

# MINUTES

OF THE

FOURTEENTH CONFERENCE

OF THE

FREE BAPTISTS OF NOVA SCOTIA,

HELD AT

BEAVER RIVER, YARMOUTH COUNTY,

SEPTEMBER 11th to 18th, 1879,

AND THE

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

MINUTES OF THE WOMEN'S MISSION SOCIETY AND  
TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

MINUTES OF THE FOREIGN AND HOME MISSION SOCIETIES,  
AND THE TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS.

MINUTES OF THE EDUCATION SOCIETY.

MINUTES OF THE ELDERS' CONFERENCE.

MINUTES OF THE SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION; AND  
HALIFAX MISSION TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

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#### OFFICERS OF GENERAL CONFERENCE:

REV. J. F. SMITH, .... Moderator. | REV. J. I. PORTER, Standing Clerk.  
" S. N. ROYAL, Ass'tant " | " T. H. SIDBALL, Ass'tant "

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- REV. A. SWIM, Bear Point, Shelburne County.
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- “ W. C. WESTON, Barrington, “
- “ J. I. PORTER, “ “
- “ WM. DOWNEY, “ “
- “ DAVID ORAM, Brooklyn, Yarmouth County.
- “ W. M. KNOLLIN, Yarmouth, “
- “ T. H. SIDDALL, Tusket, “
- “ F. BABCOCK, Chegoggin, “
- “ J. F. SMITH, Beaver River, “
- “ S. K. WEST, Rockingham, “
- “ PHILIP BROWN, Kemptville, “
- “ S. N. ROYAL, Caledonia, Queens County.
- “ BURTON MINARD, Halifax, Halifax County.
- “ DR. G. E. STURGIS, Walton, Hants “
- “ J. M. LOWDEN, Canning, Kings “
- “ J. S. COX, “ “ “
- “ WM. MILLAR, Hall's Harbor, Kings “
- LICENTIATE A. G. DOWNEY, Barrington, Shelburne Co.
- “ EDWIN CROWELL, “ “
- “ J. L. SMITH, Lewiston, Me., United States.
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# MINUTES.

The Fourteenth Annual Session of the Free Baptist Conference of Nova Scotia was held at Beaver River, Yarmouth County, commencing on Thursday, September 11th, 1879, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Meeting called to order by the Standing Clerk, Rev. J. I. Porter.

The retiring Moderator, Rev. W. C. Weston, conducted the opening exercises.

Members of Conference present:

**MINISTERS.**—D. Oram, W. C. Weston, W. Downey, S. K. West, W. M. Knollin, T. H. Siddall, P. Brown, T. O. DeWitt, S. N. Royal, J. F. Smith, C. Cann, G. E. Sturgis, W. Millar, F. Babeock and J. I. Porter.

**LICENTIATES.**—Edwin Crowell and A. G. Downey.

**DEACONS.**—B. B. Woodworth, E. Perry, W. Cook, R. Prossor, N. Corning, N. Travis, E. Haley, D. Porter, J. Tedford, A. Cook, J. Randall, E. Raymond, W. Randall, W. Sollas, T. Brown, J. Goodwin and D. Bethune.

**QUARTERLY MEETING DELEGATES.**—A. Scott, J. Killam, Stephen Wyman, N. McGray, W. B. Hopkins, Henry Coffin, M. D. McGray, Byron Simms, J. Cushing, J. Froot, S. Crosby, S. W. Porter, J. Goodwin, T. Brown, jr., T. Jeffrey and J. Durkee.

**CORRESPONDING DELEGATE FROM THE N. B. G. C. OF F. C. BAPTISTS.**—Rev. G. A. Hartley.

**CORRESPONDING DELEGATE FROM THE MAINE C. Y. M. OF F. W. BAPTISTS.**—Rev. J. S. Walker.

Rev. J. F. Smith was chosen Moderator.

The retiring Moderator made appropriate remarks on leaving the Chair; as did the newly elected in taking it.

*Resolved*, That Rev. S. N. Royal be Assistant Moderator.

*Resolved*, That Rev. T. H. Siddall be Assistant Clerk.

*Resolved*, That the Corresponding Delegates, Rev. G. A. Hartley and Rev. J. S. Walker, be invited to a seat in this Conference, and enjoy its privileges, subject to its rules.

The Constitution and Bye-Laws were read by the Assistant Clerk.

*Resolved*, That a Committee of three be appointed to nominate Committees.

*Resolved*, That E. Crowell, N. D. McGray and S. K. West be said Committee.

After a season of devotion, the Committee reported as follows:

<i>Prudential Committee</i>	—W. Downey, A. Scott, B. B. Woodworth.
<i>Temperance</i>	—S. N. Royal, T. H. Siddall, D. C. Weston.
<i>Sabbath</i>	—W. M. Knollin, W. C. Weston, S. K. West.
<i>Sabbath School</i>	—W. B. Hopkins, D. Oram, T. O. DeWitt.
<i>Education</i>	—F. Babcock, N. McGray, E. Crowell.
<i>Missions</i>	—P. Brown, J. Killam, J. S. Walker.

*Resolved*, That this Conference adjourn until 2 o'clock, P. M.  
Prayer by Rev. C. Cann.

2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayer by Bro. E. Crowell.

The roll of members of Conference called.

#### REPORTING MEETING.

The Report of the Yarmouth and Shelburne Quarterly Meeting was read by Bro. A. Scott, the Clerk, as follows:

*The Yarmouth and Shelburne Quarterly Meeting to the Free Baptist Yearly Conference sendeth Christian Salutation:*

Grace be unto you, and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Another year has rolled around with its mercies and blessings, and brought us to the time when it becomes my duty to present our Annual Report.

We have much reason to offer devout and grateful thanksgiving to the great and gracious Head of the Church, for His sparing mercy toward us during the past year. Death has not been permitted to invade the ranks of our ministry, and but very few of our membership have been called away by death, as shown by the annual report of the several Churches.

The Quarterly Meeting has held its full number of sessions this year, in all of which we trust some good has been done.

Our Churches have been divided into Pastorates, and in that way, with but few exceptions, have been very well cared for.

Pastorate No. 1, embracing First Barrington and its branches, Port la Tour and Cape Negro Island Churches, and preaching stations at Lockport, Sable River and Brighton, was designed for two ministers, but owing to the stringency of the times, financially, and some other unavoidable circumstances, only one minister has been employed, and he only three-quarters of the time—and that with the First Barrington and Port la Tour Churches. These have had regular preaching by Rev. Wm. Downey, and have kept up the ordinances and regular worship of God. The rest of this circuit has had no labor, and as a consequence have had a barren, dark time of it. We hope next year to have this circuit more satisfactorily supplied.

Pastorate No. 2, embracing Cape Sable Island, has been under the care of Rev. T. O. DeWitt, who has been permitted to see a most gracious work of revival and salvation, which has resulted in the conversion of many souls and the addition of 111 by baptism. Just as the good work seemed to be at its height, Bro. DeWitt was prostrated by disease which for a time threatened to terminate his life. But thanks to the giver of all good he is again quite well. This circuit has had a most signal year of success.

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Pastorate No. 3, embracing Second Barrington, Shag Harbor and Woods' Harbor Churches, have had the faithful oversight of Rev. J. I. Porter, and have kept up their regular meetings for worship, and are hoping for better days. Some revival influence was enjoyed during the winter at the Centre Branch of Second Barrington Church, and one was baptized and added to the Church by Bro. Porter.

Pastorate No. 4, embracing East and West Pubnico, Argyle and Glenwood Churches, made an effort to secure a minister to live among them and minister unto them, but failed; and subsequently the Glenwood and Argyle Churches secured the services of Rev. Wm. Downey, provisionally, each for one-sixth of his time; and East and West Pubnico the services of Rev. W. C. Weston in like manner. This circuit very much needs a minister to reside within it, and we hope that they may be able to secure one next year. West Pubnico has made preparations for the repainting and repairing of their Church, and East Pubnico has built a very nice commodious place of worship this summer, which will be dedicated early in November next.

Pastorate No. 5, embracing Tuskent, Pleasant Lake, Plymouth and Little River Churches, have been blessed with the faithful labors of the Rev. T. H. Siddall. They have been edified, encouraged and strengthened under his care, and the outlook is encouraging for the future through the whole of this circuit.

Pastorate No. 6, embracing Yarmouth Town and Chebogue Point Churches, have been under the watchful care of Rev. Wm. M. Knollin up to the 25th July, at which time he resigned his connection with Yarmouth Church. Since that time it has had no regular preaching. Bro. Knollin, whose health was so poor last year at this time, has enjoyed somewhat better health during the winter and spring, for which we are very grateful to our Heavenly Father, and hope and pray he may be fully restored and long spared to do efficient work for the Master.

Pastorate No. 7, embracing Brooklyn, Session Hill and Sandford Churches, enjoyed the efficient pastoral care of Rev. F. Babcock, whose connection with this circuit has been very pleasant and profitable. Brooklyn Church has made a very commendable effort to repair their place of worship. This Church is deserving the sympathy and material aid of the more favorably situated brethren. The Session Hill Church have had a prosperous year, and are working on earnestly for the Master. One was added to the Church by baptism. Sandford has maintained its regular services with considerable interest at times.

Pastorate No. 8, embracing Beaver River Church and its outlying preaching stations. This is a very compact and interesting circuit, and has been blessed with the faithful labors of Rev. J. F. Smith, who is evidently by the blessing of God doing a good work in developing and wisely cultivating this fruitful field. We have evidence of the thrift, zeal and commendable christian enterprise of this community in the enlargement and beautifying of this church edifice in which we are so pleasantly and comfortably convened to-day. May God abundantly bless and prosper them in their labors of love.

Pastorate No. 9 embraces Carleton and Kempton Churches, with their outlying districts. Rev. Philip Brown has charge of this circuit, and is doing profitable and efficient work for the Master. He has enjoyed a revival season at East River; and has organized a Church consisting of 12 members, which was received into this Quarterly Meeting at its last session.

This year, as you are aware, is our first experience with regard to the Pastorate System, and we are satisfied that the wants of our Quarterly Meeting has been better met than under the old system. With such further improvement as would give employment to our ministers, and a more general distribution of labor among the churches on each Pastorate, irrespective of the ability of the Church to raise funds; that is, to let each Church in the Pastorate, rich or poor, raise what money it can, thus making up the pastor's salary, and they have his time proportioned among them as their wants demand. With this improvement we believe the system would be made a great blessing to our denomination.

We have to refer with thankfulness to the Great Head of the Church for His goodness shown in the restoration to health of our esteemed brother, Rev. W. C. Weston, who during two long months at the beginning of this year was very ill. We have in this Quarterly Meeting three young brothers who are preparing, and are licensed, to preach the gospel, being E. Crowell, A. G. Downey and J. L. Smith.

Owing to the extreme stringency of the times but little has been done for Education and Home Missions.

As to Foreign Missions the Women's Aid Society has been doing good work in this line in several of our churches and congregations.

The Sabbath School work has been prosecuted in our Quarterly Meeting with a good degree of earnestness and efficiency, and we hail with delight the growing interest among our Churches in this department of Christian enterprise.

The cause of Temperance has not been forgotten by our ministers nor Churches. It has been ably vindicated by our ministry, and its principles maintained and practiced by our membership.

Finally, beloved brethren, may the God of all comfort bless and prosper our denomination, meet with and greatly bless you in your present convocation, and may we all depart this place better prepared for efficient work in the Master's cause during the ensuing year.

The following is the statistical table of our Quarterly Meeting:

STATISTICS OF THE DENOMINATION, 1879.

Churches	Added by Baptism	Added by Letter	Dismissed	Suspended	Restored	Expelled	Deceased	Total Number	Number of Churches	Number of Scholars
Cape Sable Island	111						4	377	4	222
St. Harrington Church, Bear Point	1						1	96	1	110
Shag Harbor								71	1	45
Port la Tour								108	1	80
Woods Harbor								11		30
Cape Negro Island								106		65
Glenwood, Argyle, Snd								69		39
Tusket, Yarmouth								145	1	76
Kempville								27		60
Carlisle								108		60
Sandford								64		63
Session Hill								30		31
Brooklyn								43		35
Yarmouth								39		80
Chicopee Point								46		80
Chicopee								19		
East River										
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This Report embraces seventeen Churches, as reported at our Annual Quarterly Meeting, held at Cape Island 16th August. Total added by baptism, 118. By letter, 2. Dismissed, 11. Suspended, 2. Restored, 1. Expelled, none. Died, 13. Total number of members, 1,655. Number of Sabbath Schools, 21. Sabbath School scholars, 886.

I should have been pleased to have had a report from all the Churches.  
**AMOS SCOTT, Clerk Quarterly Meeting.**

*Resolved*, That the Report be received and engrossed on the Minutes.

Rev. S. N. Royal, Clerk of the Harmony Quarterly Meeting, read his Report as follows:

*Dear Brethren of the Free Baptist General Conference:*

In presenting our Annual Report we regret that we have no better report to make. As most know, we are in a scattered condition, geographically. Black Rock, Hall's Harbor, Canning, and some remnants of Churches in Kings County, Halifax Church in Halifax, Brookville in Hants County, Harmony, Port Medway, East Medway and Port Mouton Churches in Queens County. Hence we are not in a position to aid one another as we would. We have five ministers—Bro. Minard at Halifax, Bro. Millar at Hall's Harbor and Black Rock, Bro. Sturgis at Brookville, Hants County, Bro. J. Cox lives at Canning, Bro. Royal at Caledonia with the Harmony Church. Canning, East Medway, Port Medway and Port Mouton Churches are without regular preaching, yet not wholly discouraged; they sustain prayer-meetings. Canning, East Medway and Port Medway Churches have good Sabbath Schools. The Church at Black Rock has been favored with revival, and is in a more prosperous condition than at our last report. Halifax Church has added fourteen to its membership. Bro. Lowden has closed his labors, and Bro. Minard is soon to take his place. The financial condition of this Church is a matter needing our immediate co-operation. The Church at Brookville was blessed with revival interest last autumn. Most of the Churches that are without preaching are making some arrangements for preaching in the future.

During the summer, Bro. George Lowden was with the Churches at Port Medway and East Medway with much acceptance. Owing to our scattered condition and other circumstances, the attendance at the Quarterly Meetings was too small to arrange the Pastorate System.

Brethren, our prayers are, that you might be guided and strengthened in your present sessions. Pray for us that we may, by the blessing of God, be able next year to make a better report.

Our prayer is that, "The God of peace that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that Great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen."

Yours for Christ,

**S. NASON ROYAL, Clerk of Harmony Q. M.**

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Year	Number of Churches	Number of Members
1877	4	228
1878	1	110
1879	1	57
1880	3	45
1881	1	50
1882	1	37
1883	1	35
1884	1	39
1885	3	75
1886	1	50
1887	1	43
1888	1	35
1889	1	37
1890	21	886

Rev. G. A. Hartley, Corresponding Delegate of N. B. F. C. Baptist Conference, reported as follows:

We have 144 Churches; 41 ordained ministers; 15 licentiates; membership, 9,389; increase, 459. Seven districts in the Conference. Many of our Churches during the past have had large revivals. We are trying to sustain Dr. Phillips and his wife, also Miss Hooper, in India.

Home Missions not doing much, owing to the stress of the times. In Education we are not doing much, still we are quietly making progress. Temperance, sound on it as a body—both ministers and laity. Sabbath Schools—we are striving to maintain them and add to their strength.

We are interested in you, and pray earnestly for your future prosperity. We desire to maintain the correspondence with you, and should be glad to receive your delegates.

Bro. Siddall moved the thanks of the Conference to Bro. Hartley for his interesting Report.

Rev. J. S. Walker, Corresponding Delegate from the Maine Central Yearly Meeting of F. W. Baptists, said:

Our Yearly Meeting comprised 110 Churches, 105 ministers, 15 licentiates, 7,000 communicants, 28,000 in the State. We have much that is hopeful in our denomination of late years. We have churches in most of the large cities. Our position is strengthening, and our outlook good. We have a general system of machinery that has been the fruit of years of earnest labor.

The outlook in all our departments is good, and we have reason to rejoice at the prospect before us. Educationally, we are strong. On Temperance, as a rule, we are a unit. Our law is strong and we carry it out; the spirit of which is good to the weal of the State. We earnestly desire a continuance of the correspondence.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Conference is hereby extended to Bro. Walker for his excellent report.

Rev. D. Oram, Corresponding Delegate to the F. C. B. Conference of New Brunswick in 1878—

Spoke of his pleasure in meeting old friends, and the cordial reception accorded him; the work our brethren in New Brunswick are doing, but wouldn't go into particulars as their delegate had given us a good report that wasn't almost a year old.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Conference are hereby extended to Bro. Oram.

Rev. F. Babcock, Corresponding Delegate to the Maine Central Yearly Meeting, in giving his Report—

Spoke of the pleasure afforded him by his visit to the Maine Central Union. He learnt much of their work, and was pleased with the order of conducting business. The ministers and people seem to be thoroughly united, and hopeful of the future. All the Societies seem to have suffered from the stress of the times. Happily, there is a turn apparent, and indications point to prosperous days in things material.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Conference be hereby given to Bro. Babcock for his Report.

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Rev. G. A. Hartley spoke in the interest of the *Religious Intelligencer*.

*Resolved*, That this Conference endorse the action of the Yarmouth and Shelburne Quarterly Meeting in the arrangement of its Churches into Pastorates.

Matters contained in the Reports of the Quarterly Meetings were further considered and laid on the table.

Some discussion on the perfecting of the Pastorate System.

*Resolved*, That this Conference adjourn, to meet at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning. Prayer by Rev. P. Brown.

FRIDAY, 10 O'CLOCK.

Prayer by Rev. G. E. Sturgis.

This the meeting to receive Reports from several Committees.

Committee on Sunday Schools as follows:

As far as your Committee have been able to learn, the number of scholars in the schools are on the increase, but not having at hand any statistics we are unable to give the exact number. We therefore cannot be too earnest in urging upon parents the importance of using their parental authority in bringing their children to the Sunday School, that in their youthful days they may be indoctrinated with the principles of our holy Christianity, and receive that instruction that will develop their loyalty to the interests of our denomination, and more fully qualify them to become spiritual laborers in the vineyard of God. Your Committee would especially recommend that prayer be made to Almighty God, that from the members of our Sabbath Schools He would raise up and qualify such as will be efficient standard-bearers in His cause, in bearing the glad tidings of salvation to the destitute portions of our Province.

Respectfully submitted,

D. ORAM, *Chairman*.

*Resolved*, That the Report be received and referred to the Sunday School Convention to be held on Monday afternoon.

*Resolved*, That A. Scott, M. McGray and B. B. Woodworth be a Committee to nominate Corresponding Delegates to other bodies.

Rev. S. N. Royal, Chairman of Committee on Temperance, read their Report as follows:

Your Committee are aware that the subject submitted to us is an old, old story. We as well are aware that the evil is as old as Noah and prevalent in the present time, against which we contend.

We would urge upon our membership the most strict adherence to the principles and practice of total abstinence, and to use all the means in their power to destroy the destroyer of millions, check the extension of the power of the associations combined against us, and to educate our children in the habits of temperance and sobriety. Your Committee would prayerfully commend to the consideration of this Conference the need at this

time of avowing by resolution our position with regard to the important question of prohibition.

The Report was adopted.

The Report on the Sabbath was read by Rev. W. M. Knollin as follows:

"Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy," was the Divine injunction to God's ancient people. The importance of the right observance of the law was manifest in view of the terrible penalty annexed to its violation, Exodus xxxi, 14, "Ye shall keep the Sabbath therefore, for it is holy unto you; every one that defileth it shall surely be put to death." The cause for the enunciation of this law, the penalty for the violation of which was so severe, is two-fold. First, the effect of sin upon man's physical constitution was such that it was not capable of sustaining unbroken toil and the sweat of his face necessary to obtain his livelihood; and hence, in the exercise of infinite love to man, God gave the seventh day as a day of rest for the recuperation of wasted energies. Second, it was given as a sign between God and His people; the observance of which, by them, was a standing monument of their recognition of the Divine Being, and that obedience to Him was the only way of attaining the highest degree of human happiness.

Your Committee regret that in these days of light and religious progress the laws underlying this Divine institution are so little recognized and observed, and would recommend that our ministers call especial attention to the nature and right observance of the Lord's Day, and that the heads of families, into whose hands this report may fall, be admonished to have due regard to its claims, and seek carefully to train the little ones at their feet in the way they should go. And, in conclusion, your Committee recommend the thoughtful consideration of the sentiments expressed in the report of last year.

Rev. T. H. Siddall said, the Levitical law, "Thou shalt do no manner of work," we must consider what was meant in the mind of the Lawgiver. The law killeth, but the spirit giveth life. Our consciousness will guide us to keep the Sabbath. Referred to the customs in France; morals in Scotland. No people in the compass of his knowledge that observe the Sabbath equal to this people.

Rev. J. F. Smith referred to the objection of many, that ministers get pay for their Sabbath work.

Rev. S. N. Royal referred to the change of the Sabbath.

Rev. J. S. Walker stated that he had carefully considered this question. They had often discussed it in their Yearly Meeting *pro* and *con*. He was satisfied that it was the spirit that God looked at. The history of the Sabbath in some of its phases was enveloped in much doubt. But the day, as a day of spiritual worship and of rest, was an imperious demand.

Rev. W. C. Weston dwelt on the advantages of observing the Sabbath. He appealed to all parents to maintain the Sabbath in its integrity.

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Rev. G. A. Hartley would say, with the celebrated J. Cook, of Boston, "It is in the very nature of things that we keep the Sabbath." The seventh day was never mentioned as kept by the followers of Christ. Liked to see the conduct of all conform to the spirit of the law.

Bro. A. Cook spoke with much earnestness.

*Resolved*, That the Report be adopted and engrossed on the Minutes.

The Report on Education was read by Bro. E. Crowell as follows:

Your Committee are aware that reports from the Committee on Education have heretofore been generally referred to the meeting of the Education Society for discussion, and that the object of that Society has been defined to help worthy brethren who are studying to fit themselves more perfectly for the Gospel ministry. We consider, however, that under our province comes the more generally unthought of matter of the education of the membership of our Church both in doctrine and in religious matters. As to the latter we do not hesitate to reiterate the suggestions that have been made in urging the more general patronage of our religious papers, for we feel that as a denomination we are delinquent in this respect, and that it would be far better to attend to the apostolic injunction in giving attention to reading, exhortation and doctrine.

In view of the necessity of an educated ministry, which our Conference fully recognizes, we recommend that some systematic plan of raising money be adopted and put into execution, by which the claims of the Education Society may be continuously presented to our people. The scheme of the Loan Fund, which was adopted by the Yearly Meeting two years ago, has been suffered to drop, and is now a dead letter on our Minutes. This should not be so. Resolutions and good intentions effect nothing unless carried out. We, therefore, beg an earnest attention to this important matter.

We recommend also, that our brethren in their theological studies attend such institutions as are in sympathy with our doctrines.

F. BABCOCK

EDWARD CROWELL,

N. McGRAY,

} Committee  
on  
Education.

Sept. 12, 1870.

*Resolved*, That the Report be received and referred to the Education Meeting on Saturday evening.

The Report on Missions was read by Rev. J. S. Walker, as follows:

Your Committee submit the following report, viz.: We regret that there was not as much money raised last year for Home Missions as was desirable. We recommend to the Conference, that each Church comprising the Quarterly Meetings have a collector to collect Home Mission funds. We also recommend, that each Circuit, comprising the Quarterly Meetings, shall each hold a meeting annually in behalf of Home Missions. We further recommend to the brethren of this Conference,

to hold up the hands of the Women's Mission Aid Society in behalf of the Foreign Mission Work, by lending them pecuniary aid in their enterprise.

J. S. WALKER, *Chairman.*

*Resolved*, That the Report be received and referred to the Mission meeting this evening.

The following recommendations from the Elders' Conference was read by Rev. T. H. Siddall:

The Elders' Conference having had before them certain petitions containing a request that we restore Bro. S. W. Bennison to full fellowship, and that he has the right to administer all the ordinances in connection with the denomination, it was—

*Resolved*, That the petitions, and requests therein contained, be referred for the consideration of General Conference in Committee of the Whole.

*Resolved*, That the above referred matter be considered at the close of the Women's meeting this afternoon in open Conference.

*Resolved*, That we adjourn. Prayer by Rev. D. Oram.

FRIDAY, 4½ O'CLOCK.

Prayer by Bro. E. Crowell.

Roll called by the Clerk.

The order of business as referred by the Elders' Conference, touching the case of S. W. Bennison, was considered. Whereupon the following resolution was moved:

"That the petitions in favor of S. W. Bennison be not granted." Whereupon the following amendment was moved and seconded:

*Whereas*, We believe that the petitions referred to this Conference from the Elders' Conference, respecting the restoration of Bro. Bennison, involves too grave consequences to the whole denomination to be disposed of at this session, no previous notice having been given, and in respect to the action of Yearly Conference Session, 1877;

*Therefore Resolved*, That this Conference refer the matter to the next Conference of 1880; and recommend that each Church in the denomination be requested to express its wish in the matter through the Quarterly Meetings, and that in the meantime Bro. Bennison be recommended to labor on his lay license.

After considerable discussion, a vote was taken on the amendment, which was lost, when the resolution was unanimously sustained and adopted.

*Resolved*, That we adjourn until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Prayer by Rev. D. Oram.

SATURDAY, 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

Prayer by Rev. W. Millar.

*Resolved*, That the resolutions contained in the Report on Missions be adopted.

*Resolved*, That in the future the choice of the Moderator of this Conference be made by ballot.

*Resolved*, That the Clerk get 1,500 copies of the Minutes of this Conference printed, and received \$20 for his services.

*Resolved*, That there be on the second page of Minutes of Conference the name and address of the ministers and licentiates.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Conference are due, and are hereby tendered to Bro. Wm. Downey for his excellent and timely annual sermon, and that he be requested to send a synopsis of the same to the *Intelligencer*.

*Resolved*, That the ladies of the Women's Missionary Society be requested to hand to the Clerk a Report of their proceedings.

*Resolved*, That Dr. Sturgis, B. B. Woodworth, A. Scott, W. Downey and Byron Simms be a Committee to consider the Halifax Mission, and report thereon.

*Resolved*, That this meeting endorse the *Religious Intelligencer*, and do all we can to increase the same.

*Resolved*, That a Committee of three be appointed to locate the next Annual Conference.

*Resolved*, That J. I. Porter, W. C. Weston and S. N. Royal be the Committee.

As application has been made by the Harmony Church, through its pastor, for the next Conference, and no other application sent, the Committee decide that the next Annual Conference will be held at Caledonia, Queens County, on the Second Thursday in September, 1880.

*Resolved*, That the Report on letter from Deerfield be accepted, and a copy of the same sent to the Clerk of the Church.

*Resolved*, That E. Crowell, F. Babcock and N. Corning be a Committee to consider the question of Local or Lay Licenses, and report thereon.

*Resolved*, That Rev. F. Babcock be hereby appointed to preach the Annual Conference Sermon next year.

*Resolved*, That Rev. D. Oram be his substitute.

*Resolved*, That Rev. J. I. Porter be the Delegate to the New Brunswick General Conference, and that Rev. W. Downey be his substitute.

*Resolved*, That Rev. S. N. Royal be Corresponding Delegate to the Maine Central Yearly Meeting. Rev. W. C. Weston be his substitute. (*As per Report of Committee as adopted.*)

*Resolved*, That in case Bro. J. M. Lowden leaves the Province, Bro. Siddall be a member of the Executive of the Ministers' Relief Fund.

The Report on matters connected with the Halifax Church was taken up. The Committee thereon reported as follows:

Your Committee recommend that this Conference assist the Halifax Church in paying interest and insurance another year, and that a Committee of three be selected to raise the money on the responsibility of Conference, and pay over whatever amount the Church may be unable to raise for that purpose. And that all the ministers be requested to use their influence to get persons to take shares with a view to the ultimate paying off of the debt.

W. DOWNEY, *Chairman.*

The Report was laid on the table to be considered at next session.

*Resolved*, That we adjourn.

MONDAY, 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

Prayer by Rev. T. O. DeWitt.

The Report of Committee on the Halifax interest was taken up. After a free discussion it was—

*Resolved*, That the Report be adopted.

*Resolved*, That J. I. Porter, N. D. McGray and T. O. DeWitt be the Committee specified in the above Report.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Conference are due, and are hereby extended to the people of Beaver River for the hospitable manner in which they have entertained this Conference.

*Resolved*, That Rev. W. C. Weston be President, and Rev. J. I. Porter, Secretary and Treasurer, of the Infirm Ministers' Relief Society; and that the Executive consist of Revs. W. C. Weston, J. I. Porter, W. Downey, D. Oram and J. F. Smith.

*Resolved*, That whereas the Home Mission Society has recommended that each Church hold a Home Mission meeting,

therefore this Conference approve such a recommendation, and further recommend that some persons be appointed to collect moneys in aid of the Home Mission funds in each Church.

*Resolved*, That the position of S. W. Bennison, so far as this Conference is concerned, is the same as before those petitions were presented to the Conference in his interest, or action thereon by this body.

*Resolved*, That we adjourn. Prayer by Rev. S. N. Royal.

5 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayer by Rev. G. E. Sturgis.

The Report of Committee on Local License was read as follows:

In accordance with the recommendation of the Committee on "Local License," at the Conference of 1878, your Committee would suggest that the word "Local" in the above named recommendation be expunged, and the word "Lay" be substituted. Further, we recommend, that a Lay License given by a Church must be endorsed by the pastor, or, in case there is none, by some Elder of our Conference.

And further, that a Lay License do not constitute its possessor a member of General Conference.

EDWIN CROWELL, *Chairman*.

*Resolved*, That the above Report be adopted.

The following is the form of *Lay License*, to be used by Churches, by recommendation of Conference, viz.:

This Certifies that Bro. \_\_\_\_\_, having given satisfactory evidence of his Christian character, evincing a desire for the salvation of souls and work for the Master, is hereby granted a *Lay Preacher's License* during the pleasure of this Church.

(Signed)

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*Clerk of Church*.

*Resolved*, That a Delegate be appointed to the next Harmony Quarterly Meeting to encourage the brethren, and bring before the Churches the claims of our Foreign and Home Mission Societies, with a view of strengthening our denominational interests, and that this Conference defray the expenses of said Delegate.

*Resolved*, That our best thanks be accorded to Revs. G. A. Hartley and J. S. Walker for their aid during this Conference. To which an appropriate reply was made.

*Resolved*, That Rev. W. Downey be the Delegate to the next Harmony Quarterly Meeting, and that Rev. J. I. Porter be his substitute.

After some excellent remarks by the Moderator, it was—  
*Resolved*, That we adjourn.  
 Singing doxology. Prayer by Rev. D. Oram.

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### DEVOTIONAL.

Wednesday evening, the large, beautiful new Church, in which the Conference was held, was dedicated.

The exercises were directed by the pastor, Rev. J. F. Smith. The sermon, which was an able one, was preached by Rev. G. A. Hartley. Revs. DeWitt, Oram, Downey, West, Knollin, Royal, Walker and Siddall took the other exercises. The congregation was large, and much interest manifest in the service. The singing of the choir was excellent.

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### THURSDAY, 7½ O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Annual Sermon was preached by Rev. Wm. Downey. The sermon was an able one. Several other ministers took part in the exercises. Much interest manifest in the meeting.

The Sabbath—prayer-meeting at 9 o'clock. A refreshing season was enjoyed. At 10½ o'clock, Rev. G. A. Hartley, Delegate from the N. B. Conference, preached. At the same hour all the places within a reasonable limit was supplied by ministers of the Conference. At 2½ p. m., Rev. J. S. Walker, Delegate from the Maine Central Yearly Meeting, preached. At 7½ o'clock, Rev. T. O. DeWitt preached at the Free Baptist Church; after which the Lord's Supper was administered to a large number. Many other places were supplied by the ministers at the same hour. On this day, as during all the time of the Conference, the weather was all that could be desired. The devotional spirit, not only on the Sabbath but all through the meetings, was *good*. The Social Conference on Saturday afternoon *was a most refreshing season*. A large number took a strong and ready part in expressions of trust and hope, and willing service for Jesus. Short seasons for prayer and singing were allowed during the business sessions, when not interrupting the work. *The influence blessed.*

All interested in the welfare of the denomination must have felt, in leaving this Conference, encouraged, *for the Lord helped us.*

J. I. PORTER, *Clerk.*

Amount

Jos. He  
 Bessie M  
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 Fanny I  
 Mrs. W  
 Warren  
 Andrew  
 Israel W  
 Ida M. V  
 Mrs. Ma  
 Mrs. Th  
 Seth W.  
 Debbie C  
 Charles I  
 John Ho  
 Josiah P  
 Mrs. Gill  
 Mrs. Sar  
 Mr. and  
 Mrs. Still  
 Mrs. Sam  
 Winnifree  
 Emma C  
 Annie Pr  
 Mrs. But  
 Joseph H  
 Nathan H  
 W. H. W  
 Mrs. Benj  
 Mrs. Thos  
 Mrs. O'Br  
 O. W. Ho  
 Clara Hop  
 Arch. Hop  
 Samuel H  
 Rhoda Ho  
 Isaac Hop  
 Capt. Mich  
 Lillie H. C  
 Mrs. Jame  
 Miss Bethi  
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# APPENDIX.

## TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

Free Baptist Conference in Account with J. I. Porter, Treasurer.

	Cr.		
Amount in fund, Oct. 5, 1878, \$197 10		Mrs. John Wilson,	\$0 10
		Capt. John Crowell,	25
		Mrs. John Crowell,	10
		Mrs. Wm. O. Crowell,	10
		Miss Annie Crowell,	10
		W. B. Hopkins,	25
		Mrs. W. B. Hopkins,	10
		Mrs. Andrew Wilson,	10
		Mrs. James F. McMullin,	10
		Capt. Wm. Hopkins,	25
		Mrs. Wm. Hopkins,	10
		Mrs. Ascanth Wilson,	10
		Miss Bertie L. Hopkins,	10
		Mrs. Isaac Hopkins,	10
		Miss Josephine Sears,	10
		Capt. Josiah Hopkins,	25
		Mrs. Josiah Hopkins,	10
		Miss Emma Hopkins,	10
		Robert B. Hopkins,	25
		Wm. Downey and wife,	35
		Blanche Downey,	10
			\$12 79
		<i>Second Barrington Church, Central Section.</i>	
		Benjamin Banks and wife,	\$0 35
		Drusilla Nickerson,	10
		Isaac Nickerson and wife,	35
		Mary Nickerson,	10
		Stephen Banks and wife,	35
		Joseph Atwood,	25
		Heman Kenney and wife,	35
		Thomas Banks and wife,	35
		Sophia Smith,	10
		James Kenney,	25
		Mrs. Lucy Banks,	10
		Charles Banks,	25
		Lucy Banks,	10
			\$3 00
		<i>Bear Point Section.</i>	
		Mrs. Elizabeth Atwood,	\$0 10
		Charles Swin,	24
		Mrs. Henrietta Swin,	10
		Thomas Swin and wife,	25
		Mrs. Rosilie Swin,	10
			\$0 10
			\$12 79
			\$12 79

Joseph Smith,	\$0 10	Samuel Hamilton and wife,	\$0 35
Albert Swim,	25	Mrs. Maggie Hamilton,	10
Jeremiah Stoddart,	10	Mrs. Sarah Mood,	10
Wm. O. Hopkins and wife,	25		
Mrs. Susan A. Swim,	10		\$2 62
Mr. and Mrs. James Smith,	25	By Wm. Hurlbert,	2 00
Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Stoddart,	37		
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stoddart,	37	TREASURER	\$4 62
Mr. and Mrs. David Nickerson,	37	List from Bro. Hurlbert not received.	
Mr. and Mrs. Ensign Hopkins,	35		
Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Smith,	37		
Levi Hopkins,	25	<i>Kempt Church, 1879.</i>	
Jacob Smith,	25	N. Travis, sen., and wife,	\$0 35
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kenny,	37	Elkanah Travis and wife,	37
Gideon Smith,	26	Frederick Hurlbert,	20
Jesse Smith,	25	Martha Hurlbert,	10
		Mrs. Ann Reeves,	10
		Mrs. Sarah Crowell,	10
		Miss Aggie Hurlbert,	10
	\$5 06	Lemuel Hamilton and wife,	25
		Robert Prosser,	25
		Jonathan Randall,	25
		Joseph Goodwin,	25
		Laura Prosser,	12
		Hattie Travis,	12
		Albert McGray,	25
		Abijah Ring and wife,	37
		James Prout,	30
		John Marshall and wife,	37
		John Roberts,	25
		Amial Spinney,	25
		Emmeline Prosser,	12
		Annie Roberts,	13
		Fannie Smith,	12
		Jossey Prosser,	10
		Ezekiel Ring,	25
		Keziah Marling,	10
		Wm. Randall,	25
			\$5 42

*Shag Harbor Church.*

Samuel Kendrick,	\$0 25
Elizabeth Kendrick,	10
Martha Nickerson,	10
Susannah Kendrick,	10
Edward Kendrick,	25
Warren Crowell,	25
Samuel Nickerson,	25
Philip Crowell,	25
Elizabeth Nickerson,	10
Mary J. Nickerson,	10
Judah Crowell,	25
Edna Nickerson,	10
Jedida Nickerson,	10
Elizabeth J. Nickerson,	5
Matilda Nickerson,	10
Hepsibeth Kendrick,	10
Mercy Crowell,	10
E. H. Kendrick,	25
Eston Nickerson,	25
Ephraim Larkin,	25
Hulda Smith,	10
Matilda Shoals,	10
Maria Kendrick,	10
	\$4 20

*Kempt Church, by Lemuel Hamilton, for 1879.*

Frederick Hulbert,	\$0 12
Lella Hulbert,	5
Lydia A. Hulbert,	10
Nathaniel Travis and wife,	35
Elkanah Travis and wife,	35
Dellet Travis,	12
Sabrina Travis,	10
Levie Travis,	10
Jemima Hurlbert,	5
Dennis Crowell and wife,	25
Matthew Roberts,	12
Lemuel Hamilton and wife,	35

W. H. Tedford and wife,	\$0 30
E. H. Porter and wife,	30
Abijah Ellis and wife,	20
E. T. Porter and wife,	25
P. B. Hallibur and wife,	25
Susan Porter,	9
Isaac Porter,	25
	\$1 04

*Carlton Church.*

Asa Pittman and wife,	\$0 35
James Durkee,	25
Mrs. J. Durkee,	10
	\$0 70

*Second Apple Church, Glenwood.*

Weymouth Roberts,	\$0 25
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George  
A. W.  
Mrs. I.  
Elizab  
Mrs. J.  
Daniel  
Wilson  
Maxwe  
Mrs. A.  
Mrs. E.  
Benjam  
W. W.  
Freema  
Charles  
Mrs. G.  
James  
James  
Mrs. Jo  
Mrs. Ch  
Esther  
Isaac F  
James  
B. J. W  
Mrs. De  
John W  
James  
Warren  
Wentwo  
Melvin  
Mrs. Reu  
Mary A.

*Cape Is*

Capt. B. C  
Capt. W.  
Capt. J. E  
Capt. N. I  
Capt. M. J  
Capt. E. N  
Mrs. Colby  
Miss Alice  
Mrs. Asa  
Mrs. Christ  
Mrs. Samu  
Mrs. Georg  
Mrs. Benja  
Mrs. Marth  
Edmund R  
Mrs. Mar  
Miss Eather  
Mrs. Debor  
Widow Deb  
Emanuel R  
James Ros  
Abrahan C  
Widow Mar  
Reuben Pen



Mrs. Lewis Nickerson,	\$0 12	Nathan Salisbury and wife,	\$0 35
Mrs. Rebecca Nickerson,	20	Hezekiah Huskins and wife,	35
Mrs. Joseph Crowell,	10	Wealthy Snow,	10
Mrs. John L. Crowell,	10	Wm. Snow, 2d,	25
Gabriel Swim and wife,	10	Mrs. Mary J. Taylor,	10
Harvey Nickerson,	30	Prince Stoddart and wife,	35
Mrs. Job Swim,	5	James Nickerson,	25
Daniel Nickerson and wife,	17	Wm. Snow and wife,	25
Doane Nickerson and wife,	17	Thomas D. Smith,	25
George Nickerson and wife,	17	David Smith,	25
Mrs. Coleman Nickerson,	17	Sarah S. Crowell,	12
Mrs. Ephraim Nickerson,	5	Wm. Powell and wife,	35
Mrs. Ephraim Stoddart,	12	Joseph A. Smith and wife,	35
Thomas Atkinson and wife,	17	Capt. Griswold,	25
Berry Atkinson and wife,	17	Emmeline Swim,	10
Miss Elizabeth Atkinson,	5		
Darius Nickerson,	10		\$4 76
Freeman Nickerson and wife,	17		
Abijah Penney and wife,	17	<i>Lower Argyle Church.</i>	
James Atkinson,	12	Caroline Spinney,	\$0 10
Mrs. Sophia Penney,	5	Simeon Spinney and wife,	35
Mrs. D. Stoddart,	5	Soldmon Ryder and wife,	20
Joseph Penney and wife,	17	Maria Ryder,	10
Abijah Penney,	12	Serena Ryder,	10
Capt. John Smith and wife,	20	Agnes Spinney,	10
Mrs. Geward Newell,	10	Benjamin Hines and wife,	50
Eleazer Crowell and wife,	35	Emily Hines,	25
Miss Cordelia Crowell,	5	Hannah Spinney,	10
Mrs. Henry Howard,	5	Isaac Ryder and wife,	1 05
John E. Nickerson and wife,	20	Lucinda Ryder,	10
Andrew L. Swim,	10	Edward Ryder and wife,	35
Mrs. Matilda Swim,	10	Lyman Spinney and wife,	25
A Friend,	10	Alfaretta Spinney,	10
Mrs. Silda Henderson,	5	Henry Ryder and wife,	35
Eldridge Crowell,	15	Wm. Ryder and wife,	1 05
Michael Crowell,	10	John Ryder,	75
Mrs. Prince Hopkins,	10	Miner H. Spinney and wife,	35
Mrs. Joseph Hopkins,	5	Ezra Spinney,	75
Mrs. David Dunkin,	15	Alva Spinney,	30
Mrs. J. Dunkin,	10	Daniel Gayton and wife,	30
Miss Mercy Smith,	10	Mrs. Frank Frost,	12
Mrs. Stillman Crowell,	20	Caleb Spinney and wife,	37
Miss Margery Smith,	5	Calvin Spinney and wife,	37
Mrs. I. C. Smith,	20	James Spinney, sen.,	25
Isaac Smith,	33	Mrs. Esther Goodwin,	5
Mrs. Henry Brown,	5	Mrs. Alva Pennington,	12
B. F. Kenney,	25	Mrs. James H. Spinney,	12
		Jeremiah Harding, jr., and wife,	37
		James McLaren and wife,	37
		James Gayton and wife,	37
		Eunice Gayton,	13
	\$18 04	Jeremiah Harding, sen., and wife,	35
		Mrs. Webster Hamilton,	10
		Mrs. Thomas Hamilton,	10
		Mrs. Phillp Frost,	10
		Whitman Spinney, senr., and wife,	30
		Mrs. Wm. Kenney,	10
		Jonathan Goodwin, senr., and wife,	35
		Mrs. Letitia Goodwin,	10
		Ebenezer Spinney,	21
		Benjamin Spinney and wife,	35

*Stony Island Section, Collected by Miss Ada M. Ross.*

*Port La Tour Church.*

Tarnes Crowell and wife,	\$0 35
James Crowell and wife,	24
Jemima Swaine,	10
Sarah Swaine,	10
Mercy Swaine,	10
Matilda Swaine,	10
Rebecca Snow,	10

William  
Mrs. Jon  
Mrs. Wm  
Eliza J.  
Princes H.  
Albert G.  
Mrs. Lyo  
David Sp  
Benjamin

Asa Robb  
Mrs. H.  
J. A. Ha  
Mrs. R. V  
Mrs. J. E  
Mrs. D.  
Wm. Hat  
Thos. We  
Frank H  
Mrs. Rob  
Miss Add  
Mrs. A. V  
Joseph J  
Stephen J  
E. Wood  
Mrs. Calv  
Mrs. Amc  
Miss Ada  
Mrs. Caro  
Thomas K  
Rev. T. H

Amos Lar  
Wm. Lar  
Edward L  
Wellington  
Miss Lois  
Miss Minn  
Mrs. Minn  
Mrs. Carol  
Mrs. E. D  
Wm. Tref  
John Cook  
John S. C  
Mrs. Wm.  
Andrew M  
Leonard V  
Mrs. Nath  
Mrs. Josep  
Mrs. Wea  
Mrs. Wm.  
David Her  
Mrs. Benj  
Mrs. Mi fo

\$0 35	William Goodwin,	\$0 25
35	Mrs. Jonathan Goodwin, jr.,	10
10	Mrs. Wm. Goodwin,	10
25	Eliza J. Harding,	10
35	Prince Hipson and wife,	35
10	Albert Gayton and wife,	35
25	Mrs. Lydia Seely,	30
25	David Spinney and wife,	35
25	Benjamin McLaren and wife,	50

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*Tusket Church.*

\$0 35	Asa Robbins and wife,	\$0 35
10	Mrs. H. A. Hatfield,	10
35	J. A. Hatfield and wife,	35
10	Mrs. E. VanNorden,	10
10	Mrs. J. F. Crosby,	10
10	Mrs. D. Waters,	10
20	Wm. Hatfield,	25
10	Thos. West,	24
10	Frank Hatfield,	25
10	Mrs. Robert Blanvelt,	10
10	Miss Addie H. Blanvelt,	10
50	Mrs. A. Wood,	10
25	Joseph Jeffrey and wife,	35
10	Stephen Jeffrey,	25
1 05	E. Wood and wife,	35
10	Mrs. Calvin Hurlbert,	20
35	Mrs. Amos Jeffery,	10
25	Miss Ada Jeffery,	15
10	Mrs. Caroline Knowles,	10
35	Thomas Knowles,	25
1 05	Rev. T. H. Siddall,	25

**\$4 14**

*Little River Church.*

\$0 35	Amos Larkin and wife,	\$0 35
30	Wm. Larkin and wife,	25
12	Edward Larkin and wife,	30
37	Wellington Larkin and wife,	40
37	Miss Lois Larkin,	10
25	Miss Minnie Larkin,	10
5	Mrs. Minard Vanhorn,	10
12	Mrs. Caroline Smith,	10
12	Mrs. E. D. Trefry,	6
37	Wm. Trefry and wife,	25
37	John Cook and wife,	30
13	John S. Cook and wife,	25
35	Mrs. Wm. Cook,	10
10	Andrew McGray and wife,	30
10	Leonard Weston and wife,	35
10	Mrs. Nathan Weston,	20
39	Mrs. Joseph Knowles,	10
10	Mrs. Wealthy C. Allen,	5
10	Mrs. Wm. Horton,	10
35	David Hersey and wife,	25
10	Mrs. Benjamin Hersey,	10
21	Mrs. Milford Hersey,	10

\$0 35	Elijah Pinkney and wife,	\$0 35
35	James Burke and wife,	35
25	Wm. Smith,	25

*Plymouth Church.*

\$0 25	Joseph Johnson and wife,	\$0 25
10	Mrs. Wentworth Johnson,	10
25	Freeman Johnson and wife,	25
25	Byron C. Sims,	25
25	Robert A. Sims,	25
10	Mrs. E. A. Sims,	10
35	Jotham K. Johnson and wife,	35
10	Mrs. Robert Baker,	10
10	Widow Baker,	10
25	Wilson G. Sims,	25
25	Jeremiah Sims,	25
10	Mrs. David McKay,	10
10	Mrs. Zilpah Sims,	10
6	Mrs. Azula Purdy,	6
10	Mrs. Thomas Purdy,	10
25	George W. Sims,	25
30	Nathaniel Sims and wife,	30

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*Yarmouth Church.*

\$0 37	Amos Scott and wife,	\$0 37
37	Walter Cook and wife,	37
37	Norman Jeffrey,	37
37	Albert Cook and wife,	37
37	Prince Vanhorn and wife,	37
10	Mrs. Harriet Johnson,	10
25	D. C. Weston,	25
12	Mrs. Jones,	12
12	Mrs. C. Hemeon,	12

**\$2 30**

*Session Hill Church.*

\$0 10	Fannie Allen,	\$0 10
10	Elizabeth Marling,	10
10	Eltha Pitman,	10
5	Martha Allen,	5
30	Zaccheus Churchill and wife,	30
25	Thomas S. Doane,	25
10	Wm. Murphy, jr.,	10
6	Lizzie Churchill,	6
40	N. Corning and wife,	40
37	T. Brown and wife,	37
40	James Bain and wife,	40
25	Stephen Wyman,	25
12	Ara Corning,	12
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 Mrs. Emma Killam, 10  
 Mrs. Rachel Doane, 10  
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 Samuel Trefry, 37  
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 Mrs. Joseph Eldridge, 12  
 Mrs. Augustus Williams, 12  
 Mrs. George Beveridge, 12  
 Miss Eunice Bent, 12  
 Eliza Churchill, 12  
 Miriam Churchill, 12

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*Sandford Church.*

Howard Thurston, \$0 25  
 Silas Crosby and wife, 50  
 Elizabeth Rodney, 10  
 Martha Harris, 10  
 Jesse Eldridge, 25  
 Jos. Rodney and wife, 25  
 Eli Shaw, 20  
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 Alice Durkee, 10  
 Jacob Tedford, 25  
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 Ann McGraw, 10  
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# MINUTES OF THE TWELFTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

NOVA SCOTIA FREE BAPTIST

## FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETY.

HELD AT BEAVER RIVER, SEPT. 12th, 7: P. M.

The President, Rev. W. Downey, in the Chair.

Singing by the choir and congregation.

Prayer by Rev. P. Brown.

The President stated the object of the meeting.

Rev. T. H. Siddall read the Constitution of the Society.

Upon motion it was *Resolved*, that the same Secretary and Treasurer be Secretary and Treasurer of both Societies.

*Resolved*, That J. I. Porter, T. H. Siddall and G. E. Sturgis, be a Committee to nominate officers for the Foreign and Home Mission Societies.

The Report of the Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Mission Society was read by Rev. T. H. Siddall—as Brother Lowden was not present—as follows:

It is well that we have means of noting the flight of time, for rapidly are we borne on, and soon our earthly existence shall be at an end. "What thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might," is an important injunction. To attain this much to be desired state of energetic effort there must be on our part an overcoming of a gravitation toward indifference, or even indolence, which characterizes human nature. To know the brevity of human life and to hear a voice calling, "redeem the time," are a means to this end.

Important events, as anniversaries, bring this to our minds—how fleeting are the days. As we gather in our Annual Conference most of us are impressed with the thought, "how short the time since our last meeting," and, as we notice "vacant seats," we are reminded that life is brief. Thus are we spurred on to more and better work. Surely at the last we all desire to be able to say, in some measure, as did the Master, "I have glorified thee on the earth, I have finished the work thou gavest me to do."

What is our work? To answer this let me ask and, in some measure, answer another question, How does God call us to our work? With what voice does He speak? You may answer, by His Word—by His Spirit. Very true. "He that hath an ear to hear let him hear." There is another voice—partially distinct from these, yet somewhat in conjunction with them—it is the simple *want* before us. Lazarus at the

rich man's gate, though his tongue be still, speaks eloquently for aid; his very wretchedness pleads with a pathos all its own. We pass a field of wheat. The heavy, whitened heads, bowing under the weight of their own treasure, invite the harvester. To-day we hear the voice, "Lift up your eyes and look on the fields." We look to India, and, behold, the fields are white for the harvest. But the reapers—so few—and they cry and point to the ripened fields which in their own language cry, "Send forth laborers into the harvest." And, as we look, laborers long in the field faint beneath their burdens, and their pathetic pleading is, "Send laborers to fill our places." This want is before us. Is not God speaking?

I scarcely need pursue this line further. You have read the letters from our missionaries during the year, and know that seed long since sown is springing up, and that never before were the prospects of a glorious harvest so good. This is eminently true of the district around Sora visited by Bro. Marshall, where hundreds were found who it was reported had broken caste, and were waiting for further instruction in the Christian religion.

"Kamal Naik, a native preacher of great ability, piety and skill, has been the chief human instrumentality of bringing about the results witnessed.

Dr. J. L. Phillips and family, with a reinforcement for the general work, are now at their stations. The much needed Bible School was opened May 1st, with a good attendance and will doubtless be of great value to the mission. "Mr. Burkholder has been assigned to the Santal Department, for a long time greatly neglected. Misses Hattie and Julia Phillips have charge of the Zenana work at Dantoon; Miss Hooper has a department of the work in Midnapore; Miss Millard, who became Mrs. Lawrence soon after her arrival in India, is of course with her husband in Midnapore."

Rev. Jeremiah Phillips and wife, for long years toilers in India, broken down by labor and sickness, have been obliged to leave their field and return to America.

During the year, as a Society, we have done but little, more I trust from lack of system than lack of interest. I must again urge upon the Executive Committee the necessity of giving this matter the consideration it demands, and of devising some plan by which more favorable results may be attained. As a Denomination we are able to do much more. Could we lay hold on the means squandered and utilize it to the glory of God, how much might be done!

God is speaking to us in His word, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature;" by His Spirit He is emphasizing this, and by the *want* of India, too, He speaks, and "he that hath an ear to hear, let him hear."

"Through midnight gloom, from Macedon,  
The cry of myriads as of one;  
The voiceful silence of despair  
Is eloquent in awful prayer;  
The soul's exceeding bitter cry—  
Come o'er and help us, or we die.  
How mournfully it echoes on!  
For half the world is Macedon;  
These brethren to their brethren call;  
And by the love that loved us all,  
And by the whole world's life they cry—  
O ye that live, behold we die!"

J. M. LOWDEN,

Cor. Sec., F. B. Foreign Missions of Nova Scotia.

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*Resolved*, That this Report be adopted and engrossed on the Minutes.

Bro. Downey, as President of the Home Mission Society, as well as the Foreign, said: As the Anniversaries of these two Societies were to be held this evening conjointly, he would now call on the Secretary-Treasurer of the Home Mission Society, Rev. F. Babcock, to take his place and present the business of that Society.

The Report of the Treasurer was then read and the Minutes of the meetings of the Executive Committee.

A statement of the Foreign Mission Secretary and Treasurer's Report was also given.

The Report of Committee to nominate Executives of the Societies was given as follows:

FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETY.—F. Babcock, D. Oram, J. I. Porter, T. W. Wilson, M. D. McGray, W. M. Knollin, W. Downey, A. Gayton, B. B. Woodworth, J. A. Smith and T. H. Siddall.

HOME MISSION SOCIETY.—J. I. Porter, M. D. McGray, A. Scott and J. M. Lowden.

*Resolved*, That the Report be adopted.

Good speeches were then made by Revs. S. K. West, S. N. Royal, T. O. DeWitt, Bro. A. G. Downey, Revs. T. H. Siddall, G. A. Hartley and J. S. Walker.

A collection, amounting to \$17.05, was taken, to be equally divided between the two Societies. Pledges, amounting to \$20 were given to aid the Home Mission Fund.

The choir and congregation furnished excellent music. The congregation was large, and a very encouraging interest manifested in these Societies. It is to be hoped that much more be done this year than during the last.

After thanks extended to the audience for their attention and liberality, the benediction was pronounced.

J. I. PORTER, *Recording Secretary*.



FRIDAY, 2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Vice-President Mrs. F. Babcock in the Chair. Officers and members present. Opened by singing a hymn. Prayer by Mrs. James Cushing, and reading parts of the 2nd Psalm and 16th chapter of Mark by Mrs. S. N. Royal.

Constitution was read by the Recording Secretary.

Cor. Secretary then made a full and interesting Report of the work done in the Societies during the year, showing the amount of money raised to be \$378.62 (three hundred and seventy-eight dollars and sixty-two cents.)

The District Secretaries were next called on. Misses Smith and Letson were absent. Mrs. R. H. Crowell, of District No. 4, spoke to good effect, advocating the introduction of the *Missionary Helper* and *Religious Intelligencer* into Christian homes in the place of the trashy literature often found there.

Recording Secretary read a few short extracts from a letter written by Rev. J. Phillips and wife just before leaving India.

Mrs. Scott spoke with deep feeling of her interest in the work, and was followed by Miss Hilton in a most effective address, in which she spoke of woman's work for woman as a social elevator, not only among the heathen but among ourselves.

Rev. J. F. Smith expressed a kindly interest in the woman's work. Rev. G. A. Hartley, in a short but good address, told us something of the work Miss Hooper was doing in India among the children, that being the work she seemed to prefer.

Rev. J. Walker spoke of woman's work in reference to training the children, in order that the rising generation may grow up in the missionary work.

Closed by singing "Hold the Fort."

MONDAY, A. M.

According to previous arrangements the Woman's Board met with the Board of the General Society when the following resolution passed the General Board:

*Resolved*, That this Board relinquish our claim upon the services of Miss Julia E. Phillips, and recommend that the Woman's F. M. Society take up and sustain her. Farther, if at any time the Woman's Society wish to adopt any other Missionary, they shall make known the fact to this Board, that we may have the privilege of re-adopting said Missionary.

After which the Woman's Board passed the following:  
*Resolved*, That this Board accept the decision of the Executive of the F. M. Society connected with the General Conference, and adopt Miss Julia E. Phillips as our Missionary in the field.

RHODA A. HOPKINS, *Recording Secretary.*

REPORT OF COR. SEC'Y AND TREASURER OF FREE BAPTIST WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETY OF N. S.

DEAR FRIENDS.—Another year, with its possibilities and responsibilities, has sped away, leaving us only the retrospect, and this produces mingled joy and sadness. Can it be wondered at that the heart of a true Christian should sicken at the thought that a race of people, comprising full one-sixth of the children of Adam, are almost enveloped in darkness. Think of an infant who first sees the light there—to what instruction is it born? Think of a bride—to what affections is she destined? Think of a family spreading its table—what love unites their circle? And so in the different relations of life. Alas! for the poor stricken widow and orphan girl wandering there—what charities will protect them? When we think of these things our hearts grow sad at the apparent apathy existing among many of the professed followers of Jesus, but, thank God, there are earnest, loving hearts patiently doing their work. Noble toilers, intently striving for the amelioration of the race.

Nearly forty-five years ago our mission in India was undertaken. There is a mighty work to be done there which requires means. We know pecuniary pressures are great, but our God requires faith in His people, and there is that withholdeth more than is meet and it tendeth to poverty. Our aged brother Phillips, worn with toil and weakened by disease, together with his wife, have been obliged to leave the field. And as the ranks of our tried and blessed founders are diminishing, we look with longing to youthful, ardent workers to fill these important vacancies. Are there none of the many favored daughters of our land to whom have been entrusted abilities of a high order, who will consecrate a glad service on this altar to the Master's glory. Our sister Province has nobly volunteered one of its fair daughters to toil in far off India. Let us emulate their example. All joy grows less beside the great joy of doing good, and when we remember that the elevation of the race involves the elevation of woman, let us, my sisters, with untiring zeal, labor in our sphere to do our part well. Let our aim, our life-work, be to glorify God. If we live only to get all possible enjoyment as we walk through life, we are not worthy of our high privilege of womanhood in this Christian land and age. There is no one who has not some gift given for the good of others and for the building up of God's Church, for which she must give an account. Have you, my sister, ever brought it out into use, or have you wrapped it up in a napkin? O, you have no idea what you may do if you will only carry all you are and have to God for His rich blessing, and then go forth to use it. It is not a mere matter of choice with us, it is a command in our Bibles. We are to search through all our capabilities to see what we can offer for the Lord. It is said that Foreign Missions originated in the heart of a woman.

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and the first martyr in that cause was a woman. The first convert in Europe was a Lydia, and the last name written on earth by the hand of Paul before he went up to receive the crown of glory was that of Claudia, a British Princess, converted at Rome, of whom we find traces even in heathen literature.

Dear sisters, let all these considerations lead us to increasing work and prayer and self-denial for the spread of Gospel light in the dark places of the earth. Let us work while the day lasts. Soon the night cometh when no man can work. Then when the blessed evening comes we can enter into that rest that shall make glad the morning of eternity.

THE WOMAN'S F. M. SOCIETY IN ACCOUNT WITH  
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DISTRICTS.	Number of Members.	Amount Raised.	TOTAL.
District No. 1.—Miss Susie Smith, District Secretary.			
Halifax, .....	15	\$25 65	
Harmony, .....	40	18 08	
" (Juvenile Band, .....		6 00	\$49 73
District No. 2.—Miss Azuba Letson, District Secretary.			
No Report.			
District No. 3.—Mrs. B. B. Woodworth, District Secretary.			
Canning, Mrs. Cox, .....		\$1 00	
" Mrs. B. B. Woodworth, .....		1 00	\$2 00
District No. 4.—Mrs. R. H. Crowell, District Secretary.			
Barrington, .....	83	\$48 50	
Drs Cove, .....	17	8 50	
Bear Point, .....	18	7 75	
" (Band of Mission Helpers,) .....	39	1 04	
Shag Harbor, .....	19	14 23	
Wood's Harbor, .....		80	
East Pubnico, .....	26	10 29	
West Pubnico, .....		2 62	
Glenwood, .....	11	9 72	
Lower Argyle, .....		3 00	
Centreville, Cape Island, .....	35	28 08	
Clark's Harbor, Cape Island, .....		5 34	
Port la Tour, .....		6 00	\$145 42
District No. 5.—Mrs. F. Babcock, District Secretary.			
Bear River, .....	18	\$10 72	
" (Juvenile Society,) .....		10 00	
Sanford, .....		11 34	
Session Hill, .....	14	20 34	
Brooklyn, .....		5 30	
Carried forward, .....	335	\$57 70	\$197 15

THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETY—CONTINUED.

DISTRICTS	Number of Members.	Amount Raised.	TOTAL.
<i>Brought forward,</i>	33	\$57 70	\$197 15
Plymouth, .....	44	12 56	
Tusket, .....	6	3 98	
Little River, .....	6	2 75	
Kempt, .....		4 90	
" (Juvenile Society), .....		10 22	
Yarmouth, .....		18 08	\$110 19
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DONATIONS.

Rev. G. A. Hartley, .....	\$2 50	
Rev. J. Walker, .....	5 00	
Mrs. Ross Hammond, Lockport, ..	20 00	
Mrs. R. H. Crowell, to constitute herself a Life Member.	20 00	
Mrs. James Cushing, " " " " " "	20 00	\$70 00
Mrs. B. Corning, " " " " " "		
Amount received in favor of Miss Phillips from the Board of General Society, .....	\$35 12	
Mr. Wm. Hodges, Black Rock, .....	2 00	
Capt. Wm. Wickwire, Canning, ..	1 00	
Mrs. Beverly Smith, Barrington, ..	1 00	\$39 12
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Cash remitted to F. W. B. Board, U. S., .....	\$400 00
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## ANNUAL MEETING OF THE EDUCATION SOCIETY.

As the Secretary-Treasurer of this Society has failed again this year to furnish a Report for the Minutes, the best we can do is to give the following, as published from notes taken at the meeting.

SATURDAY EVENING, 7.30.

The Annual Meeting of the Education Society was held, the President, Rev. F. Babcock, in the Chair. Prayer by Rev. Dr. Sturgis. The Secretary-Treasurer, Rev. W. M. Knollin, was in his place.

The President spoke of the large attendance present, and the specially favorable circumstances that we have met under.

After the usual routine, several addresses were given.

Rev. Dr. Sturgis spoke of the sympathy he had with the objects of the Society, and of the great need of a strong and real education. He further dwelt on the value in life of a good solid education.

Rev. T. H. Siddall spoke of the great advantage of possessing a real solid education, also dwelt on the need of ministers being thoroughly equipped.

N. D. McGray, Esq., M.P.P., spoke of the progress in educational matters in this Province. He urged the certain demand of the age to possess the best of the intellectual world. He thought it advisable at once to adopt in the Denomination a thorough systematic method of raising money for educational purposes.

W. Horner, Esq., Beaver River, spoke of the special need at this time of giving to our young men the best education we can. That to be uneducated was to be out of joint with the spirit of the age.

Rev. J. F. Smith dwelt on the glories of the past—of those who had had good early advantages.

Rev. Wm. Millar said his heart was in this work, and prayed earnestly for the prosperity of this Society.

Rev. G. A. Hartley, Carleton, said that education had his

most sincere sympathy, and hoped we should continue the good work so well begun.

Rev. Wm. Downey said education in this day was common property and a common demand.

Mr. E. Crowell, of Barrington, urged the need of being thoroughly practical in this matter and appealed for more support.

The meeting was large and well attended, and a deep interest was manifested in the proceedings. A good collection was taken for the benefit of the fund.

J. I. PORTER.

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## THE ELDERS' CONFERENCE.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 10

The Elders' Conference was held. The session opened by singing, and prayer by Rev. S. K. West.

The President, Vice-President and Secretary were absent.

Rev. Wm. Downey was elected President; Rev. D. Oram was elected Vice-President and Rev. T. H. Siddall, Secretary—all *pro tem*. The Secretary then read the Constitution.

Moved, seconded and passed, "That Rev. G. A. Hartley, delegate of the New Brunswick Conference, take a seat with us."

After a general discussion, it was moved by Rev. S. N. Royal, seconded by Rev. W. M. Knollin, and passed—

"That we are, as an Elders' Conference, in complete harmony, both in feeling and as to points of doctrine."

After a general conversation upon several subjects affecting the prosperity of the Denomination, it was—

*Resolved*, We adjourn to meet on Thursday morning at 9 o'clock. Closed by prayer.

THURSDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK.

Prayer. Rev. D. Oram presiding.

For an hour vital interests of the Society were discussed; after which it was—

*Resolved*, We adjourn at the call of the Moderator.

Ministers present—Revs. W. C. Weston, D. Oram, William Downey, J. I. Porter, S. K. West, C. Cann, J. F. Smith, T. O. DeWitt, S. N. Royal, F. Babcock, Wm. Knollin, Dr. Sturgis, Wm. Millar, T. H. Siddall and P. Brown.

Absent—Revs. A. Swim and J. Lowden.

Licentiates present—E. Crowell and A. Downey.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, 1.30.

Conference met again.

*Resolved*, That we hand over to General Conference the petitions sent to us in behalf of Bro. S. W. Bennison, with a request to take action thereon.

*Resolved*, We adjourn.

T. H. SIDDALL, *Secretary, pro tem.*

## HALIFAX MISSION.

*Halifax Mission in Account with J. I. Porter, Treasurer.*

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I hereby *earnestly request* the Shareholders who have not paid the interest on their shares to January, 1880, to do so, by sending the same to me before that time, as it will be needed to pay interest *early in that month*. Installment on the share, as per obligation signed, also requested. By so doing will save expense and trouble.

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## SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION.

3 P. M., MONDAY, SEPT. 1879.

In session. President F. Babcock in the Chair. Secretary S. Nason Royal in his place.

Exercises opened by singing. Prayer by Elder W. Millar.

Members present: Elders F. Babcock, D. Oram, T. H. Siddall, Wm. Downey, W. C. Weston, T. O. DeWitt, J. I. Porter, George E. Sturgis, J. F. Smith, S. N. Royal, Wm. Millar and Rev. G. A. Hartley, Corresponding Delegate from New Brunswick F. C. Baptist Conference.

Licentiates Edwin Crowell and A. J. Downey.

Superintendents Edwin Sanders, Nelson Corning, Jesse Churchill, James Killam, Thomas Jeffrey and Martin McGray.

After remarks by the President, the Constitution was read. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

The following officers were chosen for the ensuing year:

Elder J. F. Smith, President. Elders Wm. Downey, Geo. E. Sturgis, P. M. Brown, T. O. DeWitt and Bro. Martin McGray, Vice-Presidents.

Elder S. N. Royal, Secretary.

Elders J. F. Smith, S. N. Royal and F. Babcock, and Bros. E. Crowell and Robert Simms, Executive Committee.

The newly elected President took the Chair. The retiring President made a few remarks.

On taking the Chair, the President excused himself from speaking and called on the Superintendent of the Maitland School to conduct exercises by scholars from that school.

After singing by the choir, there were recitations: "The Christian's Home," by Nellie Sanders; "A Little While," by Ida Porter; "A Goodly Heritage," by Amelia Perry; "Walking with Jesus," by Herbert Sanders; "If I come to Jesus," by Arthur Perry; singing by the choir.

The Report of the Secretary was read, discussed and adopted:

In making an Annual Report your Secretary would be glad to present the number of scholars in each school, the officers, etc. I intended to be able to do so, for I contemplated visiting among the schools, but circumstances hindered. I am glad, however, to report that there has evidently been no decrease of schools or members during the past year.

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Most of the Churches have schools under their immediate control. Some are in labors abundant in Union schools. Even in the Churches where there is no regular preaching—with a single exception—there are schools.

Most of the schools are evergreens. In most of the schools some of the many Helps, now so extensively published, are used, and in almost all some of the classes have the International Lessons. Any wishing information where they may obtain aids can receive it of your Secretary.

The Adams, Blackmer & Lyon Publishing Company, 147 and 149, 5th Avenue, Chicago, Ill., U. S., Mr. David C. Cook, of Chicago, Mr. Asa Hull, 240, 4th Avenue, New York, U. S., have kindly furnished samples of their publications, which with *The Morning Star*, *The World*, *The S. S. Times*, *The Northern Messenger* and others, are being used as aids to profit.

Allow your Secretary to call attention to the methods of teaching. In some of our schools the teacher hears the children read the Scriptures, and so far as they, as teachers, are concerned, it seems to be all they do. There are those who besides this are personally interested in and for their classes. Some have a verse read, and then in a hasty, formal way read Prof. Butler's or some other comment on it, and have thus done all they will. Others use all the aids at their command, coming to their classes filled with the lesson, go as they come to pray and study. Let me state to the teachers who may hear or read this Report: Study the lesson, pray over it, and may His Spirit make you one of the masters of assemblies, "Whose words are of the wise, by them fastened in a sure place."—Eccl. xii. 2. I am glad an increasing interest is shown in Sunday-school singing and literature. Many of the schools owe much of their success to the enthusiasm and interest taken in the singing.

We are grateful for the aid we have in the *Little Star*, *Myrtle*, and the many interesting papers, for old and young.

Your Secretary will be most happy to give any information where Quarterlies, Lesson Papers, Music Books, Libraries or Literature for Sunday-schools may be obtained—not as an agent of any party, but as your Secretary and a friend to Sunday-schools.

Hoping we may be led to love the Word of God as revealed in the Scriptures—the Word as manifested in Jesus—that much may be done to sweep from our homes the pernicious reading, and in their stead place the useful, wholesome and pure, and that at last we may see the Great Teacher in peace.

I remain yours in Christ,

S. NASON ROYAL, *Secretary*.

Caledonia, Queen's Co., N. S., Sept. 4th, 1879.

The Report of Committee on Sunday Schools, referred by Conference to this Convention, was read. Remarks were made by Elders Miller, Wm. Downey, Babcock, Siddall and Hartley, and adopted.

An interesting letter was read from the school connected with 1st Barrington Church.

Singing by the choir.

Voted that the thanks of this Convention are due, and are hereby tendered to the children for their exercises, the choir

for their assistance, and to the retiring President for his interest in the Convention, to the Company and gentlemen who furnished the samples referred to in the Secretary's Report.

Adjourned.

S. NASON ROYAL, *Secretary.*

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## MINISTERS' RELIEF SOCIETY.

*The Free Baptist Ministers' Relief Society in Account with J. I. Porter,  
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By received from the Conference fund, as per vote of Conference,  
September, 1878,.....\$50 00

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To paid Rev. A. Swim, as per vote of Executive Committee of the  
Ministers' Relief Society, September, 1879,.....\$25 00

Amount in fund,.....\$25 00

It is very desirable, as per vote of the Conference, 1878, that all the Churches take a collection once in three months for this fund. A matter of so much importance should not be neglected.