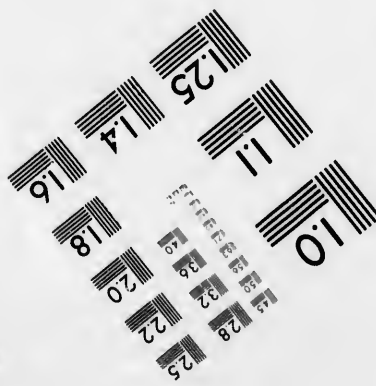
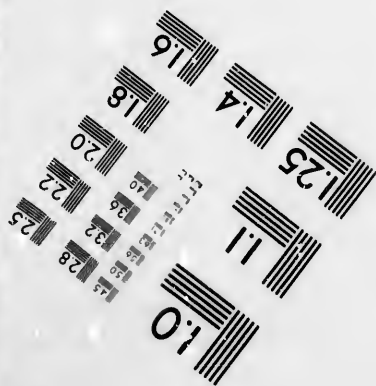
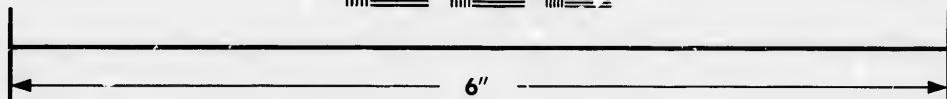
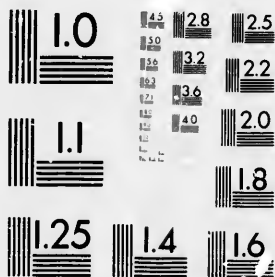


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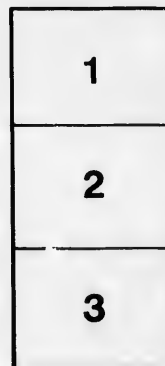
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HELD WITH THE NORTH CHURCH, HALIFAX.
Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday, June 25th, 27th, and 28th, 1870,
TOGETHER WITH
THE CIRCULAR LETTER,
AND
REPORT OF N. S. BAPTIST HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

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MINUTES.

HALIFAX, Saturday, June 25th, 1870.

In the absence of the Moderator of last year, the Association was called to order by Rev. J. E. Goucher. Prayer by Rev. Dr. Tupper.

The letters were handed in, from which was obtained the following

LIST OF DELEGATES FROM THE CHURCHES.

- Bridgewater.*—Rev. S. March, Bro. J. W. Frail.
- Chester.*—Rev. I. J. Skinner, Deacon David Hume, Brethren Eb. Frail, L. Oxner, and H. Hennigar.
- Cornwallis 1st.*—Rev. S. B. Kempton, Brethren Joshua Eells, Rufus Sanford, Lic., W. North, D. R. Eaton, and Mayhew Beckwith.
- Cornwallis 2nd.*—Rev. E. O. Read, Deacon John Lyons, Brethren Edw. Parker, and Wm. Shaw.
- Cornwallis 3rd.*—Rev. J. F. Kempton, Deacon Chas. N. Rockwell, Brethren Wm. Forsyth, James Bligh, and Gideon Bligh.
- Cornwallis 5th.*—Rev. D. Freeman, Deacon Gould Davison, Bro. George N. Davison.
- Dartmouth.*—Revs. A. S. Hunt, and N. Baker.
- Fall River.*—Bro. John Crawley.
- Falmouth.*—Rev. J. E. Balcom, Bro. N. E. Davidson.
- Halifax 1st.*—Rev. E. M. Saunders, Deacons S. Selden, D. McN. Parker, M. D., T. H. Rand, A. Robinson, and R. N. Beckwith.
- Halifax 2nd.*—Rev. J. E. Goucher, Deacons J. McCully, D. Thompson, D. Ellis, P. Crowe, and N. McDonald.
- Hammond's Plains 1st.*—Rev. John Miller, Deacons John Thomson, Charles Thomson.
- Hammond's Plains 2nd.*—Rev. D. G. Shaw, Brother D. Wiley.
- Hantsport.*—Revs. J. E. Balcom, S. T. Rand, Deacons John Porter, Prof. W. Elder, and Brother W. E. West.
- Horton 1st.*—Rev. S. W. DeBlois, Deacon J. W. Bars, Revs. Dr. Cramp, Dr. Crawley, J. Chase, and Prof. D. F. Higgins.
- Horton 2nd.*—Revs. E. F. Foshay, James Stevens, Deacon Jas. Pick, Brethren John Eagles, and Thomas Martin.
- Horton 3rd.*—Rev. Dr. Crawley.

- Indian Harbor.*—Rev. T. C. Delong.
Jeddore.—Rev. J. Meadows, Brethren I. Bleakney, and Knos Baker.
Kempt.—Deacon Joseph D. Masters.
Lahave.—Rev. S. March.
Lunenburg.—Rev. A. Shields, and Brother John Andrews.
Musquodoboit.—Rev. Alfred Chipman.
New Germany.—Rev. W. E. Hall, Deacon David Lantz, and Brother John Mader.
Newport West.—J. R. Stubbert, Lic., and Deacon William Knowles.
Preston 1st.—Brethren J. Crawley, and ——— Cooper.
Preston 2nd.—Rev. D. G. Shaw, Brethren George Carvery, and William Smith.
Ravdon.—Brother A. Cahoon, Lic., Deacon W. Phalen, Brethren Joshua Knowles, R. H. Creed, and J. McLearn.
Sackville.—Brother Francis Webber.
St. Margaret's Bay.—Rev. T. C. Delong.
Tancook.—Rev. N. Baker, and Brother Henry Hutt.
Windsor.—Rev. D. M. Welton, and Brother A. P. Shand.
Windsor Plains.—Rev. D. G. Shaw.

A ballot was taken and the Rev. I. J. SKINNER, was elected Moderator for the ensuing year.

Rev. T. A. HIGGINS was chosen Secretary of Association, and Brother RUFUS SANDFORD, Assistant Secretary. Brother JOHN STEELE, Treasurer, and T. H. RAND, Assistant Treasurer.

The following Committees were appointed:—

TO EXAMINE LETTERS.—Revds. J. Stevens, T. C. Delong, and M. Normondy.

TO READ LETTERS.—Revds. W. E. Hall, D. M. Welton, and J. E. Balcom.

OF NOMINATION AND ARRANGEMENTS.—Revds. J. E. Goucher, E. M. Saunders, J. Chase, Brethren S. Selden, J. McCully, Prof. D. F. Higgins, and David Thompson.

Delegates from N. S. Eastern Association.—Revds. T. H. Porter, W. B. Boggs, A. W. Barss, and O. Chute.

Delegates from N. S. Western Association.—Revds. C. Tupper, D. D., and M. Normondy.

Delegate from P. E. Island Association.—Rev. E. N. Archibald.

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Invited to sit in Council.—Revds. T. A. Higgins, A. W. Sawyer, D. D., Alfred Chipman, E. N. Archibald, J. Coombs, R. W. Walker, Brethren W. F. Armstrong, G. N. Ballantine, Licentiates; B. H. Eaton, W. Cummings, J. F. L. Parsons, Ezra Churchill, J. King, E. D. King, Charles Pinkney, H. B. Witter, Aaron Sibley, Richard Sibley, Ezekiel Sibley, Prof. Jones, N. Wentzel, T. R. Patillo, and W. Faulkner.

The Letters from the Churches were then read.

The Committee of Nomination and Arrangements reported partially as follows :

SABBATH SERVICES.

North Baptist Church.—Rev. A. W. Sawyer, D. D., at 11 a. m. ; Rev. T. H. Porter, 7 p. m.

Granville Street Baptist Church.—Rev. D. M. Welton, A. M., at 11 a. m. ; Rev. T. A. Higgins, A. M., at 7 p. m.

Brunswick Street, (Wesleyan).—Rev. J. M. Cramp, D. D., at 11 a. m. ; Rev. W. E. Hall, at 7 p. m.

Grafton Street, (Wesleyan).—Rev. C. Tupper, D. D., at 11 a. m. ; Rev. S. W. DeBlois, at 7 p. m.

Kaye Street, (Wesleyan).—Rev. E. N. Archibald, at 11 a. m. ; Rev. I. J. Skinner, at 7 p. m.

Dartmouth, (Wesleyan).—Rev. J. E. Balcom, at 11 a. m. ; Rev. E. O. Read, at 7 p. m.

Poplar Grove, (Presbyterian).—Rev. W. B. Boggs, at 7 p. m.

St. Andrew's (Church of Scotland).—Rev. Stephen March, at 7 p. m.

African Baptist Church.—Rev. A. Shields, at 3 p. m. ; Rev. T. C. Delong, at 7 p. m.

Zion African Church.—Rev. J. Meadows, at 3 p. m. ; Bro. A. Cahoon, at 7 p. m.

Market Wharf, (Open-air).—Rev. A. W. Barss, at 3 p. m.

Cemetery Gate, (Open-air).—Rev. J. F. Kempton, at 4 p. m.

COMMITTEES.

TO EXAMINE CIRCULAR LETTER.—Revds. J. Ghase, Prof. D. F. Higgins, and T. A. Blackadar.

ON CHRISTIAN MESSENGER.—Bro. J. McCully, Revds. T. H. Porter, A. Chipman, S. March, J. F. Kempton, E. O. Read, A. W. Barss, Brethren John Barss, and Wm Cummings.

ON BENEVOLENT FUNDS.—Revds. D. M. Welton, D. Freeman, Deacons D. Thomson, Dr. Parker, and Brother J. F. L. Parsons.

ON EDUCATION.—Bro. T. H. Rand, Revds. S. B. Kempton, A. W. Sawyer, D. D., T. A. Higgins, S. W. DeBlois, Brethren Ed. Parker, James Bligh, and Prof. Jones.

ON MISSIONS.—Revds. W. B. Boggs, C. Tupper, D. D., M. Normonday, E. Clsy, M. D., Brethren Alex. Robinson, S. Selden, W. F. Armstrong, Lic., and R. N. Beckwith.

ON QUESTIONS IN LETTERS.—Revds. E. F. Foshay, J. E. Balcom, and Brother D. R. Eaton.

ON OBITUARIES.—Revds. Dr. Cramp, T. C. Delong, W. E. Hall, J. Meadows, Brethren Edwin Rand, and S. Selden.

PRAYER MEETING to be held at 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ a. m., during the Session.

The **ASSOCIATION** to meet at 10 a. m., and adjourn at 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ a. m., meet again at 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ p. m., and adjourn at 5 p. m. Evening Session. meet at 7 $\frac{1}{2}$, adjourn at pleasure.

All Committees meet at 8 $\frac{1}{2}$, Monday morning.

The **ASSOCIATION SERMON** on Monday, at 10 a. m.

The reading of the **CIRCULAR LETTER** to follow the Sermon.

The Report was adopted.

On motion adjourned to meet at 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ P. M.

Prayer by Rev. E. A. Crawley, D. D.

Afternoon Session, June 25th.

Prayer by Rev. J. Chase.

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

The remaining Letters from the Churches were read.

On motion the Letter from the Church at Canning, requesting admission into the Association was read. This letter stated that the church now seeking admission into the Association was until recently a branch of the 5th Cornwallis Church,

Moved by Rev. T. C. Delong that this Church be received. seconded by Rev. Dr. Cramp. Adopted.

The right-hand of fellowship was given to the Rev. D. Freeman, as representative of said church.

Moved by Rev. S. W. DeBlois that the Association adjourn on Monday afternoon, at 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ P. M., to allow the N. S. members of the Board of Governors of Acadia College, to hold a meeting. The motion was carried.

The Committee appointed in 1869, to arrange a form of Deed, for the purpose of Churches holding and protecting places of worship, &c., reported by presenting a form of Deed. Remarks and explanations followed.

It was moved by Dr. Cramp, that this document be printed in the Minutes. Motion carried. (Appendix A.)

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It was moved that a Committee be appointed to apply to the Legislature, for an act to enable Baptist Churches to perpetuate the Trustees of their property by duly appointing them. Motion carried.

Moved that the Revds. E. M. Saunders, J. E. Goucher, Brethren J. McCully, and B. H. Eaton, be said Committee. Carried.

On motion adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock on Monday.
Prayer by Rev. D. Freeman.

Monday Morning Session, June 27th.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by the Rev. J. M. Cramp, D. D. from Ephes. iv. 31, 32, and v. 1, 2. An expository discourse on Brotherly Love.

The Committee on the Circular Letter reported, recommending that the Letter be read. The Letter was read by the writer, the Rev. J. E. Balcom. It was moved that the Letter now read be adopted, and printed with the Minutes, and that the Editor of the *Christian Messenger* be requested to publish it also in that paper.

Remaining Letters from the churches read.

It was moved that Brethren J. W. Barss and J. King be Auditors of this Association. Carried.

The Committee on Benevolent Funds reported. Pending discussion the Association adjourned to meet at 2½ P. M.

Prayer by the Rev. John Miller.

Afternoon Session, June 27th.

Prayer by Rev. J. F. Kempton.

The Minutes of last session were read and approved.

The Report on Benevolent Funds was referred back to the Committee in order to form and embody a plan to introduce and secure more systematic benevolence. Hon. J. McCully was added to the Committee.

The Committee on the *Christian Messenger* reported. The Report was unanimously adopted. (See Appendix B.)

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

On motion the right hand of fellowship was given to the

Rev. A. Chipman, as the representative of the church in Musquodoboit. The church having been received in this Association in 1869.

Letter read from church in Fall River, asking admission into the Association. Moved that this church be received. Passed.

The right hand of fellowship was given to the church through its pastor, Brother John Crawley.

Rev. S. T. Rand moved that Dr. Cramp be requested to furnish a copy of his excellent and appropriate sermon before the Association this morning, for insertion in the *Messenger*, and that the Editor be requested to publish it. Passed unanimously.

The Annual report of the Treasurer of the Infirm Ministers' Fund was read, received and adopted. (See Ap. D.)

The Committee appointed last year respecting a plan for giving more permanency to the Infirm Ministers' Fund, reported verbally through the chairman Rev. Dr. Cramp.

On motion the same committee as that of last year was requested to continue their enquiries, and to report next year.

Resolved, That the following brethren be the Board of Infirm Minister's Fund for the ensuing year:—

Reyds. S. B. Kempton, D. Freeman, J. F. Kempton, and E. M. Saunders, and Brethren James Bligh, Mahew Beckwith, and Rupert D. Eaton; and that Bro. Rupert D. Eaton be the Treasurer.

Resolved, That the Board of Infirm Ministers' Fund are recommended to appropriate the sum of \$20.00 from the Infirm Ministers' Fund to the Rev. A. D. Thompson, of St. Andrew's, N. B.

Resolved, That the same number of copies of the Minutes be printed as last year, by the Editor of the *Christian Messenger*, and that 50 copies be reserved for the Association, and paid for at the same rate.

Moved that D. R. Eaton, Dr. Barss, W. J. Gates, J. F. L. Parsons, and S. Selden, be the delegates from this Association to the Convention. Passed.

It was moved that the invitation of the 5th Cornwallis church at Pereaux for the Association to meet with them next year be accepted. The motion passed.

Resolved, That the preacher of the Associational Sermon next year be the Rev. J. E. Goucher; and that his alternate be Rev. W. E. Hall.

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It was resolved, 1. That the cause of Temperance demands increasing energy and zeal on the part of the servants of God, inasmuch as intemperate habits are the prolific source of immorality and all kinds of crime; and that in the judgment of this Association the various Temperance organizations deserve the support of the Christian public.

2. That it be earnestly recommended to the members of the churches composing this Association to co-operate with the friends of Temperance in their respective districts, in order to carry out the provisions of the License Law, and repress the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors.

3. That we most heartily approve of the advanced step taken by our Legislature in the enactment of the late stringent License Law. Passed.

It was resolved that the Revs. E. M. Saunders, J. E. Goucher, and Bro. S. Selden be requested to prepare an abstract of the Letters from the churches for publication in the *Christian Messenger*.

On motion adjourned to meet at 7½ P. M.

Evening Session, June 27th.

Prayer by Rev. T. A. Blackadar.

The Minutes of the last session were read and confirmed.

The Report of the Committee on Missions was read.

Addresses by Revds. Dr. Tupper, Dr. E. Clay, and M. Normonday.

A collection was taken up for the French Mission.

The Report of the Home Mission Board was read.

Moved and carried that the Rev. A. McBean be allowed to present the claims of the British American Tract Society.

It was Resolved, That this Association having listened to an address from the Rev. Mr. McBean, commend the British Tract Society to the Churches of this Association.

Passed.

Address by Hon. J. McCully on Missions.

W. F. Armstrong presented himself as a candidate for Foreign Mission work.

On motion the meeting was adjourned.

Prayer by the Rev. James Meadows.

Tuesday Morning, June 28th.

Prayer by the Rev. A. W. Barss.

The Minutes of last Session were read and approved.

The Committee on Obituaries reported. Report adopted. (See Appendix E.)

Dr. Cramp gave notice of a motion to take effect next year, to make an alteration in the 1st. Article of the Constitution.

The Delegates to the Eastern Association were appointed: Revds. Dr. Cramp, Dr. Sawyer, Prof. Higgins, Prof. Jones, and Brother S. Selden.

The Report on Benevolent Funds was read as amended, and adopted. (See Appendix F.)

It was moved that the preparation of a circular to the Churches be referred to the Committee on Benevolent Funds. Passed.

The Report on Missions passed. (See Appendix G.)

Resolved, That this Association hereby recommend Sister Norris to the sympathies of the Churches of these Provinces, and would also recommend that our sister visit as many of the Churches as possible, between this time and the meeting of our Convention in August, and endeavour to stir up the sisters to interest themselves in the formation of "Female Missionary Aid Societies." Passed.

The Committee on Education reported.

Addresses by Brethren T. H. Rand, J. W. Barss, W. Faulkner, Revds. Dr. Crawley, Dr. Sawyer, D. Freeman, and J. E. Balcom. The Report was adopted. (See Ap. H.)

It was voted, That the thanks of this Association be presented to the North Baptist Church and other brethren and friends in Halifax, for their kindness and hospitality during the present Session.

It was moved and carried, That this Association do now adjourn to meet with the Fifth Cornwallis Church, (at Pereaux,) on the first Saturday after the 20th of June, 1871.

I. J. SKINNER, *Moderator*.

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THE CIRCULAR LETTER TO THE CHURCHES COMPOSING
THE NOVA SCOTIA CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,
CONVENED WITH THE NORTH BAPTIST CHURCH,
HALIFAX.

Dear Brethren,—

In our annual epistle we ask you to consider the importance of cultivating a spirit of greater love for our denomination. In selecting this subject, our object is not to promote party feeling or sectarian bigotry, but to bring the members of our denomination to feel more fully their obligation to sustain the body to which they belong. In discussing this subject, we may be charged with narrowness, or exclusiveness in love to the great christian brotherhood, while yet we may possess the most liberal feelings towards other evangelical bodies, and see in them excellencies which it would be profitable to imitate.

The right of private judgment, and a strict adherence to the fundamental truths of salvation, and the ecclesiastical polity developed in the New Testament, is a privilege belonging to all. With an open Bible to read, a mind to comprehend the truth, and a heart to feel its power, convictions must be formed which will lead a christian to act—in matters of religion—conscientiously, as he understands the revealed will of God. He will have a creed, or system of belief, which he supposes to contain the leading principles of Divine Revelation, and, as religion is social in its character, he will unite with other christians, whose views of the doctrines of the gospel, and practice of the ordinances, coincide

with his own. Here is denominationalism. It is spiritual freedom, resulting from the right of private judgment and unrestrained action. So the Apostle felt in the following declaration to the Church at Corinth—"Not that we have dominion over your faith, but are helpers of your joy."

Under the prevalence of christian love, one might prefer having the whole family of the redeemed known by the name first given them at Antioch, which is very comprehensive and appropriate, but, under the existing state of things it is impossible, for the Lord's host has become divided and subdivided, according to their convictions of the teaching of Christ and his Apostles. "I dwell among mine own people," is the language of every conscientious christian, as he unites with the denomination of his choice, hence his duty to love that denomination, and strive to promote its interests. There is a vast religious machinery in operation for evangelizing the world, which is worked by the existing sects in their independent capacity, and while we say "God speed" to all whose efforts are so directed, as to lead sinners to rely wholly upon the atonement of Christ for salvation, we yet turn to the denomination of our choice, with our heart's best sympathy and warmest love.

Love for our denomination is justifiable:—

1st. Upon the principle of honesty. Honesty demands that every one who unites with a religious denomination should love it, and uphold it. Of the many virtues that adorn the christian, and promote symmetry of character, none is more worthy of admiration than straightforward honesty in avowing his belief in matters of religion, and maintaining the principles which he feels to be consistent with the plain teaching of God's word. When a man by his public profession of faith in Christ unites with that christian denomination whose views of the doctrines of the gospel, and practice of the ordinances are—in his opinion—nearer the Apostolic belief and practice than any other, he should love it best, its interests should be dear to him, and all his zeal and efforts in the cause of religion—which may aim first to secure the salvation of sinners—should be so directed as ultimately to promote its prosperity.

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The Baptists of these Lower Provinces have been signally blessed by God, and have, by his grace, become a large and prosperous body. Over twenty-seven thousand members are enrolled upon our church books. Let love reign in the heart of each, and all be true to their avowed principles, and much will be done by them for the salvation of sinners, our denominational advancement, and the glory of God.

2nd. From love to a lost world. The love of Christ in the heart manifests itself by an increasing desire for the salvation of sinners and the spread of truth. Those who feel its power are anxious for the fulfilment of the prediction,—“They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.” It is the truth as it is in Jesus, the same truth that the Apostles labored to propagate, and for which they suffered, that every well instructed christian would give to a lost world. True love cannot look with complacency upon the spread of falsehood, or propagation of error. It shrinks from it, as from unrighteousness. It foresees the spiritual dearth that must—in the future—overspread the world if truth should be suppressed, and is therefore opposed to the charity that would promote a wide-spread and false liberalism, which would ultimately degenerate into cold indifference for the fundamental doctrines of salvation. “It rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth.” By the truth the sinner is made free, and by it also the spiritual nature of the christian is nourished and strengthened, hence the importance of giving it to a lost world in all its purity. It has ever been the desire of Baptists to have their faith and practice accord with the plain teachings of Jesus. They have striven to shield the truth from the dogmas of men and the corruptions of error, and to give it to the world in doctrine and duty, precept and practice, in its primitive purity.

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not claim for the Baptist denomination exemption from imperfection; and there are many things among its members that are neither pleasing to God, nor lovely in the sight of men, but we do claim for them antiquity of origin. We go back as far as the times of the Apostles for all that we hold dear in the fundamental principles of religion. We would not wish to be classed with the race of boasters, but rather be clothed with humility, yet must stand up firmly before all and not only say,—“The Bible and the Bible only is the religion of Protestants;” but also, that we do “earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.” A thing ought to be prized, and loved, for what it is in itself, for the quality which it possesses rendering it worthy of love and regard. In the christian church a person should not be highly esteemed merely because he is talented, educated, or rich, but because he loves the truth and defends it, faithfully follows Jesus and lives in the fear of God. A religious denomination should be the one of our choice, not merely because it is wealthy, aristocratic, and popular with the fashionable world—things which have a great influence over those who are only superficially religious—but because it is cast in the Apostolic mould, adheres to primitive simplicity in doctrine and practice, always cleaving to the Divine Oracles, refusing to teach “for doctrines the commandments of men.” The New Testament presents the religion of Christ in its early dawnings and triumphs, and shews what kind of men the first followers of Jesus were, not ashamed to own his name before a scoffing world, or be called singular when a profession of faith led to a separation from the dead forms of the religion of the Jews, and the sinful maxims and customs of the Gentiles. The ordinances of the christian church, baptism and the Lord’s Supper—those beautiful symbols of the gospel—setting forth as they do, Christ’s death, burial, and resurrection, and that his people live by faith in Him, were highly prized by them. The love of Christ was the constraining power that led them forward in the obedience of faith. Those who receive the whole truth and obey it—not considering anything non-essential which Christ has enjoined—whose church polity is derived wholly from the New Testament, and in whose hearts love reigns, may justly claim those primitive disciples as kindred in Christ.

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relation with the Baptist denomination, with true christian manliness said:—"Nor am I—by comparison—ashamed of my company; for although there may be some persons and some things among us that I suppose could well be spared, and others that might be greatly improved, yet here are a people with whom I can happily labour for christian ends, and from whom I count it an affliction to be separated. To the practical development of those principles which we have learned at the feet of our great teacher my life is devoted." He loved his denomination. Such, dear brethren, should be the position taken by each member of our body.

Where that love exists, it should manifest itself by a proper desire for the prosperity of the denomination, and a commendable zeal in promoting it. Love is always practical, seeking the good of the object loved. Christ loved lost sinners and gave himself for them. When the love of Christ prevails with the christian he declares it, not in words only, but also by proper efforts for the advancement of his cause. Love cannot be hid. It will burn in the heart, speak through the eye, glow in the countenance, and act in the life. It does not change with circumstances, but while in prosperity it may rejoice, in adversity it displays its full strength. The Judean captives by the rivers of Babylon retained fond recollection of their native land, and there—in the hour of adversity—pledged eternal fidelity to it. "If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning! If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth; if I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy." Such a spirit of christian patriotism animating the members of our churches would bind them firmly to the denomination they professedly believe in and love, would cause them to feel its interests to be theirs, and bring all their religious energies into vigorous exercise, to extend its bounds by the triumphs of truth. Should we estimate the denominational love existing in our body by the zeal displayed in promoting its interests, it would not afford a very flattering view of its depth and strength. Some noble examples there are, but the number of the faithful is too small, and the burden presses heavily upon them.

More complete union of views, feeling, and action is requisite. While we consider a commendable zeal in promoting the interests of our denomination a fair criterion of

the love that exists in its members, due allowance must be made for some, either on account of circumstances or constitutional peculiarities. One may be a Baptist from principle, and be firmly bound to the body by love, and yet through the pressure of cares and labour—in supplying the wants of his family—have his time and means so absorbed that he is unable to give much expression to his love. Another may entertain humble views of his own ability, and feel his deficiency when compared with others, so that from mere timidity he keeps quiet. Each of these possesses more love to the denomination than he displays in action. Some shrink from boldly maintaining our denominational principles on account of what they term christian charity; but it is feared many are mistaken in this matter, that instead of their being influenced by the spirit of charity, they are either afraid of displeasing the members of another denomination, or are deficient in true love for Baptist principles and practices. If this feeling is allowed to prevail, it will do much towards undermining our strength. The next thing you will hear from those advocates of charity is,—“It is not very material what denomination one unites with if he is a christian”; then weakness and wavering in denominational sentiment, and flagging in zeal follow. Such a man is afloat, you never know just where to find him, never can feel that he honours our principles, or imparts anything more than a mere nominal strength to our body. The strongest love for our own denomination is compatible with the spirit of christian charity. One may firmly hold to his own principles and practices, and yet cultivate the charity that “that thinketh no evil.” Let it be well understood, that in labouring energetically for the advancement of religion in connection with our denominational interests, we do not infringe upon the rights of others, or rob them of their privileges, but only act in harmony with what was implied in our public profession of religion and union with the body. In this connection we would call your attention for a few moments to a matter of importance touching our denominational prosperity, viz., the sustaining of our Institutions of learning, and societies for promoting religious knowledge. They are centres of strength and crowns of glory to the denomination and should be amply sustained. Is it not a sad evidence of a lack of love, when they are left destitute of the funds requisite to carry them on prosperously, when those

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funds are in the hands of the people to whom they belong? Have you not failed to look at these objects in their true light? Have you ever properly thought of the importance of our Missionary Societies, as a means for systematic effort in carrying the gospel to the lost residing in destitute regions, and of our Institutions of learning, in which our rising youth are educated and fitted for lives of usefulness? We would not question your love, but suggest that it may have been warped aside through prejudice, or restrained by covetousness, and never have attained its full proportions. It must appear evident to every one, that, if there are connected with us, and under our management and control, certain objects calculated to sustain the cause of religion, and promote our denominational advancement, and your love does not embrace them, it has not yet attained its full strength, and been taught to flow in all its appropriate channels. We like to see it gushing out in acts of benevolence, and glowing in the tangible form of dollars and cents.

We close with the words of an eminent Divine:—"Satisfied that primitive truth is held by the body represented in this Association; that it is built on the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner-stone, then there ought to be in all its members a strong denominational spirit."

APPENDIX.

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FORM OF DEED OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

This Indenture made this
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church shall be composed of such persons only as have been which baptized by immersion on a personal profession of their faith in Christ, and who hold and maintain the following among other doctrines, namely, the divine inspiration of the scriptures of the Old and New Testament; the existence of one only living and true God, sustaining the personal relations of Father Son and Holy Spirit; the same in essence and equal in attributes; the total depravity of the human family; and the only way of escape from this state of guilt and ruin through the obedience and expiatory sufferings of Jesus Christ; regeneration by the Holy Spirit; the election and effectual calling of all God's people; justification by faith in the imputed righteousness of Christ; the final perseverance of the saints; the resurrection of the dead both just and unjust; the final judgment; the eternal punishment of the wicked and the eternal salvation of the righteous; that believers are the only subjects of baptism; that immersion in water in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit is the only Gospel Baptism; that Communion at the Lord's table should be with and by those only who have been so immersed, and that a gospel church is a number of baptized believers voluntarily associated together to maintain the worship of God, acknowledging no Head but Christ, and no religious authority but His Word. AND IN TRUST at all times hereafter to permit any minister or preacher (he being duly authorized to conduct the worship thereof) to officiate in the chapel or meeting-house existing or which may be hereafter erected on the said parcel or lot of land before described according to the rules and regulations and discipline of the said church, and also to apply the rents or profits derived from any portion of the said parcel or lot of land or the buildings thereon towards the maintenance of public worship in the said chapel or meeting-house as directed by such church. AND whenever any of the said trustees or any future trustee to be appointed in the place and stead of any of them as hereinafter provided during the continuance of the aforesaid trusts shall by the said church by the majority of members present at any regular meeting called for that purpose, of which at least one week's public notice shall have been given by a public announcement from the pulpit or by a written notice posted on the outside of the front door of such chapel, be discharged from the said trust for good and reasonable cause, of which cause the said church shall always be competent judges; or shall die or resign the trust which may be done at any time in writing served upon the Clerk, the Pastor or a Deacon, or refuse or become incapable to act in the execution of the same, of which

the church shall be the proper judges, or shall from any cause cease to be a member of said baptist church, and the said baptist church shall choose any other trustee or trustees, (being a member or members of such church) instead of such trustee or trustees so being discharged, dying, resigning, refusing or becoming incapable to act, ceasing to be a member or members of such church as aforesaid THEN IN TRUST to convey the said premises to such new trustee or trustees or to them together with such continuing trustee or trustees to such uses, intents, purposes and trusts, as are herein expressed and declared. AND if at any time such church for which this trust is created shall become desirous of being incorporated by taking the benefit of Statutes of this Province for such purpose made and provided, or of any other statute hereafter to be made THEN IN TRUST as aforesaid conformably to the terms such statute or statutes require or may require. AND it is hereby further provided and declared, that in case at any time or times hereafter the said Church for which this trust is created shall lose its visibility and cease to exist then the power hereby vested in such church for the appointment and removal of trustees shall become vested in the nearest regular baptist church, holding the doctrines before particularly specified, and that during the non-existence of any such regular Baptist Church of as aforesaid, and during the time that the appointment of said trustees shall be vested in the said nearest regular close communion Baptist Church, the said trustees shall open the said chapel or meeting-house for regular or occasional service to any minister or missionary of the baptist denomination, holding and maintaining the sentiments in doctrine and practice before particularly specified, and who shall be in communion with a church of the same faith and order; and also that the said powers for the removal and appointment of said trustees shall and may be exercised by such nearest regular baptist church, but only so long as no such church shall be organized at and shall meet or be desirous of meeting in the chapel or meeting-house now existing or hereafter to be erected on the land before described; and also that on the reorganization or organizing anew of a church composed of persons in the position and holding and maintaining the doctrines and practice before particularly specified and desiring to occupy the chapel or meeting-house and premises, aforesaid, the rights, privileges and duties in connection with the trust hereby created shall IP SO FACTO without any legal process whatever revert and return to said re-organized church, and be held and exercised by them and trustees by them to be appointed in the same manner and under the same rules as before provided for the said church now existing. And if such church being first duly notified by at least one week's public notice given by a public announcement from the pulpit, or by a written notice posted on the outside of the front door of such chapel or meeting-house to attend

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a good, sure, perfect and indefeasible estate in fee simple in the said land and premises and good right, full power and lawful authority, to sell and convey the same in manner and form as they are hereby sold and conveyed or mentioned or intended so to be. AND LASTLY that the said _____

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IN WITNESS whereof the parties to these presents have hereunto their hands and seals subscribed and affixed on the day and year first hereinbefore written.

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ON THE "CHRISTIAN MESSENGER."

The Committee on the *Christian Messenger* report as follows :—
The *Christian Messenger* in the opinion of your Committee

continues to deserve the confidence and support of the Denomination.

It is doubtless difficult, perhaps impossible, so to conduct any newspaper as in all respects to command the entire approbation of a reading people. Yet the Messenger in the main is we think, not only a faithful repository of Baptist sentiments, but a necessary and sound expositor of Baptists principles.

We hope the day is not distant when the increased circulation of the *Messenger* will warrant its enlargement and the maintenance of such literary assistance on the editorial department as will place it at the head of dominion newspaper periodicals. Its weekly visits to firesides of Baptist families tend to strengthen the common cause as well as to educate the denomination on subjects of the highest importance in connection with the advancement of the Redeemer's cause at home and abroad.

J. McCULLY, *Chairman.*

*North Baptist Church Vestry, }
Halifax, June 27, 1870. }*

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ON QUESTION IN LETTERS.

The Committee on Questions in Letters Report:—

1st. They recommend that our next Association be held with the Church at Pereaux.

In reference to the second question:—What is to be done with members of our Churches who have emigrated without taking their dismissal, your Committee would suggest the passing of the following resolution:

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Churches composing this Association to exercise great care in dealing with members who have removed from the districts within which those Churches are situated, in order that the position of those members may be defined as clearly as possible, and correspondence be maintained with them from time to time.

E. F. FOSHAY, *Chairman.*

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ON OBITUARIES.

Your Committee have to report the death of two ministering brethren during the past year.

The REV. SOLOMON B. TAYLOR was born Sept. 8, 1812. He began to preach in the spring of 1840. His ordination took place at Chelsea, July 13, 1842. In January, 1843, he became pastor of the church at North West Lunenburg, where he laboured ten years with encouraging success. He was afterwards pastor for some years of the church at La-Have. He presided over several other churches for short periods. After enduring three years of sickness, he died at New Germany, March 28th last, having experienced in his

declining days, those supports and consolations which God gives to his servants when "flesh and heart" fail. The gospel which he had faithfully preached upheld him in the final struggle, and the hope of eternal life illumined the dark valley.

The REV. WILLIAM HALL was a native of Kentville, Kings County, and was engaged for some time in the legal profession. It pleased God to bring him under the influence of the late Dr. Savers, whose bible class he attended at Bridgetown, where he then resided, and whose Christian efforts were blessed to his conversion. The change then wrought in his character and life was so manifest, that his former companions and acquaintances were filled with astonishment, and could not but confess the power of religious truth. Having spent some time at Acadia College, he entered on the work of the ministry, and was ordained in Fredericton July 12, 1842. He was several years pastor of the church at Windsor, and in many other places both in this province and in New Brunswick, he proclaimed the gospel of the grace of God. While he was pastor of the church at Long Island, Digby Co., an extensive revival of religion was the result of his labors and the reward of his zeal and perseverance.

Mr. Hall was well informed on literary and historical topics. He was acquainted with the best theological works. He had read much, and his system of divinity was the fruit of hard thinking. As a preacher, he was instructive and fervent. His views and opinions were respectfully regarded by his brethren, although, through the eccentricity which he sometimes manifested, they were not always accepted.

In his last illness Mr. Hall enjoyed the "peace of God." He had been declining in health for some months, but was actually confined to his room only a few days. He entered into rest Jan. 15. last.

Your Committee deem it right and befitting to record also the removal by death of a christian gentleman, well known in all the churches of this Association, and esteemed wherever known, WARD EATON, Esq., of Canard, Cornwallis, who died Feb. 1. last, at the age of 72, he was a Baptist in principle, but was withheld by extreme diffidence from making a public profession. Under his hospitable roof ministers of the gospel were entertained with cheerful

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liberality, and all christian brethren were sure of receiving a welcome. The First Cornwallis Church was greatly indebted to him for manifold acts of kindness during a long series of years. It was much regretted that his courage failed him in the matter of profession of faith and public avowal of submission to Christ, because his christian character was acknowledged, and the church would have thankfully admitted him to the privileges and duties of membership. But the Committee are happy in being able to state that he realized in the closing scene the preciousness and power of gospel truth, and "died in faith."

J. M. CRAMP, *Chairman.*

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ON BENEVOLENT OBJECTS.

Your Committee beg leave to report :

That, while they are glad to see the liberality of the churches increasing from year to year, still it is manifestly far below what their obligations to Christ and the claims of His cause demand. A dollar per head would be only a moderate average to be aimed at by the members of the churches composing this Association for different benevolent objects. The amount contributed, however, is considerably less than half of that sum.

Many professing christians seem to act upon the ground that they may make their own cause first, and Christ's second. They add house to house and lands to lands; they secure to themselves and families not only the comforts but luxuries and embellishments in life; and then, if any thing is left, they offer perhaps a portion of it to Christ. Baptists sometimes rejoice in their glorious principles, but some of them are plainly not much controled by these principles, judging from the pittance they pay into the treasury of the Lord. Their glorious principles are doubtless all right; what is required is that their benevolence and work correspond therewith. Still your Committee have the conviction that lack of funds for the religious enterprises of the Denomination is the result, not so much, of unwillingness to give, as of a proper system of giving.

The System defined in 1 Cor. xvi. 2 your Committee

believe to be the best that has ever been devised. According to this system *every* christian is required to give—every christian must give at a regular stated time, and as God has prospered him. When these conditions are complied with, our denominational treasury will be full to overflowing.

It is, however, a system that supposes a more advanced state of things than many of our churches have yet reached. Those churches that *are* prepared for it should adopt it at once. No church should aim at any thing short of its adoption ultimately.

But as nearly approaching the perfection of this system, and practicable under the present state of things in all the churches, your Committee would recommend the following:—

That the *year* for giving, or christian beneficence, with the churches composing this Association be considered to commence with July, that is, after the Delegates to the Association have returned to their homes: that in each church a book or books properly tabulated, be prepared, in which, in alphabetical order, the name of every man, woman, and child in the church and congregation be entered—for the children, as well as their parents should be enlisted and trained in this work; that a committee of two or three of the most suitable persons in the Church call upon all the families and individuals in the Church and Congregation in the month of July, and secure from each person a subscription to any or all of the objects specified, not of course failing to plead the cause of their master, if necessary, and securing from all the largest sums possible—these sums to be paid in half-yearly or quarterly, or monthly instalments, as may be most convenient to the donors, and into the hands of collectors calling at the specified time to receive them; that the Treasurer of the Church receive these moneys, and report to the Church at the last Conference before the Association the amounts contributed to each object: that the preparatory Committee for soliciting subscriptions do their work every year—the names of the members of the Church and congregation being entered on a new list in the book, and the record of the names of the previous year with their respective contributions being preserved, so that the effort of one year may be compared with another, and all the circumstances of the growth of the church and congregation, and their pecuniary ability from year to year, be taken into account.

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Your Committee would further recommend, as preparing the way for all this, that a short printed appeal be prepared and circulated among the members of each church and congregation—said appeal to set forth each object, announcing that the parties receiving them will be shortly called on for subscriptions.

The following tabular form is appended as a specimen of that suggested by your Committee.

Probably the same system would not be the best in all churches and under all circumstances; but a system of *some* kind is indispensable. No system, however, will accomplish the end desired, until those to whom it is presented have an intelligent conception of their obligations to Christ.

Your Committee would recommend that the ministers expound and enforce in a timely way the New Testament doctrine of giving, and severally assist their churches to carry out such system as may be best suited to the circumstances in each case. "Freely ye have received, freely give."

D. M. WELTON, *Chairman.*

(G)
ON MISSIONS.

The duty of every true believer to be actively identified with the cause of Missions is too obvious to need proof. This duty, always resting upon the Church seems to become more urgent as time rolls on and the millennial day draws near. The intensely interesting results of Missionary labor, the thrilling reports of God's work in various Mission fields of late, beckon us forward to increased activity and devotion. For many years strong faith and patient expectation were necessary to sustain the courage and zeal of the Church in this matter; but now the Lord is in a wonderful and striking manner verifying His promises in reference to the evangelization of the world.

Every nation is feeling the power of the Gospel. The great difficulty now is to be found not in the field itself but in the scarcity of men and means to cultivate it. The whole world lies before the Christian Church ready for the harvest, but the laborers are few. We need a return of the zeal and consecration of the Apostolic age—when large numbers

will hasten to bear the glad tidings to every land, and when the Lord's treasury will be abundantly supplied.

In referring to the Foreign department, it is a source of gratification that Brother and Sister George, having gone from our midst, though not under our direction, are now probably in their field of labor, preparing every day for future usefulness. Sister DeWolf is pursuing her loved occupation and gathering fruit unto life eternal. And there are those in our midst who are looking forward eagerly to being identified with this glorious enterprise.

Your Committee would earnestly seek to impress the Churches with the desirableness of having a Missionary force of our own, under our own direction, believing that thereby the interest of the denomination in this great work would be increased and the contributions of the churches largely augmented.

It is with regret that we are obliged to refer to the necessary withdrawal of support from a number of the native preachers in Burmah formerly sustained by the general funds of our Foreign Missionary Board; but we are encouraged to hope that this apparent calamity will work out greater good by awakening in us a deeper interest in the cause. It is evident already that there is a spirit of determination to sustain these valuable laborers, and the salaries of several have already been guaranteed. We trust that the support of the remainder and of many more may soon be pledged by churches and individuals.

Your Committee would suggest that there be more system employed in raising Missionary funds, that the monthly Missionary prayer-meeting be observed more generally, and that Missionary literature be more extensively circulated.

The Home Mission demands our strenuous exertions. There are many weak Churches without the ministry of the gospel, and many districts which might become fruitful fields if the necessary labor were expended upon them. Urgent appeals are continually made to the Board for assistance, many of which they cannot possibly grant for want of the necessary funds. We would suggest that efforts be made by Churches and individuals to sustain Home Missionaries as well as labourers in the Foreign field. The abundant success which has at times attended christian labor in the destitute parts of our Province affords great encouragement to engage more earnestly in this work.

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In referring to the French Mission we rejoice to record continued success. The Missionary's heart is much encouraged by the conversion of several more of the Acadians, and the completion of their place of worship. The success already experienced and the fruit still to be gathered in call upon us loudly to sustain this important work. There is a debt still remaining upon the Mission premises which ought to be liquidated at once.

The Missionary cause is one, whether at home or abroad. Its object is to give the saving knowledge of Christ to those who are without it wherever they are found. Let us seek to obey our Redeemer's last command and share in the future triumph.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM B. BOGGS, *Chairman.*

(H)
ON EDUCATION.

In submitting their report your Committee would state that about 50 pupils have been enrolled at Horton Collegiate Academy during the past year. The average daily attendance for the year has been 30. During the present month a class of 10 presented themselves for examination before the Faculty of the College, with a view to matriculation. Five of the number were examined on all the subjects required of candidates for admission to the College course, and passed. It is expected the examination of the other members of the class will be completed in September.

Soon after the discontinuance of the Female Seminary last year, Miss M. R. Eaton, a former teacher in the institution, hired the Seminary building from the Governors, and, under the countenance of an advisory committee, conducted, on her own responsibility, a school for young ladies.

Your committee believe that the time has arrived when the subject of academic education in connection with our institutions at Wolfville, should be carefully weighed in all its relations, and definitely settled. Within six years unprecedented energy and liberality in the cause of general education, has characterized the people of Nova Scotia. The

whole land has been aroused, and knowledge is struggling mightily with ignorance. The people have decided to submit the high and to some seemingly pretentious claims of education to the crucial test of experiment. Nearly 100,000 pupils have been enrolled in the public schools during this present year. This grand movement unparalleled, in its rapidity, in the history of public education, has not in any way lessened but rather immeasurably increased the educational responsibilities which the Baptist denomination acknowledged when they founded and supported Horton Academy. Our fathers planted the handful of corn and ought not we to gird our loins and make ready for the harvest which is soon to shake like Lebanon? Your Committee believe that it is not only desirable but necessary that the Baptist denomination should address itself with spirit and renewed devotion to the cause of academic education, if it would do its part towards inducing and fostering a desire for liberal study among the thousands of boys and girls now receiving the elements of education in the public schools. Your Committee are of opinion that our academic institution should be rendered so comprehensive in plan and complete in equipment as to include adequate and permanent provision for the education of girls and young women, as well as of boys and young men. The sympathies of all classes of our people cannot in full measure be actively enlisted in the important work of advanced education, until this matter is definitely determined and fully understood. Your Committee are confident that if the necessities and claims of this subject were clearly, earnestly, and perseveringly presented to the Baptists of this Province in pursuance of an intelligent and well-devised plan of operation, the means required would not be withheld.

During the year in consequence of there being no theological students in the senior class, no advanced theological instruction has been given in the Theological department of the College. Lectures have been delivered in Ecclesiastical History, and there has been a class in Hebrew. We learn that at the late meeting of the Governors a resolution was adopted instructing the Faculty to arrange for a year of Theological study, subsequent to the College course. We are informed that arrangements have been made in accordance with that resolution, so that Theological Students of the Senior Class will take Hebrew and New Testament Greek

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instead of the Ancient Classics, and the subsequent year will be devoted principally to Theology and Pastoral duties. Arrangements are also made so that young men wishing to study for the ministry for a short time may take such exercises as they choose. This allows more time for Theological study than has heretofore been given, and it seems very desirable that the Governors should be cheerfully sustained by the churches in this advance.

Your Committee would express very great satisfaction in the success which has attended Acadia College during the past year. The Anniversary exercises were regarded as very successful, and the denomination may be justly congratulated in the happy choice of Dr. Sawyer, as the successor of Dr. Cramp in the Presidency of the College. Under his judicious and skilful management progress may be anticipated, provided that his efforts are efficiently seconded by the denomination by liberal measures. We recommend that young men of ability in Baptist families be stimulated and encouraged to avail themselves of every advantage which our institutions are calculated to confer.

T. H. RAND, *Chairman.*

The following is the copy of a paper prepared by one of the brethren during the Session, hoping thereby to secure some enlarged contributions for our Missionary Funds.

We the Subscribers hereby agree to contribute towards the several objects herein set forth, during the ensuing year, the respective amounts opposite our names.

Names.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.		French Missions.
		Burman.	Karen.	
J. McCully.	\$50.00	*\$50.00	*\$0.00	\$50.00
J. W. Barss.	50.00			50.00

Ezra Churchill, \$100.00 to be divided among the objects at the discretion of the Committee.

P. S.—Those marked with the asterisk (*) imply that the said amount is to be appropriated to the support of a native teacher.

Amount forwarded by the Churches of the Association, for
Benevolent Objects, June 25th, 1870.

CHURCHES.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	French Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Acadia College.	Infirm Ministers.	TOTALS.
Aylesford Upper..	\$3 62½	\$	\$	\$	\$1 00	\$1 37½	\$6 00
Bridgewater.....	7 87½	64 39½	4 00	1 62½	9 00	4 37½	†91 27
Chester.....	20 08	21 97	.....	1 00	10 00	1 75	54 80
Cornwallis 1st ..	16 75	9 25	.....	6 25	.....	4 45	36 70
Cornwallis 2nd ...	17 25	20 47	4 75	0 75	9 00	2 00	54 22
Cornwallis 3rd...	7 76	7 37½	3 00	.....	.....	.....	18 13½
Cornwallis 5th...	4 37½	11 89	1 12½	0 12½	7 50	1 75	26 76½
Cornwallis 6th...	5 47	10 46	3 79	.....	11 50	0 50	31 72
Fall River	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00
Falmouth .....	.....	10 00	5 50	.....	2 00	5 25	22 75
Halifax 2nd.....	40 25	30 00	5 00	10 00	20 25	10 00	115 50
Hammonds Plains 1st.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00
Hammonds Plains 2nd.....	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 50
Hantsport.....	19 00	16 00	5 00	.....	15 00	5 00	60 50
Horton 1st.....	.....	59 00	.....	12 25	.....	5 60	76 85
Horton 2nd.....	12 25	8 20	6 92½	.....	.....	5 85	33 22½
Indian Harbor....	3 50	2 65	1 12½	0 50	0 50	1 02½	9 30
Jeddore	3 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	1 00	5 00
Kempt	8 72	8 72	3 00	.....	8 00	.....	28 44
LaHave	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	3 00	.....	5 00
Lunenburg	12 00	4 00	4 00	2 00	.....	2 00	24 00
Musquodoboit....	1 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	2 00
New Germany.....	2 84	32 08½	2 70	.....	6 37½	.....	44 00
Newport East....	1 00	3 50	1 50	.....	.....	.....	6 00
Newport West....	3 00	3 00	.....	.....	3 00	.....	9 00
New Ross	7 61½	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	8 61½
Preston 1st.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	3 00
Preston 2nd.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00
Rawdon.....	1 37½	1 12½	0 25	.....	1 00	0 50	4 25
Sackville.....	14 00	.....	.....	.....	6 00	.....	20 00
St. Margarets Bay	6 80	7 60	1 50	.....	.....	2 50	18 40
Tancook.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 50	.....	3 50
Windsor.....	48 50	74 00	4 00	25 00	.....	4 50	156 00
Coll. at Association	65 20	50 00	115 20
J. W. Barss.....	50 00	50 00	100 00
J. McCully.....	50 00	50 00
Jno. Waugh.....	1 75	1 75
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JOHN STEELE. } Treasurers.
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NOTE.—The following churches sent no monies to the Association:—
Burton, Chelsea, Cornwallis 4th, Dartmouth, Horton 3rd, New Corn-
wall, Walton, Waterville and Windsor Plains. The Halifax 1st sent
the amounts to the Treasurers of the several Benevolent Funds.

†\$50 of this sum is by the Bridgewater Juvenile Missionary Society
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PLAN proposed by the Committee on Benevolent Objects and adopted by the Association. (See page 27).

NAMES OF CONTRIBUTORS IN CHURCH AND CONGREGATION. ALPHABETICALLY ARRANGED.	AMT'S. WEEKLY.							TOTAL FOR WEEK.
	Home Mission.	Foreign Mission.	French Mission.	Acadia College.	Ministerial Edu.	Infam Ministers.	July	
Allan, James ...	5	4	3	3	2	2	19	
Brown, John....	3	2	1	1	1	1	9	
Curry, Joseph...	2	1	1	..	1	5		
Davidson, Geo..	6	4	2	2	1	1	16	
Ells, David.....	1	3	3	3	3	..	3	To be collected Monthly Quarterly or Semi Annually. Collectors to fill in the amounts, when collected, in these columns.
Ells, Mrs. David.	1	1	2	3	3	..	3	
Ells, George....	2	3	2	
Ells, Mary.....	3	2	2	
Fuller, John....	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	
Fuller, Mrs. Jno.	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	
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Amounts reported in the Letters to have been set apart by the Churches, for the objects specified below, in addition to the moneys forwarded to the Treasurer of the Association.

NAME OF CHURCH.	Miss'ns. 2	Educ'n. 3	Infirm Min'ters 4	Pastor's Salary. 5	Current Exp'ses. 6	Meeting House. 7	Pars'ge. 8	Church Poor. 9	Other Prpses. 10	Total. 11
Aylesford, Upper.....	\$46 83				20 00	120 00				\$ 46 83
Bridgewater.....				500 00						640 00
Cornwallis 1st.....	159 59	30 00			25 00					189 59
do. 3rd.....				200 00		40 00				25 00
do. 5th.....				200 00	40 00	240 00				240 00
do. 6th.....	19 72	11 50	0 50	200 00	40 00	240 00				549 78
Halifax 1st.....	162 97	41 19								1578 00
do. 2nd.....				800 00	635 11	20 50		122 59	90 87	751 75
Horton 1st.....	41 75	25 00		500 00	100 00	50 00	35 00			12 88
do. 2nd.....	2 88	10 00				300 00				306 00
Jeddore.....		6 00								8 00
Lunenburg.....		8 00								145 00
Rawdon.....				100 00	25 00	20 00				1779 00
Windsor.....	122 50	65 00	4 50	500 00	130 00	700 00		20 00	257 00	

Churches which failed to report in their Letters the Amounts set apart for the objects specified in cols. 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 of the above Table — Upper Aylesford, Chester, Cornwallis 1st, Cornwallis 2nd, Dartmouth, Fall River, Falmouth, Halifax 1st, Hammonds Plains 1st, Hammonds Plains 2nd, Hantsport, Horton 2nd, Horton 3rd, Indian Harbour, Kempi, LaHave, Lunenburg, Musquodoboit, New Germany, Newport East, Newport West, New Ross, Preston 1st, Preston 2nd, Sackville, St. Margarets Bay, Tancook, Walton, Windsor Plains.

Note.—It is very desirable that every church should, in future, give a definite answer to each enquiry contained in the blank form on which its Letter is written. Where contributions to the pastor's salary, meeting houses, &c., are not paid in money the value of all donations and payments in labor, or in kind, can be estimated without much difficulty. Those churches which fail to report with fulness and completeness, not only do injustice to their own efforts for the promotion of the Gospel, but cause the efforts of the Denomination to be misrepresented before the public. If the pastors, deacons and clerks of all the churches would take a little pains and care to present to the Association the detailed information sought in the blank Letters, full and accurate statistics would be secured. Bridgewater, Cornwallis 5th and 6th, and Windsor forwarded complete statistics of moneys.

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- Rev. J. Bancroft
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 - " John Croft
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 - " S. W. Dyer
 - " D. Freeman
 - " E. F. Foster
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 - " J. L. Reed
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 - " A. Shields
 - " B. Vaughan
 - " D. M. Welch
 - " D. G. Shaw
 - " D. Pineo
 - " S. B. Kemp
 - " S. March
 - " Geo. Weather
 - " W. E. Hall
 - " James Mead
 - " James E. Bancroft

Ministers in the Central Association.

NAMES.	Present Residence.	Date of Ordination.	Place of Ordination.
Rev. J. Bancroft,	Walton,	March 8, 1849	Rawdon,
" J. M. Cramp, D.D.	Wolfville,	May 7, 1818	London, G. B.
" E. A. Crawley, D.D.	Wolfville,	May 28, 1830	Providence, R.I.
" John Chase,	Wolfville,		1835
" Edwin Clay, M.D.	Halifax,		Billtown,
" S. W. DeBlois,	Halifax,		.....
" D. Freeman,	Wolfville,	Feb. 26, 1854	Chester,
" E. F. Foshay,	Canning,	Aug. —, 1855	Halifax,
" J. E. Goucher,	Gaspereaux,	March —, 1850	Harvey, N. B.
" T. A. Higgins,	Halifax,	Oct. 5, 1859	Gagetown, N.B.
" A. S. Hunt,	Wolfville,	Aug. 30, 1857	Liverpool,
" J. F. Kempton	Dartmouth,	Nov. 10, 1844	Dartmouth,
" S. T. Rand,	Billtown,	June 5, 1864	Mira, C. B.
" E. O. Read,	Hantsport,	Oct. 7, 1834	Cornwallis,
" J. L. Read,	Berwick,	Jan. 8, 1858	Gaspereaux,
" E. M. Saunders,	Upper Aylesford.	June 30, 1858	Hopewell, N.B.
" I. J. Skinner,	Halifax,	Dec. 15, 1856	W. Cornwallis
" J. Stevens,	Chester,	Sept. 19, 1858	Port Medway,
" A. Shields,	Gaspereaux,	Aug. 4, 1830	Horton,
" B. Vaughan,	Mahone Bay,	July 18, 1852	Hantsport,
" D. M. Welton,	Kempt,	May 4, 1842	Wolfville,
" D. G. Shaw,	Windsor,	Sept. 2, 1857	Windsor,
" D. Pineo,	Falmouth,	Jan. 24, 1860	Falmouth,
" S. B. Kempton,	Long Point,	Dec. 24, 1844	Greenwich,
" S. March,	Canard,	Sept. 16, 1863	New Minas,
" Geo. Weathers,	Bridgewater,	July 5, 1856	St Francis, N.B.
" W. E. Hall,	Kempt, Hants Co.	May 12, 1864	Newport,
" James Meadows,	New Germany,	Sept. 23, 1864	New Germany
" James E. Balcom,	Jeddore,	Feb. 26, 1868	Jeddore,
	Hantsport,	March 26, 1853	Long Island,

17 Hammonds Plains 1st.	.....	Rev. John White.	.....	12	3	219
18 Hammonds Plains 2nd.	.....	Rev. D. G. Shaw.	.....	15	2	306
19 Hamports	.....	Rev. J. E. Balcom.	.....	1	3	80
20 Horton 1st.	.....	1780 Rev. S. W. DeBlois	1855 A. D. W. Barss, M. D. Wolfville.	1	3	219
21 Horton 2nd.	.....	1842 Rev. E. F. Foshay.	.....	5	3	306
22 Horton 3rd.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
23 Indian Harbor.	.....	1843 Rev. T. C. Dejong.	1868 Joseph Lanuz (no statistics)	.....	.....	93
24 Jeddore.	.....	.....	1868 Enos Baker, Jeddore.	2	7	114
25 Kempt.	.....	.....	1866 Joseph D. Marsters.	2	1	142
26 LaHave.	.....	.....	1869 John Lantz, Pleasantville, LaHave.	.....	.....	2
27 Lunenburg.	.....	1809 Rev. A. Shields.	.....	27	2	39
28 ***Maitland.	.....	.....	.....	2	2	121
29 Musquodoboit.	.....	.....	.....	1	3	17
30 *New Cornwall.	.....	1866	Francis Layton.	1	3	15
31 New Germany.	.....	1842 Rev. W. E. Hall.	.....	.....	.....	30
32 Newport East.	.....	.....	1864 A. E. Durland, New Germany.	1	4	174
33 Newport West.	.....	1859	1854 Sterna D'mock.	.....	.....	81
34 New Ross.	.....	.....	Joseph Walley.	2	5	123
35 Preston 1st.	.....	1831	.....	2	2	46
36 Preston 2nd.	.....	.....	R. Cooper.	.....	5	2
37 Rawdon.	.....	1823	.....	3	3	42
38 Sackville.	.....	1832	John McLearn, Rawdon.	28	8	137
39 St. Margarets Bay.	.....	.....	Francis Webber.	.....	3	1
40 Tancook.	.....	.....	Benjamin Hubley.	1	5	20
41 Walton.	.....	.....	Albert Pearl.	5	1	113
42 ***Waterville.	.....	.....	Francis Parker.	.....	.....	16
43 Windsor.	1819 Rev. D. M. Welton.	12
44 Windsor Plains.	Digit Rev. G. Shaw.	22	9	177
			No Statistics sent.	32
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(* No letter for one year; (** for two years; (***) for three years; the number of Members given is as last year.
 †List of members revised.
 ‡To form the Canning Church.

Statistics of Sabbath Schools in the Central Baptist Association, June, 1870.

SCHOOLS.	SUPERINTENDENT.	SCHOLARS.			Av'ge attendance.	TEACHERS.			No. in Bible Class.	Members of Ch'rch in B. C. and S. S.	Vols. in Library.	Expended during the year.
		Male.	Female.	Total.		Male.	Female.	Total.				
Aylesford, Upper.	John Graves.....	36	67	54	4	3	7	20	6	270	\$ 5 60	
Bridgewater.....	W. J. Gates.....	28	34	38	4	2	6	32	6	100		
Do. Pleasant Hill.....	Jas. Felt.....	15	17	32	30	4	4	32	12			
Do. Creuse Town.....	Mrs. Jas. Johnson.....	10	10	20	20	4	1	34	12			
Do. Lakeville.....	Rev. S. March.....	34	34	6	6	1	5	6	6			
Do. Lapland.....	do. do.....	40	30	70	50	5	6	11	16	200	20 00	
Canning.....	J. S. Whittier.....	14	31	45	35	3	4	7	15	200	3 25	
Chester Town.....	Dea. D. Etter.....	21	16	37	50	3	6	9	6		2 25	
Do. Cove.....	Euw. Heckman.....	57	28	65	50	4	8	30	12	30		
Do. Basin.....	A. Anderson.....	51	50	101	93	5	6	11	42	8	80	
Cornwallis 1st, Canard.	J. E. Lockwood.....	45	60	105	80	3	9	12	20	12	200	
Do. L. Canard.....	D. R. Eaton.....	43	63	106	65	4	4	8	11	3	200	
Do. Port Williams.....	T. H. Borden.....	180	160	14	9	23	75	45	240	31 00		
Cornwallis 2nd, Berwick.	A. F. Chipman.....	34	42	76	69	5	10	20	8	160	36 10	
Cornwallis 3rd, Bill Town.	Melajah Kiusman.....	35	32	67	54	6	4	10	15	12	300	
Cornwallis 5th, Perea.	E. C. West.....	35	47	82	20	20	4	4	4	24	20 30	
Dartmouth.....	E. Pitts.....	35	47	82	20	20	4	4	4	24	20 30	
Falmouth, Union.....	Chas. E. Young.....	171	171	183	130	8	7	15	15	380	100 83	
Hallfax 1st.....	R. N. Beckwith.....	140	148	288	140	16	14	30	55	630	59 01	
Hallfax 2nd.....	J. F. L. Parsons.....	140	148	288	140	16	14	30	55	630	59 01	

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Lunenburg, North West.....	30	35	65	65	6	12	2	115
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☐ Sabbath Schools are also reported in operation at Windsor Road, Chester Grant, Cambridge and Black Rock, all o
 four other Schools in connection with Cornwallis 2nd, but no statistics are given.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OF NOVA SCOTIA.

ARTICLE 1st.—This Association shall consist of Delegates representing the Churches of which it is composed, each of whom shall be a member of one of those Churches, together with Delegates from Corresponding Associations, and such other brethren present as the Association may see fit to invite to sit in Council.

ART. 2nd.—The Association shall meet at such time and place as may be agreed upon by the body.

ART. 3rd.—Each Church shall have the privilege of sending one Delegate or more, but no Church shall be entitled to send more than five in addition to their Pastor.

ART. 4th.—At each meeting of the Association the Moderator of the preceding year shall preside till his successor is chosen. The choice of Moderator shall take place by ballot, as soon as a list of Delegates has been prepared, as hereinafter provided. No brother shall be chosen Moderator two years in succession. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside in all the transactions, maintain due order, and nominate Committees, unless otherwise ordered by the Association. A Secretary shall be chosen, whose duty it shall be to record the transactions of the Association, and to furnish a correct copy of the same for the press; he is also to remain in office till his successor is chosen.

ART. 5th.—It shall be the duty of each Church to send by his messengers a letter to the Association giving an account of its state, particularly of the additions and diminutions within the last year, and generally of whatsoever relates to its peace and prosperity.

ART. 6th.—At each Annual Meeting the letters from the Churches shall be first handed in, from which the Secretary shall immediately make out a list of Delegates. The election of Moderator and Secretary shall then take place, after which the letters shall be read. Committees nominated by the Moderator shall not consist of more than five brethren, of whom three shall constitute a quorum. When large Committees are judged desirable they shall be appointed by the Association, and two-thirds of the members appointed shall be competent to act.

ART. 7th.—When any Church shall desire admittance into this body, application must be made by letter, and satisfactory evidence furnished of its faith and order; this being done, and a vote of acceptance taken, the Moderator shall, in behalf of the Association, give to one of its messengers present the right-hand of fellowship.

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ART. 8th.—When any Church shall neglect to make communication for three years successively it shall be considered as having withdrawn from us, and shall be dropped from the Minutes, unless two or more members shall request its continuance and shall engage to enquire into its standing; and report at the next meeting of the Association.

ART. 9th.—Although as an Association all power over the Churches is disclaimed, so far as respects any interference with their independence and discipline; yet it is deemed a privilege belonging to the Association to judge for itself of the propriety of receiving or retaining any Church in its connexion.

ART. 10th.—The religious sentiments of this body are those expressed in the "Articles of the Faith and Practice of the Baptist Churches in Nova Scotia."

ART. 11th.—That the Moderator be authorized at any time during the year, to call a special meeting of the Association, in pursuance of a requisition signed by ten members thereof.

ART. 12.—Alterations and amendments may be made to this Constitution by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any of its regular meetings.

RULES OF ORDER.

RULE 1st.—At every sitting, business shall be opened and closed with prayer; and immediately after the opening, the Minutes of the preceding meeting shall be read and corrected.

RULE 2nd.—No member of the Association shall leave the Session before the business is concluded, without permission of the Association.

RULE 3rd.—No subject shall be discussed without a motion first made and seconded.

RULE 4th.—No person shall speak oftener than twice on the same subject, unless by permission of the body.

RULE 5th.—Brethren invited to a seat with us may speak on all subjects under consideration, but vote on none.

RULE 6th.—All resolutions shall be presented in writing.

RULE 7th.—Motions made and lost shall not be recorded on the Minutes, except so ordered at the time.

RULE 8th.—These rules shall be distinctly read from the Chair at the opening of the Session.

THIRTEENTH ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

N. S. Baptist Home Missionary Society.

AMHERST, July 5th, 1870.

The N. S. Baptist Home Missionary Society held its Thirteenth Annual Meeting this day, Tuesday, July 5th; the Eastern Association having suspended its session for the purpose.

The President, S. Selden, took the Chair, and prayer was offered by the Rev. Dr. Tupper.

Bro. J. B. Layton was requested to perform the duties of Secretary during the present meeting.

The Chairman then read the Annual report of the Board. After remarks by Rev. Jos. Murrny, Hon. J. McCully, Revs. G. F. Miles, D. A. Steele and T. H. Porter it was received and adopted.

It was Resolved, That the officers of the past year be re-elected, and that the Board be located at Halifax for the ensuing year.

This was carried unanimously.

Officers of the Society.

S. Selden, *President.*

John W. Barss, } *Vice Presidents.*

John King, }

Hon. D. McN. Parker, M. D., *Treasurer.*

R. N. Beckwith, *Secretary.*

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The Board of Managers was then elected as follows :—

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

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" Edwin Clay, M. D.	" A. Clark,
" S. W. DeBlois,	" Wm. Cummings,
" D. W. C. Dimock,	" Wm. Faulkner,
" J. E. Goucher,	" E. G. W. Greenwood,
" A. S. Hunt,	" Edwin D. King,
" G. F. Miles,	" Hon. J. McCully,
" T. H. Porter,	" H. N. Paint,
" E. M. Saunders,	" J. F. L. Parsons,
" D. A. Steele,	" T. H. Rand,
" D. M. Welton,	" Alex. Robinson,
Bro. Wm. Ackhurst,	" David Thompson,

The following amendments were made in the Constitution of the Society :—

In Article II. after the word "Nova-Scotia," omit, "Prince Edward Island."

And in Article V. after the words "twenty-four members" insert, "who shall be members of Baptist Churches."

Adjourned to meet with the Central Association at Pereaux, Cornwallis, in June 1871.

J. B. LAYTON, *Secretary, pro tem.*

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

The Board of Managers of the N. S. Baptist Home Missionary Society, beg to present the Thirteenth Annual Statement of Mission work in the Home Field.

During the year *twelve* missionaries have been laboring under the direction of the Board, in the Eastern and Central portions of the Province. *Two* of whom have been engaged during the entire year, *five* about one-fourth of the year, and *eight* for shorter periods of time.

The whole number of weeks service (214) is equivalent to rather more than *four* missionaries for the year.

The returns sent in shew an increase in Family Visitation, but it is to be regretted that the Prayer and Conference meetings had not received the attention which their importance demands. The Board regard organizing and sustaining meetings for *social* worship as a very essential part of the work of a missionary.

A marked improvement is observed in Tract distribution, about one hundred per cent over last year.

There have been added by Baptism 81, being an increase of *forty* over the past year.

Truly "the Lord has made bare His arm" and abundantly blessed the labors of his servants, in the mission field, particularly on the Island of Cape Breton.

It is encouraging also to notice that *three* Churches, *three* Sabbath Schools, and *two* Bible Classes, have been organized by your missionaries. A number of the conversions reported have been among the young people in the Sabbath School.

The Treasurer's report shews a decrease in receipts as compared with the preceeding year of *one hundred dollars*, while there has been an increase in collections by the missionaries of *one hundred and fifty-six dollars*. The total amount received from all sources being *thirteen hundred dollars*, which is less than *seven cents* for each member of the several churches, in the Central and Eastern Associations, comprising a membership of about *nine thousand*.

The Board feel compelled again to urge the claims of this Society upon every member of the respective churches under whose direction they have been endeavouring to send the

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Word of Life to the destitute in this Province. Instead of having but *two* labours *permanently* in the field, there should be at least three times that number.

The Board have been recently compelled to decline several applications received from those who desire, and should have, the Word of Life sent to them, and at other times they have granted missions for a few weeks only, when, unquestionably more extended labor was needed, and would have been given if the state of the funds had warranted such action.

One of the Missionaries in writing to the Board of those among whom he labored says, "the friends here are willing to do their part financially." Another says "our churches would be more efficient and vigorous if they had more of a missionary spirit." Another represents his field as "demanding the constant labors of a missionary."

The question arises, how is the principle of Christian liberality to be worked in our various churches and congregations? In what way are our people to be stirred up to a sense of the duty which they owe to God? The various schemes which have been tried, seem all to have failed in producing such results as have been looked for, and ought reasonably to be expected. Are our ministers doing their duty in teaching and enforcing what Scripture says on this topic? If they neglect this part they cannot say they have declared the whole counsel of God. Men must be taught the scriptural principle of giving; to give, not merely because they are asked, but because God requires it at their hands, on the same ground as he requires worship and a holy life. It is a privilege to give, as much as it is a privilege to receive temporal and spiritual benefits. To talk about religion and not give of our substance, as we can afford, to its cause, is as unscriptural as it is unproductive of any result. Christianity is as far removed from selfishness on the one hand, as it is from a false sentiment of charity on the other.

Of course on this subject no definite rule can be laid down, different circumstances call for different methods. The great object to be aimed at is, that every man, woman and child should feel his or her individual obligation; that the amount given is nothing, the question being, am I giving in proportion to my income. And in this respect the poor man is not to be ashamed of his poverty, for his five cents or even

less, counts as much in heaven's ledger as the hundred or thousand dollars of him that hardly misses that amount. If this principle were acted on, there would be much more done for Christ, and above all there would be a far deeper intensity of spiritual life in the hearts of the members of our churches.

Our charity should not depend upon the impulse of the moment. We believe that it should receive a thoughtful and prayerful review of the whole field, and of our individual ability to supply its wants, and not be dependant upon the fancied abundance or poverty of the hour, or be wrung from us to supply a treasury about exhausted. Every christian ought systematically to arrange for the demands which our Lord presents, and expects to have honored.

There are but few duties we feel assured, which are more neglected than this, and none which would bring a greater blessing, if faithfully put into practice.

The Board have observed with more than ordinary interest, the readiness with which the response has been given to appeals for aid to sustain native teachers in the Foreign field, and would claim for our missionary operations at home, an equal amount of consideration and individual effort. How many of our brethren are ready to say, I will undertake, either wholly or in part, to supply the funds required to sustain a missionary for one year in the destitute parts of our own Province.

Who can estimate the amount of good which would be accomplished, or the joy that would follow a decision arrived at, in answer to this question, made in the fear of God and with a full realization of the fact that "the silver and the gold are the Lord's." "The cattle upon a thousand hills are His also." "All that we have and are belong to God."

Extracts from Missionaries' reports are appended :

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF MISSIONARY LABOR PERFORMED DURING THE YEAR.

No. of Missionaries employed, (nine of whom are ordained) ..	15
" Weeks services	214
" Sermons preached	624
" Prayer and Conference Meetings held	376
" Family Visits	1870
" Baptisms	81
" Pages of Tracts distributed	12016
" Miles travelled	9352

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Balance in Treasurer's hand June 1st, 1869.....	\$425 60½
Received during the year.....	\$681 13½
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Collected by the Missionaries.....	627 93
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EXPENDITURES.

Collected and Retained by Missionaries.....	\$531 49
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NOTE.—The balance in hand will be absorbed by outstanding claims against the Board.

Halifax and Hants Counties.

Rev. John Miller received an appointment of 13 weeks at Sackville and vicinity.

Preached 25 sermons, attended 2 Conference Meetings, made 78 family visits, Collected \$52. One half of the expenses of this mission were paid by those among whom Bro. Miller labored.

Bro. John Crawley was appointed on a mission of 4 weeks among the coloured people of the County of Halifax, which extended over a period of six months.

Preached 10 sermons, visited 60 families, travelled 280 miles. Collected \$3.80.

Rev. Alfred Chipman having been appointed on a mission of 6 months at Renfrew and Musquodobolt in November 1869, twenty-one weeks of which were reported as having been performed last year. The remaining four weeks were completed as follows:

Preached 10 sermons, made 32 family visits, attended 1 Conference Meeting, travelled 290 miles. Collected \$16.

Extracts from Bro. C's letter dated 7 Sept. 1869.

“It is natural to the christian, perhaps not less than to the earthly laborer to wish to present abundant harvests consisting of visible fruits. But on some soils, as well as by some laborers, this anxiety is not gratified. Yet we know that the labor expended in seed sowing

is, if faithful, as pleasing to Jesus as any other department or effort of husbandry."

"Renfrew, like most other gold digging places, must ever be regarded as a field for temporary or present labor, and only partial immediate results. The residents change almost daily, and the whole population is liable at any time, through apparent or real failure of the gold, to disappear by emigration. In this place I enjoyed visiting from house to house, during such visits I found a few seriously although secretly enquiring the way of salvation."

As a result of my experience and observation at Renfrew, I cannot well forbear expressing the belief that so far as the funds of our Board and a proportionate regard to the wants of other places admit, it is very desirable to send Missionaries to our Gold Diggings.

The population of such places consists largely of young men and women, in itself a sufficient necessity and inducement. But additional motive is afforded in the fearful fact that the avenues to iniquity and moral ruin are many, broad, and sloping. If also, as in the case of this appointment to Renfrew, feeble churches in adjacent places can thus be aided towards securing a pastor, assuredly such expenditure of the funds of the Board is wise.

In respect to Musquodoboit, the congregations, and other prospects for Baptist labor in that field were never so good as at the present time. This is the impression on more minds than one. Some of them are laboring actively in the cause of Education, Temperance, and Sabbath Schools. But best of all encouragements in that field, is the fact that there are a few praying and anxiously enquiring souls. Tenderness during our Sabbath services has not been an uncommon thing for sometime past.

Lunenburg County.

Brother Atwood Cohoon performed a mission of six weeks at La have under the direction of Revds. S. March and W. E. Hall.

Preached 16 sermons, attended 7 conference and prayer meetings, made 63 family visits, and 23 to other persons, travelled 85 miles, distributed 1797 pages of tracts, organized a Sabbath School and Bible Class. Collected \$7.52.

Bro. Cohoon reports the church in this place in a very dark state. They had not enjoyed the ministrations of the word of God for nearly two years. The prayer meetings and Sabbath School had ceased to exist, and there had been but one Conference meeting held during this time.

A few were still trying to hold on their way heavenward, and seemed glad when they learned that I had come to labor among them. Though the Baptists are few in number, yet the meetings were well attended, and the people seemed eager to hear the truth. A Sabbath School was set in operation. I had also a Bible Class of about twenty every Saturday evening during my stay with them. I am happy to state that the brethren have resolved to make an effort to secure the services of Rev. S. March one quarter of his time. I am encouraged to hope that the night of trial has passed, and that they may soon enjoy the sunshine of God's presence.

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Bro. Geo. N. Ballentine labored 6 weeks on Tancook Island, under the direction of Rev. I. J. Skinner.

Preached 9 sermons, attended 21 Conference and prayer meetings, made 76 family visits, and 7 other persons travelled 101 miles, distributed 4884 pages of tracts. Collected \$42.94½.

Bro. Ballentine says: "I found the church in a cold and barren state. They are the most of the time destitute of the ministrations of God's word. They need and should have a permanent pastor. I enjoyed my stay among them very much. They are a warm hearted people, glad to receive the truth, and willing to do their part financially.

When I left the Island, the Sabbath School which I organized was quite flourishing, averaging about sixty (60) pupils for the summer. They gave me the money, and I procured for the Sabbath School a library containing 140 volumes."

Bro. Rufus Sanford spent 6 weeks in the service of the Board at New Ross and Waterville.

Preached 22 sermons, attended 4 Conference and prayer meetings, made 100 family visits, travelled 204 miles, distributed 1155 pages of tracts, 2 persons baptized, (by Rev. James Parker), collected \$14.48, visited Sabbath Schools 6 times, one Sabbath School organized.

Bro. Sanford wrote to the Board as follows:—"In performing the mission assigned me I first visited New Ross. Here I was received with every token of kindness. My message also was well accepted, and I trust had its desired effect in the hearts of some. Meetings were well attended. An increase of interest was manifest from the first.

The church at New Ross has been destitute of ministerial labor for some time past. Conferences have not been regularly kept up. I found a Sabbath School in operation. We also had the pleasure of organizing a new School in another section, and ordered for each books and papers calculated to promote general interest.

At Waterville I spent two weeks. Here there is much encouragement for labor. The gracious influences of the Holy Spirit were manifest.

Will not the Board remember this people, and very soon send an energetic Missionary among them? They should not be neglected.

Colchester County.

Bro. H. E. Morrow, by appointment, spent 6 weeks at New Annan, Westchester Lake, and Folly Lake, and reports as follows:—"At the two last mentioned places quite an interest has been awakened. The congregations have been large and attentive, and I have reason to believe some good has been done to the souls of the hearers.

At Westchester Lake the church has been reorganized, and they are making an effort to obtain the services of a pastor for a portion of the time.

At Folly Lake I enjoyed a pleasant, and I trust a profitable visit.

There have been a few Baptists in that locality for a number of years, but have never had any preaching till this spring. The railroad passes through it, and it seems destined to be a very important station.

Preached 14 sermons, reorganized one church, attended 5 Conference and prayer meetings, made 40 family visits, travelled 190 miles distributed 1000 pages of tracts. Collected \$8.84.

Guysborough (County).

Bro. W. F. Armstrong performed a mission of 6 weeks in destitute parts of this County.

The following extracts are taken from Bro. A.'s report:—"Two weeks were spent at New Harbour where there is a small church. I was not without encouragement in my work here. I had not the pleasure of seeing any come out and take a decided stand for God, yet I believe that several were awakened to an interest in the 'one thing needful.'

At Coddle's Harbour I tarried a few days, preaching publicly and from house to house. Here there is a feeble church. The people are poor and therefore unable to give much towards the support of the mission, but seemed thankful to the Board for remembering them in their low estate.

One week was spent at Sand Point, where a small church was organized a few years ago. Here is a large field for Missionary labor. Before I left this place I had the pleasure of seeing God's arm made bare in the salvation of sinners.

The remaining time was spent at Guysborough and surroundings, and Crow Harbour. Great destitution prevails all along these shores. Oh, may our highly favored churches hear their cry 'Come over and help us.'

The last week of the mission granted me I spent at Sand Point, Strait of Canso. The Lord blessed the truth spoken in much weakness—backsliders returned, and sinners were converted. I felt that I must remain for a little while longer. I accordingly spent four weeks here after my mission had expired. The meetings increased in attendance and interest nightly. The whole community seemed to be interested. Bro. Philp came from Guysborough and baptized five rejoicing converts. Others whose wish it was to come forward were prevented from various causes. Many were anxiously enquiring the way to Zion, among whom were several Roman Catholics who attended our meetings in the face of opposition.

Preached 16 sermons, attended 16 Conference and prayer meetings, made 125 family visits, travelled 790 miles, distributed 1000 pages of tracts. The ordinance of baptism was administered to 5 persons. Collected \$23.41.

Rev. A. W. Barss performed a mission of 5 weeks to Guysborough County, and writes as follows:—"The church that once existed at Crow Harbour is very much scattered, and the state of vital religion is extremely low. In Coal Harbour there never was any Baptist preaching before my visit there. The people received me very

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Preached 20 sermons, made 9 family visits, and distributed 170 pages of tracts. Collected \$8.04.

Rev. R. R. Philp spent 13 weeks in the service of the Board in the above County.

Bro. Philp says:—"Your appointment enabled me not only to continue my pastoral relations to the Guysborough Church, but also to visit monthly the church at Antigonishe, which resulted in a very precious season of revival in that place. The whole of Guysborough County may be considered as missionary ground. There is a great deal of spiritual destitution. They need help and ought to be assisted, and there is not the least doubt our churches would be far more vigorous and efficient if they cultivated more of a missionary spirit. "How shall they hear without a preacher?" "And how shall they preach except they be sent?"

I visited Red Head and Sand Point, where I had the pleasure of baptizing five young persons, the result of Bro. W. F. Armstrong's labors while performing his mission in that place. I held some very interesting services at New Harbour. The church there was very grateful to the Board for remembering them. I also visited Isaac's Harbour and Tracadie. One young man at Tracadie on my first visit professed to have been awakened under my ministry, and a few weeks after, with some others, was baptized by Rev. M. A. Bigelow.

Preached 46 sermons, attended 10 Conference and prayer meetings, made 50 family visits, travelled 320 miles. Collected \$20.96.

Cape Breton.

Rev. W. B. Boggs laboured in the service of the Board 13 weeks at destitute places in Cape Breton County. Preached in the following places, Little Glace Bay, Caledonia Mines, Grand Mira, Hillville, Point Edward and Boularderie.

Bro. Boggs reports "several of the above mentioned places are interesting fields for christian labor, especially Glace Bay. This place has not hitherto received the attention due to it, for it is an important field, and one that ought to be constantly occupied. Fruit has been gathered which has cheered my heart exceedingly, and I believe that the principles and doctrines of God's word (unobscured by tradition), have taken deep root, and will be manifest more and more in days to come. I think a church will shortly be organized here. The erection of a meeting house as soon as practicable is contemplated.

In other localities visited by me, good attention has been given to the word. Seed has been sown by preaching, family visiting and tract distribution, which I trust will bring forth an abundant harvest in the future. Preached 37 sermons, attended 6 Conference and prayer meetings, made 79 family visits, travelled 734 miles, distributed 1000 pages of tracts, baptisms 2. Collected \$37.00

Bro. J. B. McQuillan spent 10 weeks in the service of the Board at Cow Bay Mines during the temporary absence from that field of Rev. E. C. Spinney.

Preached 21 sermons, attended 18 Conference and prayer meetings, made 60 family visits, distributed 10 pages of tracts, travelled 480 miles. Collected \$42.00

Bro. McQuillan says:—"I preached as far as I was able Christ and Him crucified as the only hope of the guilty sinner. Many were interested, some expressed a desire to seek Christ, yet I am not privileged to report any cases of conversions during my mission. At Gowrie Mines I was much encouraged by large and attentive congregations. I feel that God has great things in store for this place. Prejudice has in many instances given way to esteem. Bro. Spinney's labors in this field have been peculiarly blessed. I hope he may soon be enabled to return to it.

Rev. Mr. McPhee received an appointment of 8 weeks at West Bay and Port Hood, in the Spring of 1869, subsequently the Board secured his services for twelve months in the above places, and at St. Ann's.

The following extracts from the Missionary reports shew that the Lord has abundantly blessed the labours of his servant, particularly in West Bay.

September 24th, 1869.—"The Lord is doing great things for us in this place (West Bay) for which we are glad. *Twenty-four* have been baptized, and still they are coming. I expect to baptize next Lord's day. Last Saturday and Lord's day were days never to be forgotten with us at West Bay. Brethren Kempton and Porter were here, and several of the brethren and sisters from the Strait of Canso church. We met on Saturday afternoon in Conference, and on the Sabbath the church was organized, after which the Lord's Supper was administered.

Oh how good the Lord is, what darkness covered this Bay when I came hither in April, and now what a change. Blessed be the name of the Lord. What a power there is in the Gospel.

January 4th, 1870.—"The revival at West Bay from the first was characterized by a deep anxiety to know the mind of the Lord in his Holy Word. The result is, many have been baptized and the work goes on. West Bay with its surroundings is to be a great field. The Baptists have fairly taken possession.

I made a tour last week to Big Brook, between River Inhabitants and River St. Dennis. It was my first visit. There is no doubt but the Lord has a work for us to do in that place. Big Brook will be a key to River Inhabitants and St. Dennis. The Lord is doing wondrous things in our day. The whole of the Island is more hopeful than I ever saw it."

March 7th.—"I left West Bay in January, have labored since at St. Ann's and Baddeck River. I met with great encouragement in these places, as at this time the Holy Spirit is evidently working among the people. Baptist (or rather Biblical), principles, are fast

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No. of weeks services performed, 47, sermons preached 197, prayer and conference meetings held 46, family visits 379, baptized 36, organized 1 church, travelled 2350 miles. Collected \$55 62.

Rev. Joseph F. Kempton has been retained in the service of the Board for another year in connection with the churches at Margaree and Mabou.

The closing account of last years labor did not come to hand in time to be included in the statement presented at the last Annual Meeting, hence it was included in this report.

The following particulars are gleaned from letters received.

June 22nd, 1869.—"The church in Mabou has been doubled in number during the past year, I have spent about one quarter of the time with them, and they have contributed nearly missionary pay for what time I have spent there. A Bible class has been started among them, taught by one who was converted there last spring. There are quite a number of hopeful cases on this field. Some are anxious to know the Lord, others who I think have already believed, but are not decided as to their own condition and duty.

I have baptized in all, during the year 14, four of these were included in last years statistics. *Three* of these were in Mira, *four* in Margaree, and *eight* in Mabou.

December 31st.—"I have had the privilege of immersing *five* persons during this quarter. Others have been enabled to trust in Christ, and I hope soon to be called upon to lead them and more beside into the baptismal waters. I know of several whom I believe are being "led by the Spirit of God."

My soul has been more than ordinarily exercised of late in reference to the cause, both in Margaree and Mabou, and I think the state of things is more promising just now in both of these places than usual. The Quarterly meeting took place in Mabou two weeks ago. Brethren Porter, Boggs and McQuillan were there, besides several lay brethren from Margaree church. It was a solemn, and I believe a profitable season. The congregations were unusually large and attentive. I hope fruits may soon appear."

March 31st, 1870.—"Two have been immersed during this quarter, *one* in Margaree, and *one* in Mabou. Besides this, others have been hopefully converted to God. I expect to baptize next Lord's day. The most of these are persons in connection with the Sabbath School. God is blessing the efforts made by the Sabbath School for the conversion of souls. Some of those converted do not belong to Baptist families; but still they possess Baptist sentiments, and have already expressed a desire to be immersed and unite with the church.

Week services 52, sermons preached 113, Prayer and Conference meetings attended 130, family visits 210, baptized 24, miles travelled 2928. Collected \$237.54.

Rev. E. C. Spinney has continued his labors at Cow Bay Mines and vicinity, under the direction of the Board, since last Annual report was presented, with the exception of about four months absence, when he was soliciting aid towards completion of the meeting house at the Mines.

On the 22nd February Bro. Spinney addressed the Board as follows :

"I arrived here in December last, and since that my time has been devoted to my Master's cause. During my absence, difficulties crept into the church which seemed for a time almost insurmountable. We have reason however to ascribe great power to the Grace of God which wins the attention and melts the heart when argument utterly fails. Old grievances have been healed and our brethren are now working harmoniously, advancing in one line against the foe. There are several of the young of both sexes deeply concerned about the welfare of their souls. Some have professed conversion whom we trust will soon make public their faith in Christ. We need more of the manifest presence of Jesus. Our Sabbath Schools, Prayer and Conference meetings are well sustained.

At Cow Bay Mines our distinctive principles are rapidly gaining ground. There has been a great revolution of mind within the last twelve months. Our meetings there are especially well attended. We have moved from the hall formerly occupied by us, into our new place of worship, and are therefore more comfortably situated.

We have abundant reason to thank the Father of all mercies for continued support from Bro. D. R. DeWolf of New York.,

March 28th.—"Since my last report to you at Cow Bay Mines, a Baptist Church has been organized, and a Sabbath school gathered. The former having a membership of 16, and the latter 40. In both cases the prospects of increase are encouraging."

April 26th.—"The good work of the Lord has been prospering amongst us. God has been pleased to bless the means used in the conversion of many souls, and still we are encouraged to labor on.

Eleven have been added to the recently organized church at Cow Bay. By baptism 8, letter 1, experience 2.

Our special services are well attended. This seems to be a sea time to favor Zion. Our Sabbath School, like the meetings, is gradually increasing in numbers and interest.

Weeks service 23, sermons preached 67, Prayer and Conference Meetings attended 119, family visits 469, travelled 600 miles, distributed 1000 pages of tracts, baptized 12. 1 Church and 1 Sabbath School organized.

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Peter Paint.....	5 00
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Jane McKinnon.....	0 45
Allan McLean.....	0 25
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Capt. John McInnis.....	4 50
Mrs. McIntosh.....	1 60
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Murdock Ross.....	2 00
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N. S. BAPTIST HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY, 1870.

1869.		Cr.	
June 1	To Cash on hand.....	\$425	60½
July 9	Central Association.....	240	89
" 16	Province of Nova Scotia (Interest on Debentures).....	30	00
Aug. 17	Eastern Association.....	285	98
Sept. 4	Cow Bay Mission.....	20	00
Dec. 8	Fall River Church.....	75	
Nov. 1	Member of Church at Mabou....	4	00
Dec. 10	First Cornwallis Church.....	6	00
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Jan. 19	Province of Nova Scotia (Interest on Debentures).....	30	00
March 7	Granville Street Church.....	70	12½
" 9	First Horton Church.....	40	00
" 31	Rev. I. J. Skinner.....	4	00
April 30	First Cornwallis Church.....	9	39
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June 10	By Rev Wm. McPhee.....	\$ 12	00
" "	Bro. John Crawley.....	16	00
" "	Secretary, for services.....	75	00
" "	Stationery, Postage, &c.....	5	75
July 9	Rev. Wm. B. Boggs.....	67	00
" "	" J. F. Kempton.....	52	50
" "	" Wm. McPhee.....	37	75
Aug. 11	Rufus Sandford.....	24	02
" "	H. F. Morrow.....	32	80
Sept. 4	For Copying Press.....	5	00
" "	Rev. John Miller.....	52	00
" "	W. F. Armstrong.....	24	59
Oct. 9	W. F. Armstrong..	4	86
" "	J. B. McQuillan.....	32	87
" "	George N. Ballantine.....	8	93
" "	Rev. Alfred Chipman.....	66	00
" "	" Joseph F. Kempton.....	43	33
Nov. 5	Atwood Cohoon.....	32	98
" "	Rev. Joseph F. Kempton.....	16	00
" "	" John Crawley.....	4	20
Jan. 6, 1870.	" A. W. Barss.....	31	96
" "	" R. R. Philp.....	20	00
" 11	" Wm. McPhee.....	100	00
Feby. 8	" J. F. Kempton.....	15	24
" "	" Wm. McPhee.....	10	00
April 7	" E. C. Spinney.....	55	23
" "	" Wm. McPhee.....	50	00
" 18	" J. F. Kempton.....	63	79
May 31	By Balance.....	211	94
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 JOHN STEELE. }

D. McN. PARKER, *Treasurer*

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

N. S. BAPTIST HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

I. This Society shall be called "The Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Society."

II. The object of this Society shall be the preaching of the Gospel throughout Nova Scotia, and Newfoundland, the assistance of feeble Churches, and the planting of new ones.

III. Any person may become a member of this Society by contributing five shillings and upwards annually, to its funds. Any person contributing five pounds at one time shall be a Life Member. Any person contributing twenty pounds at one time, or whose contributions shall amount to that sum, shall be a Life Director. Every Association or Auxiliary, which contributes annually to this Society shall be entitled to be represented by one Delegate for every five pounds so contributed; and every Baptist Church contributing annually to the funds of the Society, shall have the privilege of sending a delegate. Should the funds so contributed exceed five pounds, such church shall be entitled to send one delegate for every five pounds contributed,—*Provided*: That no Association, Auxiliary, or Church, shall be entitled to send more than five Delegates at one time.

IV. The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and Auditor, who shall be annually appointed by the Society from among its members.

V. The Society shall annually appoint a Board of Management, consisting of twenty-four members, members of Baptist Churches, seven of whom shall reside in the place designated, from year to year, as the location of the Board, or in its neighborhood, and five shall constitute a quorum. The officers above named shall be *ex officio* members of the Board. The following shall be the duties of the Board, viz.:—To meet from time to time for the despatch of business, due notice of such meeting being given; to appoint Missionaries, and assign their respective spheres of labor; to expend the funds for the objects of the Society, provided that all amounts contributed for any specific purpose shall be faithfully applied, as far as possible in accordance with the wishes of the donors; to employ agents for the collection of funds, and for the general advancement of the interests of the Society; and to furnish a report of the proceedings of the past year at the Annual meeting.

VI. Every Auxiliary Society which shall agree to commit all its funds to the direction of this Society, shall be entitled to receive

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VII. The members of Auxiliary Societies shall be members of this Society. Life Directors shall be entitled to attend and vote at meetings of the Board.

VIII. The Annual meeting of the Society shall be held at such time and place as shall be determined upon at a previous Annual meeting. At that meeting, the officers of the Society for the ensuing year shall be appointed, and such other business transacted as the members then present deem expedient.

IX. No alteration of this Constitution shall be made without an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present at an Annual meeting.

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OF THE

NOVA SCOTIA BAPTIST HOME MISSION BOARD.

ARTICLE 1.—This Board shall meet for the dispatch of business at 4 o'clock, P. M., on the 1st Wednesday of each month,—Also at such other times as duly called by the Chairman, or Secretary, or two other members of the Board.

ARTICLE 2.—Each meeting of the Board shall be opened and closed with prayer, and the minutes of preceding meetings read and approved.

ARTICLE 3.—None but Licentiatees from regular Baptist Churches and ordained Ministers, recognized as such by a regular Baptist Association, shall be employed as Missionaries for the Society.

ARTICLE 4.—No Missionary shall be at liberty to change his field of labor or to extend the time of his service beyond appointment without consent of the Board.

ARTICLE 5.—The compensation allowed, generally, for married, and ordained Missionaries shall be eight dollars per week, for married licentiatees and unmarried ordained Missionaries seven dollars, for unmarried licentiatees six dollars, in each case exclusive of travelling expenses.

ARTICLE 6.—All Missionaries or pastors, serving under the Board are empowered and expected to make all reasonable effort during the time, and in the localities of such service, to collect funds in aid of the Treasury, to be transmitted forthwith to the same, or reported to the Board, credited towards labor performed.

ARTICLE 7.—On the expiration of Missions, reports shall be promptly made to the Board, by Missionaries, stating definitely, the number of weeks' service, number of sermons preached, visits made, miles travelled, pages of tracts distributed, baptisms performed, Sabbath Schools visited, other meetings attended, Churches, Sabbath Schools, Temperance Societies and prayer meetings organized; moneys and other contributions, with the names of the donors; and such other facts connected with their labors likely to be of general interest.

ARTICLE 8.—No money shall be paid by the Treasurer, except on an order signed by the Chairman and Secretary.

ARTICLE 9.—The Chairman and Secretary shall sign no orders for moneys from the Treasury unless for accounts checked by the Auditors.

ARTICLE 10.—No accounts shall be audited until ordered by the Board.

ARTICLE 11.—The Board shall not accept and submit accounts to the Auditors, unless presenting full particulars of debits and credits, &c., as specified in Article 7.

ARTICLE 12.—The Secretary of this Board, with the consent of the Editor of the *Christian Messenger*, shall furnish, monthly, for publication in that paper, the following items, viz:—Letters received [during the month], appointments made, amount of funds in the Treasury, amounts due Missionaries, the names of Missionaries and their fields of labor, members of the Board present at last meeting, and such other particulars as may be ordered by the Board.

ARTICLE 13.—A copy of these Bye Laws shall be forwarded by the Secretary to each missionary on his appointment.

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