Little Glace Bay in supporting a settled pastor. Cape Breton greatly needs more liberal assistance and a larger supply of ministerial workers.

*Nova Scotia Proper.*—The churches at River John, New Annan and Tatamagouche, Pictou County, under the pastoral care of Rev. D. W. Crandall, have been aided by a grant of \$100.00. As they are still financially weak it has been thought advisable to make a similar grant for the current year. The little church at Acadia Mines, Colchester Co., assisted by a subsidy of \$40.00, have enjoyed the services of Rev. G. F. Miles for a part of his time during the year. A grant of \$50.00 was given to aid the churches at Amherst Shore, Centreville and Mount Pleasant in the support of Rev. E. B. Corey. The church at Parrsboro' has also been aided by a grant of \$50.00. Rev. J. F. Kempton has been doing important work in this field and in its numerous out-stations. Guysboro' and Manchester churches have received a subsidy of \$30.00. In addition to this, Rev. A. W. Barss was appointed to a mission of three months at New Harbor, Coddle Harbor and adjacent places. Rev. J. Meadows spent three months in missionary labor among the neglected settlements lying along the coast between Meddore and St. Marys. Bro. C. H. Martell labored successfully for about nine weeks at New Glasgow and vicinity. Since that time Rev. D. Freeman has, through the aid afforded by our treasury a grant of \$228.00 continued to sustain the interest in that important station with a pioneer's enthusiasm.

The church at Dartmouth urgently pressed their claims for aid to enable them to support their pastor, Rev. J. Clark. It was decided by your Board to grant a subsidy of \$200.00 for this purpose. There is reason for hoping that in the early future this church will become one of our strongest denominational stations.

A grant of \$250.00 was voted to aid the church at Maitland, Hants Co., in sustaining a pastor. Bro. W. C. Craigie spent about six weeks in missionary labor on this field. The matter of choosing a pastor was left with the church; and it is to be regretted that the vacancy was not filled during the year. The subsidy is, however,

still valid, and an active minister is expected to assume the pastorate in the early future. Bro. Ralph Hunt has been assigned a mission for three months at Fall River and Waverly; and Bro. C. Haverstock has accepted a similar mission to New Ross.

After the departure of Rev. T. Trotter from Shelburne, Bro. J. Goodwin was induced to take charge of that field. Aided by a grant of \$150 00, he has labored during nine months of the year at Shelburne, Jordan River and Sand Point. The church at Annapolis has been assisted by a subsidy of \$150 00. A grant of \$100.00 was voted to help the churches at Kempt, Milford and Graywood in the support of Rev. L. M. Weeks. Having received a call from the church at Bridgewater, Bro. Weeks resigned his charge over the former churches after having labored with them about six months. Rev. E. N. Archibald received \$40.00 to aid him in giving a part of his time to the church at Lower Sable River, Shelburne Co. He reports several baptisms and some evidences of spiritual improvement. The churches at Argyle were assisted in supporting Rev. W. B. Bradshaw by a grant of \$167.38. Two new meeting-houses are in course of erection as a result of this aid. Rev. P. R. Foster, stationed at Tusket, received a grant of \$58.33 in order that he might devote part of his time to the interest at Riverdale, Yarmouth Co. A subsidy of \$60.00 has been voted to the same field for the current year. Bro. L. C. Vickery spent six weeks in missionary labor at Forest Glen, Yarmouth Co. His reports are very satisfactory. To the church at East Dalhousie a grant of \$40.00 was promised to aid them in securing the regular services of Rev. E. J. Grant for a part of his time.

Rev. W. H. Richan, pastor of the church at Barrington received aid to the amount of \$33.00 to enable him to perform missionary labor at Villagedale and Barrington Head.

Your Board are glad to report that among our pastors there is a growing disposition to perform gratuitous missionary labor. An excellent example of this kind is furnished by the ministers of Annapolis Co., who have entered into an agreement to visit occasionally the neglected stations which surround them, and to report their work and forward all contributions to the Home Missionary Board. It is most desirable that this kind of work should be done much more generally by pastors who are conveniently situated, and who are adequately supported by their own churches. We are convinced that many prominent Baptist Churches would sustain no loss to themselves and would do a vast amount of good to others by allowing their Pastor to go forth occasionally on such missionary tours. In this way the Kingdom of our Redeemer would be more rapidly extended, and our Home Missionary treasury would be materially assisted.

From this outline it is obvious that a large number of weak churches have been materially assisted in sustaining their pastors, and a goodly number of zealous missionaries have been endeavoring "to preach the gospel in the regions beyond."

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### THE FRENCH MISSION.

The condition and prospects of this mission have received the best attention of your Board. In order to obtain the most satisfactory information in reference both to the condition of the field and the wishes of the people residing there, a committee consisting of Rev. J. A. Stubbart and Rev. A. Cohoon, was appointed to visit the different stations connected with this mission, and to furnish your Board with an impartial report of the results of their inquiries. The committee performed their work faithfully, and presented a clear and detailed statement of what they had learned from observation. That report will, if called for, be laid before the Union.

About the same time Bro. Normonday tendered his resignation. This brought the whole matter practically and seriously before your Board for immediate decision. Meanwhile, the French Mission was found to be considerably in debt. It was manifest that whatever might be decided as to the future, the liabilities already incurred must be promptly and honorably met. Bro. Normonday was accordingly requested to visit the churches as far as possible for the purpose of collecting necessary funds. He did so; but his efforts in this respect were only partially successful.

It is very evident to your Board that there has been serious declension in the interest manifested by our denomination towards the French Mission. As a natural result the mission itself seems to be declining in efficiency and success. These considerations compel your Board to raise a few important questions which our denomination ought at once to decide: Shall we abandon this mission? Shall we accept the resignation of Bro. Normonday and endeavor to secure the services of another missionary? Or shall we renew our engagement with Bro. Normonday and pledge ourselves to manifest more sympathy and benevolence in sustaining him? Your Board hesitate to undertake the decision of a matter in reference to which they have not yet fully ascertained what are the views held generally by our brethren.

### THE BOOK DEPARTMENT.

A number of Sunday Schools have been supplied from our depository during the year. Many missionaries and pastors have also been furnished with denominational and miscellaneous works, doctrinal pamphlets and religious tracts adapted to arouse careless unbelievers and to stimulate inactive christians. About one thousand volumes of wholesome literature have in this way been sent abroad since our last report was given; and a much larger number of tracts have been gratuitously distributed. The amount expended for these books and tracts was \$445.42, whilst the receipts have reached the sum of \$443.02. Books remaining in hand are valued at \$200.00, and upwards of \$50.00 is due our treasury from schools which have obtained libraries from our Book Depository.

Your Board deeply regret the delay that has been occasioned in the establishment of a suitable Book Room; and it is earnestly



hoped that an agency with which the welfare of our denomination is so intimately connected will no longer be permitted to remain inoperative.

#### FINANCES.

At the close of our last fiscal year our liabilities amounted to \$1,375.15, the greater part of which debt was, however, paid before the meeting of the Union at Portaupique. At the end of the year just completed the liabilities of your Board amounted to \$926.08, or about \$440.00 less than those of the previous year. Since the Treasurer's accounts were closed a number of payments have been made, reducing the debt to about \$414.00, whilst the assets exceed \$300.00. From this statement it will be seen that the Home Mission finances are in a condition much more favorable than that of last year.

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1 J. C. Spurr	Cavendish and vicinity, P. E. I.	12	.....	83	18	102	.....	.....	\$ 63 39
2 E. H. Street	Albington and Cape Wolfe, P. E. I.	13	800	70	8	263	10	65	67 72
3 W. C. Eidsont	Mrs. Homeville, etc., C. B.	22	1035	90	25	202	.....	.....	91 42
4 F. A. Eidsont	Dundas and vicinity, P. E. I.	11	908	34	12	153	.....	.....	35 00
5 W. C. Craigie	Maithland and Noel	5	169	14	5	58	.....	.....	17 03
6 J. R. Woodland	Cavendish and vicinity, P. E. I.	24	2139	95	61	216	400	.....	91 40
7 C. H. Maxwell	New Glasgow and vicinity	9	539	26	31	142	.....	.....	38 00
8 A. W. Baxx	New and Coddle Harbors	12	532	29	11	255	48	.....	13 59
9 J. H. Robbins	General Agency	26	2890	100	94	270	.....	.....	475 85
10 J. Meadows	Jeddore East	16	668	40	21	125	.....	.....	14 62
11 Z. C. Vickery	Forest Glen	64	322	27	8	89	.....	.....	28 85
12 M. Normonday	French Mission	52	3325	104	38	468	1382	6	13 50
13 M. Ross	West Bay, C. B.	114	200	44	7	190	.....	27	15 00
14 W. E. Hall	East Dalhousie, etc.	2	186	9	2	24	.....	.....	14 08
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1 T. A. Higgins.	Annapolis.	52	...	141	158	576	170		\$150 00			
2 W. B. Bradshaw.	Argyle and Publico.	47	...	135	43	450			167 38			
3 L. M. Weeks.	Kempt, Graywood, etc.	26	163	46	40	80			50 00			
4 D. W. Crandall.	River John, etc.	47	500	198	132	1870	2000	38	100 00			
5 J. Goodwin.	Shelburne and Jordan River.	39	...	111	120	577	50		150 00			
6 W. McGregor.	Montague, P. E. I.	13	...	40	29	80	10		50 00			
7 E. N. Archibald.	Lower Sabie River.	13	...	48	37	215	1000	9	40 00	2		
8 D. H. Simpson.	Albion and vicinity, P. E. I.	35	...	100	41	210	1000	1	100 00			Returns incomplete.
9 E. B. Corey.	Amherst Shore and vicinity.	55	1250	200	50		300		50 00			
10 D. Freeman.	New Glasgow.	38	...	79	152	879	450	5	238 00			
11 J. Troder.	Shelburne.	11	285	20	32	152		8	50 00			
12 H. Foshay.	Montague, P. E. I.	39	...	90	78	145		10	80 00			
13 F. A. Kidson.	Dundas and vicinity, P. E. I.	34	42	94	130	271	650	4	30 00			Statistics embodied in Mission Report.
14 A. W. Bars.	Guy'sboro' and Manchester.	33	...	42	9	75		6	50 00			
15 G. F. Miles.	Acadia Mines.	30	...	107	80	438		21	50 00			
16 J. F. Kempton.	Parrsboro'	26	...	9	200	38	14	48	58 33			
17 P. E. Foster.	Riversdale.	9	...	57	41	168		4	38 00			
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From the statistical tables it will be seen that 14 missionaries have been employed by your Board at a cost of \$3,120.00, of which \$984.40 was collected on the fields. These missionaries spent 283½ weeks in regular service; travelled 1,2711 miles, preached 734 sermons; attended 341 other meetings, made 2,532 family visits, distributed 1867 tracts and baptized 85 converts. Subsidies, amounting to \$1588.71, have been granted in aid of 20 pastors, who have spent 576 weeks an their respective fields, travelled 2,440 miles, preached 1,546 sermons, attended 1,186 other meetings, made 5731 family visits, distributed 5,630 tracts, baptized 101 persons, and organized two Sunday Schools and one church.

With so many unmistakable evidences that the efforts of our Home Missionary Union have been greatly blessed and prospered in the past, there can be no reasonable doubt as to the future success of this important enterprise. Your Board sincerely hope that the measures already initiated with a view to more perfect combination in our denominational work, by allying Home and Foreign Missions with Education in connection with our General Convention, may be speedily carried into practical effect. "What God hath joined together let not man put asunder."

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Executive Board,  
**W. H. WARREN,**  
*Corresponding Secretary.*

June 13th, 1878.

<b>LIABILITIES.</b>	<b>ASSETS.</b>
Rev. D. W. Crandall*.....\$ 25 00	Due for Books.....\$ 53 68
" W. B. Bradshaw*..... 52 38	Books on hand..... 200 00
" G. F. Miles*..... 25 00	Good subscriptions..... 50 00
" E. N. Archibald*..... 30 00	
" J. Goodwin*..... 85 00	French Mission premises at Tusket
" A. W. Barss..... 76 87	and Saunièresville.....
" D. Freeman..... 148 00	<u>\$303 68</u>
" J. F. Kempton*..... 50 00	
" M. Normonday*..... 204 40	
" J. Meadows..... 68 38	
" M. Ross..... 50 00	
" E. B. Corey*..... 50 00	
Total.....\$864 08	

paid since the end of the financial year.





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PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND DEPARTMENT.

May 31.	Rev. D. H. Simpson.....	\$ 87 50
	Rev. H. Foshay.....	100 00
	Rev. F. A. Kidson.....	136 00
	Rev. J. C. Spurr.....	96 00
	Rev. J. B. Woodland.....	234 73
	Rev. D. H. Simpson.....	12 50
	Rev. F. A. Kidson.....	60 00
	Rev. J. B. Woodland, Cavendish.....	100 00
	Printing Island Minutes.....	17 00
	Balance in hand.....	\$4301 19
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June 1.	By balance on hand.....	\$ 64 51
July 2.	Western Association, per Rev. W. H. Warren.....	408 37
	Central Association, per Rev. M. Normandy.....	390 30
9.25.	S. Freeman, Esq., balance Eastern Association.....	1 30
50 25.	J. H. Haley, Temple Church, Yarmouth.....	8 00
26 87.	New Tusket Church, per J. J. Howland.....	4 82
25 00.	Port Hawkesbury Church, per Rev. E. J. Grant.....	4 00
23 00.	Eastern Association, per R. Fulton, Esq.....	294 37
34 00.	Sydney Church, C. B., per Rev. W. B. Boggs.....	5 00
25 00.	North Sydney Church, per Rev. Dr. McDonald.....	17 00
10 37.	Rev. W. C. Rideout, collection Homeville and Cape Breton.....	121 89
60 80.	F. C. Kinney, Temple Church, Yarmouth.....	1 00
2 00.	Mrs. Melvin Perry, Temple Church, Yarmouth.....	1 00
215 00.	A. C. Robbins, Esq., 1st Yarmouth Church.....	100 00
12 50.	Kentville Baptist Church, per G. E. Masters, Esq.....	11 50
83 25.	Rev. A. J. Stevens, Newton Centre.....	1 00
25 00.	Wm. Weddleton, 1st Yarmouth Church.....	6 00
185 10.	New Ross Sabbath School, Lunenburg County.....	2 00
33 10.	Rev. J. H. Robbins, General Agent, collection.....	25 00
49 10.	Guysboro' Church, per Mrs. C. I. Graves.....	20 00
6 00.	Rev. J. H. Robbins, General Agent, collection.....	215 68
70 00.	Dalhousie East Church, per Wm. E. Hall.....	5 41
25 00.	C. E. Freeman, Amherst, Cumberland.....	5 00
50 00.	Port Williams Sunday School, Kings Co.....	10 00
25 00.	Mrs. A. Robbins, Arcadia, Yarmouth.....	1 00
35 50.	Rev. J. H. Robbins, General Agent, collection.....	50 00
40 00.	Rev. J. D. Skinner, Newton Centre.....	1 00
9 80.	Rev. W. C. Rideout, collection, Homeville, C. B.....	83 23
64 50.	Wm. Weddleton, 1st Yarmouth Church.....	4 00
36 25.	Baptist Church, Falmouth, per A. Shaw, Esq.....	16 22
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Jan 2.	Wm. C. Bill, Esq., Cornwallis.....	5 00
12 90.	Baptist Church, Antigonish, per T. M. King, Esq.....	12 00
49 90.	Mrs. J. W. Lovett, Temple Church, Yarmouth.....	30 00
33 50.	Collection, 1st Yarmouth Church.....	9 42
6 80.	Balance from Central Association, per W. Morton, Esq.....	78 00
28 80.	A. S. Murray, Esq., Temple Church, Yarmouth.....	10 00
25 00.	Collection, Temple Church, Yarmouth.....	2 65
14 60.	Baptist Church, Hebron, Yarmouth.....	25 00
63 40.	Collection, 1st Yarmouth Church.....	6 00
30 00.	Donation from Rev. L. M. Weeks.....	26 00
13 50.	Rev. J. H. Robbins, General Agent, collection.....	185 17
25 00.	Rev. W. C. Rideout, collection, Homeville, C. B.....	8 19
25 00.	Baptist Church, St. Ann's, C. B.....	3 00
15 00.	Per S. Selden—Mrs. Noonan, \$1 00. Mrs. Dart, \$1 25.....	2 25
77 70.	“ Mrs. Chandler, 1 00. Mr. Frizzle, 8 00. Mr. C. Eaton, 4 00.....	13 00
4 30.	Baptist Church, Jeddore, per S. Selden.....	5 50
3 30.	Ephraim Brymer, Mount Uniacke.....	5 00
87 00.	Baptist Church, Liverpool.....	12 40
86 00.	Collection, New Canada, Lunenburg Co.....	1 00
6 00.	H. Maider, Lunenburg.....	1 00
64 00.	A friend, Yarmouth.....	1 00
4 00.	J. W. Bars, Esq., Wolfville.....	25 00
23 00.	Baptist Church, Chester, per Rev. I. J. Skinner.....	10 00
17 00.	Sabbath School, Wolfville, per James McDonald.....	30 00
67 00.	Joseph O. Haley, Temple Church, Yarmouth.....	5 00
1 00.	Wm. Weddleton, 1st Yarmouth Church.....	5 00
150 00.	Rev. J. H. Robbins, General Agent, collection.....	3 00
33 00.	Christopher Jost, Guysboro'.....	10 00
91 00.	Mrs. Joseph Shaw, Milton, Yarmouth.....	20 00
	C. W. Sanders, 1st Yarmouth Church.....	5 00
	Miss Fannie Gardner, Barrington.....	1 00
	Mrs. A. Potter, Temple Church, Yarmouth.....	1 00
	Miss H. McGill.....	0 60

		Lockeport Church, per Rev. E. Whitman.....	70 00
		F. D. Kinney, Esq., 1st Yarmouth Church.....	1 00
		Mrs. Jos. Hutchinson, " ".....	1 00
April	4.	Baptist Church, Shelburne, per Rev. J. Goodwin.....	4 00
	5.	Mrs. J. K. Ryerson, 1st Yarmouth Church.....	20 00
	10.	1st Cornwallis Church, per Rev. S. B. Kempton.....	8 25
		Arcadia Baptist Church, Yarmouth.....	5 25
	15.	Baptist Church West Sherbrooke, Thos. A. Wilson.....	8 00
	24.	Wm. Weddleton, 1st Yarmouth Church.....	5 00
May	6.	Mrs. George Sanderson, 1st Yarmouth Church.....	1 00
		Mrs. John Churchill, " ".....	1 00
		Miss Bessie Robbins, Yarmouth.....	1 00
		Baptist Church, River John, collection.....	15 00
		Miss Bessie Robbins, Salem, Yarmouth.....	1 00
		Baptist Church, Forest Glen, Yarmouth Co.....	25 00
		Rev. L. C. Vickery, donation.....	3 50
		Mrs. Hannah Crosby, Yarmouth.....	1 00
	11.	Baptist Church, Weymouth, per Rev. J. W. Bancroft.....	8 75
		Collection, Jeddore and vicinity, per Rev. J. Meadows.....	14 00
		Miss Maggie Haley, Salem, Yarmouth.....	1 00
	14.	Mrs. M. O. Sterritt, 1st Yarmouth Church.....	5 00
		Collection, Baptist Church, Pubnico, per J. F. Larkin.....	3 50
	16.	A. Killam, 1st Yarmouth Church.....	2 00
		Mrs. S. A. Smith, Yarmouth.....	1 00
		Robert Frizzle, Esq., Mabou, C. B.....	20 00
		Collection, Pubnico Church, per W. B. Bradshaw.....	13 40
		Collection, New Harbour, per Rev. A. W. Bars.....	13 00
	23.	Mrs. Powell, 1st Yarmouth Church.....	2 00
		Miss Patch, " ".....	1 00
		Estate of Deacon Samuel Brown.....	12 00
		W. H. Gridley, Esq., 1st Yarmouth Church.....	20 00
		Collection, Riverdale, Yarmouth Co. per Rev. P. R. Foster.....	13 00
		Rev. P. R. Foster, donation.....	5 00
		Miss Page, Temple Church, Yarmouth.....	4 00
		Collection, West Bay, C. B., per Rev. M. Ross.....	15 00
		Baptist Church, Windsor, per E. D. Shand, Esq.....	40 00
		J. A. Richardson, Yarmouth.....	1 00
		J. H. Hurlburt, Temple Church, Yarmouth.....	1 00
		Mrs. J. H. Eldrige, 1st Yarmouth.....	1 00
		Hiram Goudy, Temple Church, Yarmouth.....	2 00
		Mrs. Hannah Wyman, 1st Church, Yarmouth.....	2 00
		Balance on books, \$0.51. Books sold, \$38.00.....	38 40
		Books sold, \$31.54, \$0.60, \$13.24.....	45 38
		Cash received for books, \$2.18. do. from Temple Ch., \$15.00.....	17 18
		Rufus A. Newcomb, Sabbath School books.....	8 00
		Rev. W. H. Elchan, " ".....	14 25
		Tracts sold, \$1.77. Clementsvale Sabbath School, \$20.00.....	21 75
		Bear River Sabbath School, \$60.00, \$17.00, \$4.37.....	81 37
		Arcadia Sabbath School for tracts.....	2 00
		Rev. J. Brown, \$1.00. Do. 1.03.....	2 03
		Thomas Annis, Brooklyn, Queens Co.....	7 00
		Tusket Sabbath School, Yarmouth Co.....	17 00
		Hebron " ".....	18 00
		Saint Mary's " ".....	11 00
		Beaver River " books and tracts.....	13 25
		Deerfield " Yarmouth Co., \$5.40. Temple, Yar., \$50.00.....	55 40
		Collection, New Glasgow, per Rev. C. H. Martell.....	38 00
		" Maitland, Hants, per Rev. W. C. Craigie.....	17 00
		" E. H. Sweet, Cape Wolf, P. E. I.....	67 75
		PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND DEPARTMENT.	
	31.	Collection, Cavendish, per Rev. J. B. Woodland.....	184 75
		" " per Rev. J. C. Spurr.....	62 50
		" Dundas, per Rev. J. A. Kidson.....	35 00
		" Clyde River Church.....	4 00
		" Charlottetown.....	3 75
		George Davis, Esq., donation.....	200 00
		Mite Missionary Collection, Charlottetown Church.....	2 00
		Collection, Summerside Church.....	19 00
		J. S. McDonald, Esq., donation.....	4 00
		Cavendish Association.....	170 00
		Balance in Island Treasury, July 1877.....	154 00
		Wolfville Baptist Church, per J. S. McDonald.....	30 00
		Hebron Church, Yarmouth, per Rev. A. Cohoon.....	30 00
		A. C. Robbins, Esq., 1st Yarmouth Church.....	150 00
		Sale of books, " ".....	90 00

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JOSHUA HUESTIS, }  
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# CONSTITUTION

OF THE

## N. S. Baptist Home Missionary Union

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1.—The consolidation of our Home Missionary organizations, both English and French, would, in the estimation of this Convention, tend to the rapid advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom in this Province; the French Mission to be considered a separate Department, and all gifts, requests, &c., made to the French Mission to go to that Department.

2.—This Convention shall be called the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union.

3.—The object of this Union shall be to promote the spread of the Gospel throughout the Provinces of Nova Scotia, P. E. Island, and the Island of Newfoundland, the fostering of feeble churches, the planting of new ones and the dissemination of denominational literature.

4.—This Union shall be composed of ordained Baptist ministers in good standing with their respective churches in the Province, and delegates appointed by the churches, each church in good standing with its respective Association sending not more than three delegates; together with the President of Acadia College, the Principal of the Theological Institute, and the Principal of Horton Academy, the same being members of Baptist Churches in good standing.

5.—The officers of the Union shall be a President, who shall be elected annually by ballot; four Vice-Presidents, one from each Association; Secretaries, and an Auditor, all of whom shall be appointed by open vote.

6.—The Union shall annually appoint and locate an Executive Board of thirteen suitable men, seven of whom shall form a quorum; and every Baptist pastor in the Province shall have the privilege of meeting with the Board, and taking part in its deliberations, but not voting; the officers of the Society named above to be ex-officio members of the Board.

7.—The duty of this Board shall be to conduct the Missionary work of the Union, and report yearly to the same, or oftener if required.

8.—There shall be an Annual Meeting of the Union, held in each of the Nova Scotia Baptist Associations in turn, to assemble the day previous to the meeting of the Association with which it is held, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

9.—This Union shall appoint annually a Board of Directors to consist of eight from each Association composing the Union, whose duty it shall be to give advice to the Executive Board in cases of emergency, and by the requisition of eight or more of whom, the President shall call a special meeting of the Union.

10.—No alteration of this Constitution shall be made unless by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the members present at an annual meeting.