

MINUTES
OF THE
TWENTIETH SESSION
OF THE
EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,
OF
NOVA SCOTIA,
HELD WITH THE AMHERST CHURCH.
Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday, July 2nd, 4th, and 5th, 1870,
TOGETHER WITH
THE CIRCULAR LETTER,
AND
REPORT OF N. S. BAPTIST HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

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CONSTITUTION

OF THE Eastern Baptist Association of Nova Scotia.

ART. 1st.—This body shall be called the Eastern Baptist Association of Nova Scotia, and shall consist of Delegates representing the Churches of which it is composed, each of whom shall be a member of one those churches, together with Delegates from Corresponding Associations, not exceeding five from any one Association and such others as may, by the Association, be invited to sit in Council, none but delegates being entitled to vote, and such only as represent churches being eligible to office, or to vote for officers.

ART. 2nd.—Each church connected with the body may send five Delegates besides its Pastor.

ART. 3rd.—The object of this Association being the cultivation of Christian Union, the promotion of individual Godliness, and by mutual consultation, to seek, in the use of Scriptural measures, the extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom—it disclaims all authority over the churches, and shall in no case interfere with their internal concerns, or their entire scriptural independence. Yet it may dissolve its connection with any Church that, upon sufficient examination, shall be judged by the Association to have departed essentially from Scripture principles or Baptist faith and practice.

ART. 4th.—This Association shall meet at such time and place as it may appoint, and the meetings shall be opened with devotional exercises.

ART. 5th.—The Officers of the Association shall be—a Moderator, who shall preside at all the meetings, nominate all the Committees not otherwise provided for, and perform all the duties naturally connected with such office; a Clerk who shall keep a record of all the business transacted, prepare the Minutes for the press, and attend to their distribution; and a Treasurer, who shall receive all the moneys contributed for the purposes of the Association, and dispose of them according to its direction. All the officers shall remain in office until their successors are chosen.

ART. 6th.—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. 7th.—The Association may receive any Church which, by lotter, shall apply for admission, and shall give satisfactory evidence of its faith and order, in agreement with the religious sentiments of this body, and each Church belonging to this body

shall send annually a letter, containing an account of its history for the year preceding, particularly of its additions and diminutions, with its number then in fellowship,—also, money to assist in publishing the Minutes. Any Church that for that three successive years omits sending any Letter, Delegates, or money, shall be considered withdrawn from the Association, and shall be discontinued from the Minutes unless sufficient reason may appear to account for the omission, or provided it may appear desirable make some inquiry, by committee or otherwise, and report at the next meeting of the Association.

ART. 8.—This Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members at any annual meeting of the Association.

RULES OF ORDER.

RULE 1st.—At each annual meeting the Letters from the Churches shall be handed to the clerk, who shall retire and make out a list of the delegates—the Moderator meanwhile shall conduct devotional exercises,

2nd.—From the list so prepared the Moderator shall be chosen by ballot—no brother shall be chosen two years in succession.

3rd.—The first letter read shall be from the Church with which the Association is assembled.

4th.—No subject shall be discussed without a motion first made and seconded, and no person shall speak on any subject more than twice unless by consent of the Association.

5th.—When any Church is received, the Moderator shall give to one of its delegates the right hand of fellowship.

6th.—At the commencement of each sitting the Minutes of the preceding one shall be read and approved and of the last before the final adjournment.

7th.—Motions made and lost shall not be recorded on the Minutes except so ordered by the Association.

8th.—All resolutions shall be presented in writing.

9th.—Each meeting for business shall be commenced and concluded with prayer.

10th.—The Committee of Arrangement shall, in addition to the provision for the "order of business," provide also for the discussion of the more prominent topics, Education and Missions, by appointing one or more persons to speak upon them. Said Committee shall further recommend the place for the succeeding Association, the preacher of the Associational Sermon, and the writer of the Circular Letter.

11th.—No delegate shall leave the Association before the business is finished, without permission of the body.

12th.—These Rules shall be read by the Moderator at the commencement of each annual session of the Association.

MINUTES.

AMHERST, Saturday, July 2nd, 1870.

The Association convened at 10 o'clock, A. M., and according to custom, some time was spent in devotional exercises, conducted by the Moderator of last year, while the clerk prepared from the letters the following list of

DELEGATES.

Advocate Harbor.—Rev. David McKeen.

Amherst.—Rev. D. A. Steele, Deacons W. F. Black, Torry Bent, James M. Layton, Wm. Logan, Thos. Lusby.

Cape Canso.—Rev. A. W. Barss.

Cow Bay, C. B.—Rev. E. C. Spinney.

Goshen.—Deacons D. McGregor, B. Sterns, Brethren D. McGregor, and Theodore Nichols.

Five Islands and Lower Economy.—Rev. D. McKeen, Deacon Josiah Soley, and Bro. D. S. Durning.

Glenville and River Philip.—Rev. E. C. Corey, and Bro. Edw. Davison.

Goose River.—Rev. J. Murray, Deacon H. B. Hunter, Brethren Wm. Hunter, and Aaron Mills.

Grand Mira, C. B.—Rev W. B. Boggs.

Great Village.—Deacon James Gourley, Brethren D. A. Davison and H. C. Upham.

Greenville.—Rev. E. C. Corey, Brethren T. B. Layton, and Henry Purdy.

Guysboro and Manchester.—Rev. A. W. Barss.

Little River.—Rev. E. C. Corey, Brethren George Thompson, and J. H. Rushton.

Lower Steviacke.—Rev. James Meadows, and Bro. B. Woodworth.

Maccan.—Rev. Geo. F. Miles, Deacons Wm. Blenkhorn, Amos Atkison, Brethren James C. Harrison, and C. E. Atkison.

Mira Bay, C. B.—Rev. E. C. Spinney.

North Sydney, C. B.—Rev. T. H. Porter.

Onslow East.—Deacons J. W. Lynds, John Smith, and Bro. Charles Douglass.

Onslow West.—Brethren James Linton and John Dixon.

- Parrsboro.*—Bro. Martin Hunter.
- Portauquique.*—Rev. T. A. Blackadar, Deacons Geo. Davison, Thos. Fulton, Jehial Carr, Brethren John Robison, and R. C. Fulton.
- Pugwash.*—Rev. J. Murray, Deacon Wm. Seaman, and Bro. Wm. Hutchison.
- St. Mary's Ist.*—Dea. Geo. Dixon.
- Sand Point.*—Brethren Beals and Murray.
- South Bar, C. B.*—Rev. W. B. Boggs.
- Sydney, C. B.*—Rev. W. B. Boggs.
- St. Ann's, C. B.*—Rev. Wm. McPhee.
- Truro.*—Brethren Wm. Faulkner, J. A. Walker, Wm. Cummings, J. P. Moore, and Edwin Cock.
- Upper Londonderry.*—Deacon Wm. McCully, and Bro. Wm. Fletcher.
- Upper Stewiacke.*—Bro. Chas. Cox, Sr.
- Wallace River.*—Rev. J. Murray, Brethren J. Higgins, and David Fisher.
- West Bay, C. B.*—Rev. Wm. McPhee.
- Westchester.*—Bro. Henry Sutherland.
- Westbrook.*—Rev. David McKeen, Deacons E. Taylor, Alex. Lewis, S. Rusco, and Bro. N. Taylor.

FROM OTHER ASSOCIATIONS.

- Central.*—Rev. Drs. Cramp and Sawyer. Professors R. V. Jones, D. F. Higgins, and Deacon S. Selden.
- Western.*—Rev. Dr. Tupper, Rev. M. Normandy.

INVITED.

Hon. J. McCully, Deacon D. Thompson, Brethren J. R. Stubbart, Lic., J. C. Archibald, J. Tingly, Edwin Johnson, Rev. T. Todd, Sackville, N. B., Brethren Kenneth Campbell, J. H. Foster, of N. J., H. Mills, B. Douglass, Amos Blenkhorn, Rev. Thomas Blakney.

The Officers of the Association were then chosen as follows:—

Moderator.—Rev. W. B. Boggs.

Clerk.—Rev. E. C. Spinney.

Assistant Clerk.—T. B. Layton.

Treasurer.—Wm. Faulkner.

Assistant Treasurer.—H. C. Upham.

The rules of order were then read by the Moderator.

Prayer by Rev. T. A. Blackadar.

The Committee of Nomination and Arrangement was chosen, consisting of the following brethren: Revds. D. A. Steele, Geo. F. Miles, T. A. Blackadar, Deacons James M. Layton, Freeze Black, James Gourley, W. H. Seamen, and Amos Atkinson.

Rev. Dr. Cramp, Rev. T. H. Porter, and Dea. S. Selden were appointed the Committee to Examine and Read the Letters.

Resolved, That Bro. Selden be requested to publish 1250 copies of the Minutes, at the same rate as last year, and that 50 copies be reserved for the use of the next annual session of the Association.

Bro. Selden presented a volume of the minutes from 1851 to 1869.

Resolved, That one dollar be paid to Bro. Selden, for the binding of said volume of Minutes, out of the funds of the Association.

Resolved, That Blank Letters be provided for the Churches, and that the expenses be met in the usual way.

Resolved, That all the monies be paid to the Treasurer, and that he hand over the various amounts to the respective representatives of the different Benevolent Funds.

Resolved, That all Ministers of this Association, who may attend corresponding Associations be delegates.

Resolved, That Brethren Wm. Faulkner, T. B. Layton, Wm. Cummings, Benjamin Douglas, and Deacon Wm. H. Seaman, be delegates to the Convention.

Resolved, That all unappropriated monies be paid to Home Missions.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. M. Normandy.

Afternoon Session, July 2nd.

Prayer by Rev. T. H. Porter. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

The following resolution was then adopted:

Whereas, by the 6th and 7th Articles of the Constitution of this Association, no churches are to be admitted to its fellowship, unless they signify their adherence to the principles professed by the Baptist Churches of Nova Scotia

Therefore Resolved, That the Churches composing this Association, be recommended to place within the reach of all its member-

ship, the means of becoming acquainted with the "Articles of the Faith and Practice of the Baptist Churches of Nova Scotia."

The Committee of Nomination and Arrangement presented their report which was received and partially adopted.

COMMITTEES.

CIRCULAR LETTER.—Prof. D. F. Higgins, Rev. J. Murray, and Bro. H. C. Upham.

MISSIONS.—Revds. Dr. Cramp, Dr. Tupper, M. Normondy, A. W. Barss, and Bro. Wm. Faulkner.

EDUCATION.—Revds. Dr. Sawyer, Jas. Meadows, Brethren A. J. Walker, J. Soley, and D. A. Davidson.

QUESTIONS IN LETTERS AND SPECIAL BUSINESS.—Revds. T. H. Porter, E. C. Corey, Brethren J. P. Moore, Torry Bent, Charles Cock, and Deacon Wm. McCully.

ON "CHRISTIAN MESSENGER."—Rev. A. W. Barss, Brethren H. C. Upham, Levi Johnson, Thos. Lusby, W. Logan, J. H. Rushton, and Hon. J. McCully.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.—Brethren S. Selden, Wm. Cummings, Edward Davison, Geo. Davison, Wm. Hutchinson, Henry Purdy and T. B. Layton.

That the morning sessions commence at 10 o'clock, A. M., and close at 12½. Afternoon sessions commence at 3 P. M., and adjourn at 6 o'clock.

That all Committees meet on Monday, at 8½ o'clock, A. M.

That the subject of Education be taken up immediately after the Associational Sermon on Monday, and that the Report on the *Christian Messenger* follow, and that Rev. Drs. Sawyer, and Cramp, Professors R. V. Jones, D. F. Higgins, and Bro. H. C. Upham be the first speakers on Education.

That Monday evening be devoted to a general Missionary Meeting, and that Revds. T. H. Porter, Wm. McPhee, and E. C. Spinney, on Home Missions; and on Foreign, Revds. Dr. Tupper, W. B. Boggs, and J. Murray, make the leading addresses.

That the Lord's Day services be as follows:—

Amherst.—At 11 A. M., Rev. Dr. Sawyer; 3 P. M., Rev. Dr. Tupper; 7 P. M., Rev. W. B. Boggs.

Wesleyan Chapel, Amherst.—At 11 A. M., Rev. D. McKeen; at 7 P. M., Rev. A. W. Barss.

Amherst Head.—At 3 P. M., Rev. J. Meadows.

Salem.—At 3 P. M., Rev. E. C. Spinney.

Amherst Point.—At 3 P. M., Rev. M. Normondy.
Maccan.—At 11 A. M., Bro. J. R. Stubbart. (Lic.); at 3 P. M., Rev. E. C. Spinney.
Nappan Hall.—At 7 P. M., Rev. J. Murray.
Leicester Road School House.—At 7 P. M., Rev. Wm. McPhee.
Point de Bute.—At 11 A. M., Rev. T. H. Porter; at 3 P. M., Rev. T. A. Blackadar.
Trenholm's Corner, (Hall.)—At 7 P. M., Rev. T. H. Porter.

The Letters from the Churches were then read.

Resolved,—That the Westchester Church which had been dropped from the list of churches be again inserted.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. Wm. McPhee.

Evening Session, July 2nd.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Tupper.

The subject of French Missions was then considered. Addresses were delivered by Revds. M. Normondy, Drs. Cramp, and Tupper.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. G. F. Miles.

Monday Morning Session, July 4th.

The Associational Sermon was preached by Rev. J. M. Cramp, from 1 Tim. iii. last clause of the 15th verse. Prayer by Rev. A. W. Barss.

Minutes of last two sessions read and approved.

Resolved,—That the subject of Education be taken up for discussion at the beginning of the afternoon session.

Several letters not received on Saturday were now read. Letters were also read from the following new churches, Cow Bay, South Bar, West Bay, St. Ann's, Mount Pleasant, and Centreville, seeking admission into this Association, whereupon it was resolved that they be received by extending the right hand of fellowship to their representatives, Revds. W. B. Boggs, Wm McPhee, E. C. Corey, and E. C. Spinney.

Prof. D. F. Higgins, Chairman of the Committee on the Circular Letter reported, recommending that it be read to the Association. It was then read by the writer, Rev. D. A. Steele.

Resolved,—That the Circular Letter be printed with the Minutes, and that the Editor of the *Christian Messenger* be requested to give the same a place in his columns.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. T. H. Porter.

Afternoon Session. July 4th.

Prayer by Bro. J. R. Stubbett, (Lic.) Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Report on Education was presented by Rev. Dr. Sawyer, Chairman of Committee. After appropriate remarks from Rev. Drs. Sawyer, and Cramp, Professors R. V. Jones, D. F. Higgins, Bro. H. C. Upham, Rev. G. F. Miles, Bro. Wm. Cummings, Rev. Dr. Tupper, and Wm. Faulkner, it was adopted. (Appendix A.)

Adjourned after prayer by Rev. Wm. McPhee.

Evening Session, July 4th.

Prayer by Rev. E. C. Spinney. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Resolved,—That a Committee be appointed to prepare extracts from the Church Letters for publication, and that Revds. W. B. Boggs, T. H. Porter, and E. C. Spinney, be that Committee.

The Committee of Nomination and Arrangements recommended that Rev. D. McKeen be appointed to preach the Association Sermon next year; that Rev. A. W. Barss be his alternate; and that the Rev. W. B. Boggs write the Circular Letter,—which was adopted.

Resolved,—That the next annual meeting of the Association be held with the North Sydney Church.

The subject of Missions was then taken up, and after remarks by Revds. T. H. Porter and Wm. McPhee,

Resolved,—That the subject be deferred till the morning session.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. Murray.

Tuesday Morning Session, July 5th.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Cramp. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Resolved,—That Revds. D. A. Steele, T. H. Porter, and Bro. H. C. Upham, be a Committee to revise the Constitution, and report at the next Association.

Report of Committee on Sabbath Schools was submitted by Deacon S. Selden, Chairman. Remarks were made by Brethren T. B. Layton, and George Davison, after which the report was adopted. (Appendix B.)

Rev. A. W. Barss, Chairman of Committee on *Christian Messenger*, presented his report—which was unanimously adopted. (Appendix C.)

Bro. Selden expressed his acknowledgement and thanks for the expressions of confidence by the brethren.

Resolved, That there be an additional table inserted in the Minutes of the monies raised for benevolent purposes and appropriated during the year.

The subject of Missions was then resumed—and after remarks by Revds. Dr. Tupper, J. Murray, Hon. J. McCully, Wm. Faulkner, Rev. D. A. Steele, and S. Selden, the report was adopted. (See Appendix D.)

The following resolution was moved by Bro. S. Selden and unanimously adopted:

Whereas, This Association rejoices to know from the letter received from the church at Canso, that a Woman's Foreign Missionary Aid Society has been formed in that place; and further, that Miss Norris contemplates entering on the Foreign Missionary work,

Be it therefore resolved, That this Association highly approve of said movement, and hereby recommends the formation of such Missionary Aid Societies in connection with every church in this Association, and in these provinces, and would advise the sisters in the churches to correspond with Miss Norris for the purpose of obtaining such information as may assist them in the formation and working of such societies.

Brother B. Douglass, Treasurer of the Board of Infirm Ministers Fund, presented his account.

Resolved, That Brother Wm. Faulkner be added to the Board of Infirm Ministers' Fund.

Resolved, That the Committee on said Fund be re-appointed.

Resolved, That the business of this Association be suspended, to give an opportunity for the Home Missionary Society to hold its Annual Session.

Association resumed business.

Resolved, That the Rev. Dr. Cramp be requested to furnish the very able and instructive sermon, preached before this Association, for publication in the *Christian Messenger*, and that the editor be requested to publish the same.

The following resolution was then moved by Rev. T. H. Porter.

Believing the Church of Christ to be the most efficient agency that can be employed for the suppression of intemperance, Resolved, that we again urge upon the members of this Association the duty of doing all in their power in accordance with the principles of the gospel for the promotion of the cause of temperance.

Resolved, That we request Bro. S. Selden to publish a sufficient number of the Circulars, recommended by the Central Association in connection with Beneficence, to supply our churches, that the expense be met out of the funds of the Association, and that we recommend our churches to commence at once systematic efforts based upon the First-day of the week system, to secure the funds required for the support of our various denominational interests.

The following resolution was then moved :

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of the delegates to this Association are hereby tendered to the Baptist Church and congregation at Amherst, and other friends in the vicinity, for their kind hospitalities during the present session.

Resolved, That the amount of expense for printing Notices be paid by the Association.

Resolved, That the following brethren be appointed delegates to the P. E. I. Association :—Revs. D. A. Steele, E. C. Corey, and Bro. T. B. Layton.

Minutes read and approved.

Adjourned by singing the Union hymn,

From whence does this union arise," &c.

to meet with the church at North Sydney, C. B., on the 1st Saturday in July, 1871.

Benediction by the Moderator.

W. B. BOGGS, Moderator.

E. C. SPINNEY, Clerk.

Amherst, July 6th, 1870.

Ministers in the Eastern Association.

NAMES.	Present Residence.	Date of Ordination.	Place of Ordination.
Rev. A. W. Barss.....	Cape Canso.....	June 6, 1855	Lunenburg.
" M. A. Bigelow..	Antigonishe.....	Sept. 14, 1859	Guysboro.
" T. A. Blackadar.	Great Village....	Sept. 5, 1865	Parrsboro.
" Wm. B. Boggs....	Sydney, C. B....	Sept. 24, 1865	Sydney.
" Obed Chute.....	Upper Stewiacke.	Feb. 7, 1850	Wentworth.
" E. C. Corey.....	River Philip.....	Oct. —, 1867	Canterbury.
" D. W. C. Dimock	Truro.....	Dec. 6, 1841	Chester, [N.B.
" H. Eagles.....	St. Mary's.....	Aug. 1842	Kempt, Hants.
" Geo. F. Miles....	Amherst.....	Aug. 1846	Newcastle, N.B.
" Joseph Murray..	Pugwash.....	Oct. 29, 1865	Guysboro.
" D. McKeen.....	L. Forks, Maccan	Sept. 13, 1854	Margaree, C.B.) reversed
" R. McDonald....	Margaree, C. B....	Aug. 23, 1853	(River Hebert.)
" W. McPhee.....	Baddeck, C. B....	July 10, 1863	Guysboro.
" T. H. Porter....	N. Sydney, C. B.	Nov. 6, 1861	Brookfield.
" Hugh Ross.....	Sydney, C. B....	Sept. 1847	Mira Bay, C.B.
" G. Richardson..	Sydney, C. B....	Mar. 25, 1822	Hinds. Plains.
" E. C. Spinney....	Mira, C. B....	Nov. 7, 1868	Mira, C. B.
" Benj. Scott.....	Onslow.....	Sept. 18, 1832	P. E. Island.
" D. A. Steele....	Amherst.....	June 20, 1865	Wolfville.
" S. Thompson....	Economy.....	Sept. 1852	Westbrook.

LICENTIATES.

W. F. Armstrong.....	" North Sydney.
B. Spencer.....	" Mira Bay, C. B.
J. B. McQuillan.....	" Mira, C. B.
James Morrison.....	" Onslow West.
William McKenzie.....	" West Bay, C. B.
Daniel McLeod.....	" St. Ann's, C. B.

Statistics of the Churches in the N. S. Eastern Association, 1870.

NAME OF CHURCH.	Date of Organization.	PASTOR'S NAME.	Year of Settlement	CLERK AND POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	INCREASE			DECREASE			Present Membrs'p.
					By Baptism.	By Letter, &c.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	
1 Advocates Harbor.....	1840	Rev. David McKeen	.....	Arch. McLellan, Advocate Harbor.....	3	2	..	1	1	1	50
2 Amherst.....	.....	Rev. D. A. Steele	.....	B. Douglas, Amherst.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	274
3 Amherst Shore**.....	1843	.....	.....	C. D. Rockwell, Amherst Shore W.O.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	42
4 Antigonish.....	1823	.....	.....	J. Albert Walker, Antigonish, N. S.....	20	2	2	..	1	..	49
5 Brookfield.....	1862	.....	.....	Wm. Carter, Brookfield, Colch. Co.....	24	1	..	2	..	..	40
6 Cape Canso.....	1846	Rev. A. W. Ears	1868	Thos. C. Cook, Cape Canso.....	..	..	1	..	..	..	115
7 Coddle Harbor**.....	.....	.....	.....	R. D. Rice, Cow Bay, C. B.....	9	5	..	..	..	..	23
8 Cow Bay, C. B.....	1870	Rev. E. C. Spinney	1870	D. H. Jenks, Diligent River, Parrsboro.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	30
9 Crow Harbor**.....	1862	.....	.....	D. P. Fields, New Annan, Nelson's W.O.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	33
10 Diligent River**.....	1857	.....	.....	D. P. Soley, Lower Economy.....	..	1	..	1	1	..	23
11 Earltown.....	1849	Rev. D. McKeen	.....	D. A. Colburn, River Philip, Cum. Co.....	18	..	..	..	..	..	20
12 F. Islands & L. Economy.....	1865	Rev. E. C. Corey	1869	Oliver Hunter, Goose River.....	10	..	..	..	1	1	56
13 Glenville & River Philip.....	1865	Rev. E. C. Corey	1868	C. D. Nichols, Goshen, Guysboro Co.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	93
14 Goose River.....	1847	Rev. J. Murray	.....	Fred. Huntington, Grand Mira.....	1	..	..	..	..	..	51
15 Goshen.....	.....	.....	.....	Amos Fountain, Great Village.....	2	..	..	4	1	..	28
16 Grand Mira, C. B.....	1858	.....	.....	John Hunter, Greenville, Cum. Co.....	24	1	6	..	..	1	118
17 Great Village.....	1856	Rev. E. C. Corey	1869	H. R. Cunningham, Guysboro.....	..	3	..	11	10	1	2
18 Greenville.....	1868	.....	.....	P. Paint, J. F. Hawkesbury, C. B.....	5	..	..	..	..	..	57
19 Guysboro & Manchester.....	1829	.....	.....	Allen Kennedy, Indian Harbor.....	..	..	1	..	..	1	257
20 Hawksbury, C. B.....	1847	J. B. McQuillan	1869	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	45
21 Indian Harbor.....	1846	Rev. H. Eagles	.....	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	61

22 Isaac's Harbor.....	Rev E. C. Corey.....	Allen McMillan, 2nd, Isaacs Harbor.....	67	4	4	81
23 Little River.....	1832 Rev. J. Meadows.....	James R. Reid, Little River.....	1	2	1	139
24 Lower Stewacke.....	1828 Macdon.....	Ingram B. Banks, Lower Stewacke.....	1	1	1	85
25 Mabou, C. B.....	1841 Rev. G. F. Miles.....	William Fizzle, Mabou, C. B.....	2	3	6	21
26 Macdon.....	1835	A. Atkinson, Hoeg's W. O. Maccan.....	1	1	2	114
27 Margaree, C. B.....	1838	J. Tingley, Margaree, C. B.....	6	1	82	181
28 Mira Bay, C. B.....	1838	Nehemiah Martell, Mira, C. B.....	16	2	4	22
29 New Harbor.....	1862	J. S. Nickerson, N Harbor, Guysboro.....	31	22	32	132
30 North Sydney, C. B.....	1835	J. T. Moffat, Little Bras d'Or, C. B.....	3	1	5	2
31 Onslow East.....	Rev. B. Scott.....	E. Douglass, Truro.....	4	2	1	153
32 Onslow West.....	Rev. S. Thompson.....	Chas. M. Dickson, Central Onslow.....	4	2	1	90
33 Parrishoro.....	1853	C. Y. Snell, Farnsboro Village.....	3	1	1	57
34 Pictou*.....	1842 Rev. D. McKean.....	John P. McDonald, Pictou.....	13	13	13	80
35 Pictou*.....	1827 Rev. J. Murray.....	A. Davison, Portauque Mountain.....	2	1	2	90
36 Portauque.....	1868	James Horton, Jr., Pugwash.....	49	4	1	117
37 Pugwash.....	Rev. Wm. McPhee.....	Richard Carrigan.....	15	15	15	18
38 River John*.....	1846 Rev. H. Eagles.....	Z. H. Hewitt, St. Mary's, Sherbrooke.....	5	5	5	19
39 St. Ann's.....	1847 Rev. H. Eagles.....	J. S. Stewart, Loch Harbor, St. Mary's.....	1	28	1	28
40 Sand Point.....	1846 Rev. W. B. Boggs.....	G. H. Harrington, Sydney, C. B.....	11	3	20	31
41 St. Mary's 1st.....	1870	Geo. Sutherland, South Bar, C. B.....	21	21	21	21
42 St. Mary's 2nd.....	1822	Fred. Boudier, Tracadie.....	30	30	30	30
43 Sydney, C. B.....	1858	Wm. Faulkner, Box 75, Truro.....	6	1	5	120
44 South Bar, C. B.....	1851 Rev. S. Thompson.....	Wm. McCully, 1st, Debert River.....	30	10	2	182
45 Tatamagouche*.....	1861 Rev. O. Chute.....	John G. Archibald, Upper Stewacke.....	1	1	3	92
46 Tracadie.....	1838	D. Higgins, Angwin's W. O., Wallace.....	7	1	146	43
47 Truro.....	1869 Rev. W. McPhee.....	W. Smith, Wentworth Cum. Co.....	2	41	41	41
48 Upper Londonderry.....	1870	Wm. McKenzie, West Bay.....	9	9	32	32
49 Upper Stewacke.....		H. Sutherland, Westchester.....	19	19	19	19
50 Wallace River.....		John Bigelow, Mount Pleasant.....	333	333	3607	3607
51 Wentworth*.....						
52 Westbrook.....						
53 West Bay, C. B.....						
54 Westchester.....						
55 Mount Pleasant & Cent'e.....						

Circular Letter.

"GO FORWARD."

THE CIRCULAR LETTER OF THE N. S. EASTERN ASSOCIATION TO THE CHURCHES OF WHICH IT IS COMPOSED.

Dear Brethren,—

There was a time when our people might with propriety cry: "Doubtless thou art our Father, though Abraham be ignorant of us, and Israel acknowledge us not." Through the patient efforts and prevailing prayers of those who compose our churches, our progress has been great. To the student of our history a steady growth is visible. The Holy One has attested His truth, and baptized believers in these Provinces, are numbered by tens of thousands. Now, the Baptists are acknowledged and respected. If denominational position be anything, we have it. But suppose that we were first in numbers, influence, and wealth, that we were far ahead of all other bodies, we should not dream of standing still. The salvation of the world, not denominational distinction, must be our chief desire. No matter what our position, recognized, or unrecognized, loved, or feared, or hated, it is ours to "preach the gospel to every creature," to baptize those who believe it, and to teach "them to observe all things whatsoever," the Anointed One "has commanded." As heretofore, we must go on to fill the waste places, to preach the gospel to the poor, to set forth the distinctive doctrines of the New Testament. We hear a voice loud and clear, "SPEAK UNTO THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL THAT THEY GO FORWARD."

But in order to do this, we must survey our position, and see what our agencies are. We must question ourselves as to the means by which we are to flourish.

First, *We must have more men.* It is an alarming fact that many of our churches are destitute of pastors. Evangelists can scarcely be obtained. Students for the ministry are few,—not enough to supply the vacancies caused by death and removals. We should make this a matter of prayerful

consideration. Is there not a cause? Are not parents desirous of seeing their sons enter more lucrative callings? Are they not deterring their children from the ministry by their negative influence? One may not positively condemn a thing, but may manifest his indifference or distaste by not referring to it. A man may entertain great respect for those who give themselves to the ministry, yet may give his sons to understand that he does not wish to see them there, or he may speak of the ministry in such a way before his boys, that they will regard the preaching of the gospel as the most unenviable work in the world. Or is it because of the low tone of spiritual life? Did we view this matter aright, we should vie with one another for the honor of having children wholly devoted to the service of Christ. Sacrifices undreamed of could be made by our families, in order, if necessary, to give one of its members a fitting education. Or are the pastors themselves to blame? Have they encouraged their young men to look forward to the ministry, and kept before their people the necessity of constant prayer that the supply of preachers may be kept up? From whatever cause, there is a paucity of workmen, and we ought at once to offer the supplication taught us by the Saviour, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He would send forth laborers into His harvest."

Second, *We must raise more money.* If any great enterprise is on foot, the tunnelling of the Alps, the building of a Pacific railroad, or the laying of a submarine cable, men of capital step up and say "Put our names down," for \$500, \$1,000, \$10,000 as the case may be. But when the grandest enterprise ever planned, with its dividends surer and larger than any other, asks for capital, we reply by putting cents into a collection-box! In our business arrangements we are explicit and particular. We know to a dollar how much we have made, how much we have lost, and how much goes into our business. But our religious affairs scarcely ever receive any serious attention. How few of our church-members know when their minister's salary becomes due! How many in all our wide membership pretends to have any system with regard to his *religious* business matters? From lack of a little planning, our souls are robbed of one of the greatest enjoyments, and God's kingdom deprived of its just revenues, while we never see the good of the money with-

held. We have in this Eastern Association about 3,500 members. Suppose now, that for purely benevolent purposes, i. e., objects outside of our own congregations, Missions, College, &c., &c., one thousand members were to give twenty cents per week, that is \$200; one thousand to give ten cents per week, that is \$100; one thousand to give five cents per week, that is \$50; five hundred to give two cents per week, that is \$10. Three hundred and sixty dollars [\$360], would thus be raised in a single week, making \$18,720 raised by the Association for benevolent purposes in a college year. This seemingly great sum is nothing more than we may fairly demand from ourselves, and would involve no sacrifice on our part. Our College, Missions, and other objects would thus be amply provided for.

Is this but a dream? and shall it remain a mere scheme on paper. Let every pastor urge upon his members the necessity of system in giving, and let heads of families try the experiment for the coming year. "The world lieth in the arms of the wicked one," and it is to be won to Christ, not only by our prayers and tears, but also by our dollars and cents. The world will yet be the Lord's; let not the glorious consummation be delayed by the lack of systematic energy on the part of the Lord's people. We will close this part of our subject by the pertinent inquiry, "How much owest thou to my Lord?"

Third, *We must have more individual effort.* Ministers cannot do everything. If we are to advance,—nay, if we are to hold our own,—the young people must be trained to work. Let it be every where inculcated that every Baptist is expected to take a share in church labor. The great argument for the Resurrection is closed up by an exhortation to universal diligence: "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, *always abounding in the work of the Lord*, forasmuch as ye know that *your labor is not in vain in the Lord.*"

Lastly, Let us have *more holy living.* The image of Jesus should be seen in his followers. If "Christ is in us the hope of glory," we should live differently from those who make no such profession. We are to "walk uprightly, and work righteousness," to "present our bodies a living sacrifice," to be "not conformed to this world," to "abhor that which is evil," to put away from us "all bitterness, and

wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, and all malice," in short to be "followers of God, as dear children," and to "set our affections on things above." Ancient saints, we are informed, "confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth," and "declared plainly that they were seeking a country." Such a declaration needs to be more manifest in this present time. There is evidently a strong regard for the ways of the world, and in some quarters a concession to its maxims which is not becoming. We are trying too much to be like other people instead of trying to be like christians. If we would recommend the simple Christianity of the New Testament, it must be our earnest endeavor to follow in all things the example of Jesus Christ. He is our pattern. He is our lawgiver. He is our life.

A. W. SAWYER, Chairman.

APPENDIX.

(A)

EDUCATION.

Your Committee desire that this Association should again place on its records a declaration of the great value of public education, and of the importance of properly guarding and preserving in its integrity the system of public instruction which has thus far proved to be so valuable and effective for the general education of the young.

Our denominational Academy at Horton, under the successful direction of Rev. T. A. Higgins, continues to deserve the patronage of our people to a much larger extent. Pastors of churches, and laymen interested in education, should exert themselves to send there at least one representative for every church and congregation. The higher departments of our system of education cannot be properly supplied with students unless the Academy has a large number constantly in attendance.

The number of students in College for the past year has been forty-two. A large part of these are studying with the purpose of entering the ministry. We trust that the general management of the College is such as still to command the confidence and cordial support of the Denomination.

At the last meeting of the Governors arrangements were made for a year of Theological study subsequent to the completion of the College course. This will give opportunity for much more extensive and thorough research than was possible on the previous plan. The Committee would also call special attention to the fact that the Faculty of the College invite young men, who propose to labor in the ministry, but, who, for any reason are not able to take the full course, to remain for any period that may be convenient and pursue such studies as they may choose. We cannot doubt that there are many who ought to avail themselves of this arrangement.

In conclusion, your Committee would urge on the attention of the churches the importance of making the *annual contribution* for the support of the College more general, as the work is one in which all should share.

A. W. SAWYER, *Chairman.*

(B)

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The Sabbath School institution in its origin and operations is eminently christian ; and as supplementary to the instruction given at home and the exercises of public worship, it should receive the hearty approval and cordial co-operation of all who love the Lord Jesus.

The training of the young in the knowledge of God's Word has ever been an important duty of the people of God. Neglect of this duty is highly detrimental to any religious community, injurious to every family comprised in such community, and is an evident sign of religious declension.

Indifference on the part of believers to the instruction of the young in the doctrines of the gospel must result in disastrous consequences to them in this world, and damaging to their prospects of eternal happiness. The future of the church will be largely affected by the amount of early training given to the youth of the present day.

Parents should avail themselves of all the helps they can get to enable them to reach the minds of their offspring and imbue them with the leaven of truth as well as store them with the facts of Holy Writ.

The circumstance of Common School Education being so well provided for by the laws of the land renders it more important than ever, that christians should combine their efforts for the purpose of giving the knowledge of the way of life and salvation to their own and their neighbours' children.

The formation of Bible Classes for adults, and those who are more advanced in years, in connection with the Sabbath School is highly desirable ; advantageous to the persons attending them and to the schools, by providing supernumerary teachers in cases of sickness or unavoidable absence in the regular teachers and also by supplying profitable occupation of time for parents and friends who may be able to attend at the same time as the children. The Word of God supplies material adapted to learned and the unlearned. It is a mine of rich treasures to which men and women of all ages may come and dig ; in exploring its contents they many here find abundant reward for all time and pains expended. Our Saviour's injunction

"Search the Scriptures" is perhaps more fully complied with by thus uniting in classes for the purpose of ascertaining the Divine communications made in the Sacred oracles, than by individuals reading the Scriptures alone.

The statistics as shewn by the Letters indicate some advancement.

The number of pupils returned is	1493
In Schools reported last year, but not now heard from	162
Total Scholars	1655
Teachers reported	202
" reported last year but not the present	18
Total Teachers	220
Schools reported last year.	42
" " this year.	43
reported last year but not this.	6
Total Schools	49

Respectfully submitted,

S. SELDEN, *Chairman.*

(C)

ON THE "CHRISTIAN MESSENGER."

Your committee on the *Christian Messenger* report that they have great pleasure in recommending the *Christian Messenger* to the continued confidence and support of the Baptist Denomination in this Province.

We know that it is unreasonable to suppose that any man can please every body in the discharge of any public duty; yet we think that the Editor of the *Christian Messenger* has given as little cause for offence as any other man could be expected to give under the same circumstances.

It is an important thing for an Editor to know how to deal fairly with correspondence in cases of controversy, and conduct his editorials in such a spirit as to show independence of thought, and courtesy of manners.

Your Committee are of opinion that our Editor, has admirably succeeded in these respects. We further believe

that there has been a marked improvement in the reading matter which has filled the columns of the Messenger during the past year. We hope therefore, that by the continued confidence and increased support of the denomination, the Editor will be stimulated to further improve the paper, and make it still more attractive,

All of which is respectfully submitted in behalf of the Committee.

A. W. BARSS, *Chairman.*

(D)

ON MISSIONS.

As the annual meeting of the Home Missionary Society is to be held during this session of the Association, the Committee do not think it necessary to enter into details respecting that department of Christian labour, and will only observe that there is increasing demand for missionaries in many parts of our province, while the funds supplied are by no means adequate to the necessities of the case. The Baptists of Nova Scotia have for many years past directed their attention to the home field, with encouraging results. The calls for help are becoming louder and louder: let the response be prompt, hearty, and liberal.

The Foreign Mission commands the sympathies of the Churches in every part of the land. God has greatly blessed the labours of the native preachers who have been engaged in the work, and whose instrumentality is doubtless admirably adapted to the state and circumstances of their fellow-countrymen. Indeed, it seems scarcely possible to evangelize Burmah, or any other heathen country, otherwise than by the employment of the gifts which the Lord bestows on the converts, all which are intended for use and profit. Your Committee were therefore surprised and distressed at the announcement which the Board felt it necessary to make, to the effect that ten of the preachers were to be dismissed. They cannot but indulge the assurance that the churches will forthwith so replenish the treasury that the entire staff of preachers may be re-engaged, and their number, if possible, increased.

The Committee are deeply interested in the department

of Female Agency. It is clear that the women of Burmah can be much more effectually reached by missionaries of their own sex than in any other way. Miss DeWolfe will soon be capable of full action as a female missionary. Miss Norris, of Cape Canso, the Committee learn, is so impressed by a sense of duty to labor for the benefit of heathen women, that she is anxious to be sent out in the autumn of this year, if funds can be raised. Her qualifications for the work are admitted by all who know her. It is unquestionably desirable that she should be enabled to accomplish the purpose of her heart. The Committee recommend that she be encouraged and sanctioned in her endeavors to excite the sympathy and active benevolence of the Baptist females of these provinces. By the formation of Female Missionary Aid Societies, as has been recently proposed, sufficient funds may be collected to warrant the appointment of Miss Norris, and her departure for the field of labour ere the close of the present year. The Committee trust that the Foreign Missionary Board will take this matter into serious consideration, and that by their recommendation the action of the Convention will be prompt and decisive.

If Popery were Christianity, as represented and taught in the New Testament, there would be no need of our French Mission. But believing that it is the Apostacy, the departure from the faith which the Apostle Paul foretold, and which is tremendously injurious to the souls of men, and even to their temporal interests, the Committee hold that it is the bounden duty of the Christians of Nova Scotia to do all in their power to lessen its influence, and thus deliver their fellow-countrymen from "the snare of the devil." The success which has already attended the labours of the French Missionary demands our thankful acknowledgements to Almighty God, by whose blessing on the "manifestation of the truth" souls have been enlightened, converted, and saved.

The Committee commend Brother Normond's fervent appeal to the Churches, by the authority of the French Mission Board, to the benevolent regards of the brethren resident within the limits of this Association.

J. M. CRAMP, *Chairman.*

Statement of Contributions received at the 20th Session of the N. S. E. Baptist Association, held at Amherst, July 2nd, 4th, and 5th, 1870.

CHURCHES.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	French Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Acadia College.	Infirm.	Ministers.	Total.	Amount received, 1869.
Amherst.....	50 12	77 80	.....	1 63	.....	4 13	134 00	109 69	
Advocate Harbor.....	1 15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 15	4 41	
Antigonish.....	6 00	.....	.....	.....	4 00	.....	10 00	12 50	
Brookfield.....	0 25	*10 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	11 25	6 75	
Cape Canso.....	25 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 00	38 55	
Five Isl. & L.Economy	6 00	3 00	.....	.....	5 00	1 00	15 00	10 00	
Glenville & R. Philip..	5 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00	1 55	
Goose River.....	3 50	3 57	.....	0 40	.....	2 22	10 00	13 83	
Grand Mira, C. B.....	4 65	5 35	0 50	.....	0 25	0 50	11 25	6 50	
Great Village.....	15 00	8 00	4 36	.....	.....	.....	27 36	31 18	
Greenville.....	2 62	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 62	2 25	
Guysboro & Manch'r..	7 37	5 10	.....	3 50	2 10	3 00	21 07	41 00	
Hawkesbury, C. B.....	5 80	22 43	2 55	.....	1 00	2 50	34 28	31 62	
Indian Harbour.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 20	
Little River.....	6 00	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 00	1 70	
Isaacs Harbor.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 50	
Lower Stewiacke.....	9 45	2 25	.....	.....	0 50	0 25	12 45	17 25	
Mabou, C. B.....	5 00	8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	13 00	13 40	
Maccan.....	7 00	4 00	2 00	.....	0 87	0 82	14 70	14 00	
Margaree, C. B.....	.....	†12 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 50	14 45	
Mira Bay, C. B.....	9 00	5 00	4 60	.....	7 00	5 00	30 00	42 38	
North Sydney, C. B...	20 00	.....	4 50	.....	10 00	.....	34 50	35 00	
Onslow West.....	8 59	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	18 59	21 10	
Onslow East.....	6 41	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	14 41	18 75	
Parrsboro.....	1 75	1 50	.....	.....	4 00	.....	3 25	4 00	
Portaupique.....	8 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	13 00	10 00	
Pugwash.....	.....	6 00	.....	.....	4 00	2 25	12 25	22 62	
St. Mary's 1st.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 45	
St. Mary's 2nd.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 25	
Sydney, C. B.....	8 58	†100 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 25	
Truro.....	72 80	§90 20	5 25	2 00	.....	7 75	123 85	20 20	
Tracadie.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 00	.....	188 00	183 05	
Upper Londonderry...	9 57	9 57	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 37	
Stewiacke.....	.....	||16 62	.....	.....	5 30	.....	24 44	14 03	
Wallace River.....	1 00	2 00	0 75	0 75	2 50	1 75	8 75	.....	
Wallace.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22 44	
West Brook.....	0 50	.....	.....	.....	3 00	.....	3 50	.....	
Westchester.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	
Cow Bay, C. B...[sant	8 05	3 25	3 75	.....	2 12	4 70	21 90	.....	
Centreville & Mt. Plea-	4 00	4 00	.....	1 00	1 00	2 00	12 00	.....	
James Christie.....	.....	†2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	
Chas. Rockwell.....	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 50	.....	
Mrs. Brownswell.....	0 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0 25	.....	
Collec ions.....	54 62	.....	26 50	.....	.....	.....	81 12	43 00	
	377 32	432 17	54 16	9 28	81 65	37 90	992 48		

* \$10.00 for Foreign Missions from Miss Minerva Hamilton. † \$12.50 for support of native preacher in Burmah, under the name of "Thy Kingdom Come." ‡ For native preacher in Burmah under direction of Rev. A. R. R. Crawley. § Native preacher in Burmah \$50.00. || \$3.50 from S. S. children Lower Village, Truro, for S. S. children in Burmah, under direction of Miss DeWolfe. || \$16.62 for native preacher in Burmah under direction of Rev. A. R. R. Crawley. ¶ \$2.00 for native preacher in Burmah under direction of Rev. A. R. R. Crawley.

WM. FAULKNER, Treasurer

Statistics of Sabbath Schools in the Eastern Baptist Association, July, 1870.

SCHOOLS.	SUPERINTENDENT.	SCHOLARS.			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.				
Amherst.....	W. M. Sleep.....	51	67	118	64	9	15	13	....	175	42 00
Salem.....	James M. Layton.....	....	....	26	26	....	....	....	....	....	....
Antigonish.....	T. M. King.....	19	11	30	14	3	4	12	14	50	2 00
Brookfield.....	James Scott.....	18	18	36	25	3	3	6	9	75	10 00
Forest Glenn.....	Jacob Stephens.....	12	13	25	25	2	1	3	4	150	....
Cow Bay.....	R. D. Rice.....	....	40	40	30	3	3	6	....	72	19 00
Capa Canso.....	C. H. Whitman.....	....	65	65	50	2	4	6	....	150	2 00
Eartown, B. S.....	Daniel Fields.....	25	25	50	35	3	1	4	3	60	....
New Annan, S. S.....	Daniel Fields.....	17	15	32	25	2	2	4	2	40	....
Guyshoro and Manchester.....	Three Schools.....	....	50	50	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Goose River.....	Amos Hunter.....	25	20	45	40	4	4	8	20	100	8 00
Greenville.....	T. B. Layton.....	36	26	62	32	5	1	6	....	60	....
Goshen.....	Donald McGregor.....	....	23	23	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Grand Mira, C. B.....	Wm. Huntington.....	7	7	14	1	1	2	3	8	....	....
Great Village.....	Ezra Layton.....	23	22	45	36	4	4	8	1	82	21 00
Hawksbury.....	Arch. Thompson.....	20	19	39	30	2	3	5	2	160	23 00
Indian Harbour.....	James Hingley.....	....	50	45	3	3	3	6	20	....	....
Lower Economy.....	J. D. McCart.....	15	18	33	28	3	2	5	....	150	13 00

Lower Steviacke.....	10	15	25	20	2	1	3	7	7	200	.....
St. Andrew's.....	16	11	27	25	1	1	2	17	8	90	.....
Little River.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Margaree, C. B.....	55	65	120	60	5	4	9	.....	9	100	14 00
Maccan.....	14	16	30	25	3	2	5	.....	4	50	.....
Mount Pleasant and Centreville } Two Schools.....	7	12	19	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mira, Homeville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mira Gut—Two Schools.....	22	13	40	35	2	5	7	.....	.....	105	.....
South Head.....	12	20	32	24	3	3	6	.....	.....	100	.....
Catalone.....	9	13	22	22	.....	4	4	.....	.....	112	25 00
North Sydney, C. B.....	30	28	58	44	3	3	6	.....	.....	112	25 00
Portauquique.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....
Pugwash.....	25	25	50	45	3	4	12	14	20	220	12 00
St. Mary's, 2nd.....	25	35	65	40	4	5	7	.....	.....	200	21 00
Sydney, C. B.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	60	4 00
Tracadie.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	70	.....
Truro.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Upper Sewiacke.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Upper Londonderry.....	18	22	40	36	1	4	8	7	.....	.....	.....
Do.....	15	20	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	150	20 00
Do.....	18	22	40	35	2	2	3	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wallace River.....	12	8	20	18	2	1	3	.....	.....	1	65 10 50
Do.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	3 00
Ephraim Howard.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Schools not reported this year.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	1493	1032	.....	.....	.....	.....	202	212	147	2803	277 00
.....	.....	162	.....	.....	.....	.....	18	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	1655	.....	.....	.....	.....	220	.....	.....	.....	.....

THE NOVA SCOTIA EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, in acct. with
WILLIAM FAULKNER, *Treasurer.*

1870.

Dr.

July 4.	To amount paid the Treasurer of Home Missions.....	\$342 36
"	" " Dr. Tupper, Secretary Foreign Missions.....	392 13
"	" " Dr. Cramp for Acadia College.....	81 65
"	" " " Ministerial Education.....	9 28
"	" " Bro. Normandy for French Missions.....	54 16½
"	" " B. Douglas Treas. Infirm Ministers Fund..	37 90
	S. Selden Printing 1250 Copies Minutes.....	66 00
	Postage on Minutes..	4 50
	Postage on Blanks for Churches.....	3 50
	1 Copy of Minutes of Churches.....	1 00
		\$992 48½

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July 4, 1870. By total amount monies received, from Churches as per statement, (see pre-
ceding page,)..... \$992 48½

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WM. FAULKNER, *Treasurer.*

INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND, in acct. with B. DOUGLAS & Co.,
Treasurer.

1870.

Dr.

May 10.—	To cash sent to Rev. Mr. Richardson....	\$35.00
June 27.—	" appropriations to Mrs. Dobson.....	7.29
		\$ 42.29

1869.

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June 29.—	By balance per account rendered.....	\$52.83
July 8.—	" cash from Onslow Association.....	48.25
Feb'y. 2.—	" cash being the interest on the Jacobs legacy.....	40.00
July 1.—	" balance of interest.....	5.90
		\$146.98

By balance due..... \$104.69
Amherst, N. S., July 1st, 1870.

EXTRACTS FROM THE LETTERS TO THE EASTERN ASSOCIATION.

Advocate Harbor. Pastor, D. McKeen. The attendance at meeting is large and solemn, but our members live so far apart that it is hard to keep the church in working order. Still our prayer is that God will revive His work and add to Zion such as shall be saved.

Amherst. Pastor, D. A. Steele. Our stated meetings have been regularly kept up, and largely attended during the year. There are three outstations in connection with the church, which enjoy the labors of our pastor alternately, and a large and prosperous Sabbath School.

Antigonishe. It has pleased the great head of the church to come graciously near us with his reviving influences, and stir up his children to more earnest prayer and labor, which have been blest to the salvation of souls. As a result 24 have been added to our membership. Our Conference and prayer meetings are well sustained, also a young people's prayer meeting, which is intensely interesting.

Brookfield. We are without a pastor at present. We keep up our prayer meetings as usual, 2 prayer meetings and 2 Sabbath Schools each week.

Cape Canso. Pastor, A. W. Barss. The labors of our pastor have been greatly blessed. We have rejoiced in the accession to our membership of twenty-four by baptism, while many others have been quickened to renewed diligence in the Master's service.

Cow Bay, C. B., (new Church). Pastor, E. C. Spinney. When organized we numbered 16. The labors of our pastor, who was sent, and largely sustained here by the H. M. Board, have been greatly blessed, so that now we number 30. We have a commodious building in which to worship, nearly completed, and expect to have it thoroughly finished this year.

Earltown. Bro. George O. Gates is laboring among us a missionary. The meetings are largely attended, and all are attentive listeners to the word. The drooping spirits of church members have been revived, and the prayer and Conference meetings which have been sadly neglected, will, we hope, be renewed with fresh vigor. Two Sabbath Schools have been organized here this summer.

Goose River. Pastor, J. Murray. We feel grateful to God that He has added some to our number, and we trust something to our

strength. There have been ten added by baptism. The Lord's Supper has been dispensed every four weeks, with a few exceptions, and we believe there has been a growing interest felt in the cause of Christ.

Goshen. Our monthly Conference is still kept up, and we meet once a fortnight on the Lord's Day for prayer and exhortation. We have had no Baptist preaching through the past year but once that Bro. Eagles visited us and preached.

Grand Mira, C. B. We feel that our position as a church may be described in the words spoken of Gideon's army, "faint, yet pursuing." There are, however, of late, some tokens of good, and we hope before long to see some in our midst become disciples of Christ and members of His church.

Great Village. We are without a pastor. Prayer meetings are punctually kept up. We have a flourishing Sabbath School with a good attendance.

Greenville. Pastor, E. C. Corey. During the past year the Lord has been pleased to manifest His power in reviving His cause in the church, and in the conversion of sinners. Bro. Corey labors with us one quarter of the time. Prayer and Conference meetings are kept up regularly, and a good feeling exists in the church.

Guysboro and Manchester. We are now without a pastor. We have nothing special to communicate. The past year has not been one of much progress, yet we still hope in the Great Head of the church, that He will never leave or forsake us.

Hawksbury, C. B. Pastor, J. B. McQuillan. It is with mingled feelings of joy and sorrow that we record the dealings of God with us during the past year. We have sustained an almost irreparable loss by the death of one of our standard-bearers, James N. Paint, our church clerk, (a passenger on board the ill-fated steamship *City of Boston*). On the other hand we rejoice that God has quickened the dead unto life, and added to our numbers. Bro. McQuillan's labors have been blessed, and sinners saved.

Indian Harbor. Pastor, H. Eagles. Though we have no cheering news to write you in respect to revivals of religion, yet we feel to bless the Lord for the manifest token of Divine grace, and for a desire to lay hold on the hope set before us in the gospel. Our Conference meetings and communion seasons are interesting and soul-cheering, and our prayer meetings are maintained with interest.

Little River. Pastor, E. C. Corey. We have reason to thank God and take courage. A series of meetings was held last autumn when the Great Head of the church was pleased to pour out of His spirit, and manifest His redeeming power. The church was re-

vived, backsliders reclaimed, and sinners converted. Sixty-seven were baptized into the fellowship of the church. The prospects of our Sabbath School are highly encouraging.

Lower Economy and Five Islands. Pastor, D. McKeen. We are still holding on our way, and enjoying the labors of our much-esteemed pastor one-fourth of the time. We are trying to perform duties that have been neglected for a number of years, revising the list of members, and exercising necessary discipline. We trust our efforts will prove a benefit.

Lower Stewiacke. Pastor, J. Meadows. We still enjoy the preached gospel of Christ. Our Sabbath Schools are in a prosperous state, and though the numbers are not quite as large as last year, yet the schools are very interesting.

Mabou, C. B. Our beloved pastor, J. F. Kempton, has felt it to be his duty to take charge of the church at Billtown, and we are likely to be destitute of the preaching of the gospel, unless we get aid from the Home Missionary Board. Our church is small, and but few members are able to contribute as much as they desire.

Maccan. Pastor, G. F. Miles. We have had some tokens of Divine favor. Bro. J. R. Stubbart preached to us during the College vacation last summer, when we believe the good seed was sown. Rev. G. F. Miles became our pastor in November last, under whose ministry the church has been revived, and sinners converted and brought into the fold of Christ.

Margaree, C. B. We are now left without a pastor to go in and out before us, and to feed the lambs of the flock. Dear brethren we beg an interest in your prayers, hoping that you will not forget us in this our time of need.

Mira Bay, C. B. Pastor, E. C. Spinney. We feel thankful to God for favors bestowed upon us, but are still needy, and desire to be remembered by you. We enjoy part of the labors of Bro. Spinney. We have our Conference and prayer meetings, which we endeavor to keep up regularly in the absence of our pastor.

Mount Pleasant and Centreville, (new Church). About the first of May, 1870, Rev. E. B. Corey, under the direction of the Cumberland County Quarterly Meeting, came and commenced laboring at Mount Pleasant. God blessed the preaching of the truth, and since that fifty-eight have been baptized in that vicinity. Wishing to be organized into a church, we, the former members of Pugwash Church residing in Centreville, in conjunction with our brethren at Mount Pleasant, called a council from sister churches on Monday, 27th of June, and were welcomed as a church of Jesus Christ. We are at present without a suitable house to worship God, but purpose making immediate preparation for building.

North Sydney, C. B. Pastor, T. H. Porter. With us the past

year has been a season of seed-sowing and sifting, so that we are again called to report considerable diminution in our numbers. A portion of this, however, should be regarded as matter of congratulation, as our loss has materially assisted in the colonization of the two new churches recently formed on this island.

Onslow East. Pastor, B. Scott. We are pleased to report that peace and brotherly love continue amongst us. We have an unusually good attendance at all our meetings, and good attention to the word preached. Our Sabbath Schools are largely attended. Seeing indications of awakening amongst the people, we are holding series of meetings. Four have already been baptized and others are expected soon to follow.

Onslow West. Pastor, S. Thompson. We have reason to be thankful for the disposition to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, and for grace to enable us in so good a measure to succeed. We have also reason to be thankful for the presence among us now and then of a penitent sinner, coming from the ranks of the enemy to the Lord's side. We are preparing to build a meeting house.

Parrsboro Village.—We are sorry that we cannot report more favorably of our church for the past year. None have been added to our number, and at present we are without a pastor. We still have our Sabbath afternoon prayer meetings and Sabbath School.

Portaupique.—We have enjoyed the faithful labors of Rev. T. A. Blackadar part of the time the past year. The church appears more united in heart and effort for the maintenance of the Gospel. Our prayer and Conference meetings are kept up, and we have two Sabbath Schools in connection with the church.

Pugwash.—Pecuniary losses among us have had a weakening effect upon our benevolent operations. And we have lately dismissed a large number of members to form the Centreville and Mount Pleasant Church. We have however enjoyed some seasons of refreshing and a few have been added to our number.

River Philip and Glenville.—Pastor E. C. Corey. We as a church have reason to thank God and take courage for the manifestation of Divine grace which has been displayed in our midst. During the year that is past we have enjoyed in two sections of our church a refreshing season from the presence of the Lord. Some eighteen have been added by baptism, and others are seeking the way of truth.

Sand Point.—We are few in numbers and weak in resources—with no under-shepherd to watch over us. We feel deeply thankful for the mission of Bro. Armstrong whose labors were blessed by the addition of six members.

Saint Ann's C. B.—New church, Pastor, W. McPhee. Here indeed we have to "contend for the faith once delivered to the

saints," but our confidence is in the Lord. We have licensed Bro. Daniel McLeod to preach the gospel and in the absence of our Pastor he labors constantly among us. We have commenced to build a meeting house.

Saint Mary's 1st..—Pastor, H. Eagles. We have nothing special to communicate, but we trust there is a good degree of union among us. Yet there have been no additions to the church, and we fear no conversions in the congregation, but we believe some souls have been deeply convicted.

Saint Mary's 2nd..—Pastor, H. Eagles. Our meetings for preaching and prayer on Lord's day are very well attended. Also in connection with the church we have an interesting Sabbath School and Bible Class which have been in active operation during the past year.

South Bar C. B..—New Church. Acting Pastor, G. Richardson. We have lately been organized as a church. A council of ministers and delegates from neighboring churches have been called for the purpose of recognizing us as such. We were formerly a part of the Sydney church, but on account of our distance from town and other circumstances we have become a distinct body.

Sydney C. B..—We are constrained to sing of mercy as well as of judgement, for "the Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad." He has heard our prayers and blessed the faithful presentation of His gospel. Special services were held which were blessed to the conversion of about twenty individuals. Eleven of these have been baptized by our Pastor—and we expect several more to come forward.

Tracadie..—We were some time without preaching, but God in mercy directed his servants to visit us. Bro. Bigelow came in September, and by his help we got our meeting-house finished, and the church which was in a cold state has been revived, backsliders reclaimed, and sinners converted, six of whom have been baptized.

Truro..—Pastor, D. W. C. Dimock. Our house of worship having become inconvenient we were compelled to erect a new one. This object, we are glad to say, has been accomplished. Nor have we been without tokens of the Lord's presence in the converting influence of His grace. During the year twenty-eight have professed faith in the Lord Jesus.

Upper Londonderry..—Pastor, S. Thompson. We have to lament that we are still in a cold and lifeless state, that we are not what we would desire to be. We have our esteemed pastor with us one fourth of the time.

Upper Stewiacke..—Pastor, O. Chute. Although there has been much to discourage us, yet the Lord in great mercy is giving some indications that look favorable for an outpouring of His Holy Spirit.

Wallace.—We have enjoyed the faithful ministrations of the word of God for the past year, and trust that they have been blessed to the quickening and awakening of many. Our Conference meetings are well attended. We have a Sabbath School with good attendance.

West Bay, C. B.—New Church. Pastor, W. McPhee. Considering a summary of doctrine and practice drawn from the word of God necessary, we have heartily adopted the Articles and Covenant of the Associated Churches. Our membership in full fellowship is thirty-two. We have licensed Bro. William McKenzie to preach the gospel in the pastor's absence. The outside of our meeting-house is finished.

Westbrook.—Pastor, D. McKeen. We are in a low and scattered state. On account of some of our members removing from the place, we have had very few meetings during the winter. Our pastor labors with us part of his time.

Westchester.—For a long time we have been passing through a cloud. Some of our most faithful ones have been taken away by death. Some have removed to other countries. But God who is rich in mercy has appeared once more for us, and our little church has been resuscitated. God's Spirit has been with us and sinners have been brought to God. Nine of these have been baptized by Bro. Blackadar.

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. Murny, 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.
John Steele,	Auditor.

The Board of Managers was then elected as follows :—

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Rev. J. M. Cramp, D. D.	Bro. H. R. Cunningham,
“ 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

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
3 Churches, 3 Sabbath Schools and 2 Bible Class organized.	

GROSS RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasurer's hand June 1st, 1869.....	\$425 60½
Received during the year.....	\$681 13½
Interest on Debentures.....	60 00
	\$741 13½
Collected by the Missionaries.....	627 93
	\$1794 67

EXPENDITURES.

Collected and Retained by Missionaries.....	\$531 49
Travelling expenses of do.....	96 44
Disbursed by Treasurer for Missionaries.....	869 05
“ for Stationery, Postages, &c.....	5 75
“ for Copying Press.....	5 00
“ Secretary for services.....	75 00
Balance in hand.....	211 94
	\$1794 67

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 26 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 Musquodoboit in November 1868, 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 Lunenburg 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.

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. Barsz 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

kindly, and some appeared to be laboring under conviction of sin. There were no cases of conversion brought to my knowledge, but I trust that some fruit will yet appear.

Preached 20 sermons, made 39 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

gaining ground here. Men must be born again, though convinced that our doctrines are scriptural, they will remain our enemies, because they are enemies to God until this change takes place. Hence they must hear the declaration of Christ, "Ye must be born again." Blessed be the Lord, the conviction of the necessity of the new birth is growing more general. Truth is working its way in spite of the enmity of the human heart.

No. of weeks services performed, 47, sermons preached 197, prayer and conference meetings held 46, family visits 379, baptized 36. organized 1 church, travelled 2850 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 \$237.64½.

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. De Wolf 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 season 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.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

LUNENBURG CO.

*Collected by Rev. Geo. N. Balentine,
at Tancook.*

Dea. Henry Hutt.....	\$1 00
Mrs. Margaret Wilneff.....	0 50
Mr. Henry Cross	0 25
Mrs. — Cross.....	0 25
Mr. Charles Cross.....	0 25
“ James Stephens.....	0 50
“ Walter Pirl.....	0 50
Miss Martha D Pirl.....	0 20
Mr. William Young.....	0 62½
“ Enos Baker.....	0 50
“ Nathaniel Baker.....	0 22½
Mrs. George Mason.....	0 62½
Mr. Peter Mason.....	0 50
“ Joshua Mason.....	0 25
Miss Augusta Mason.....	0 25
Mr. Daniel Mason.....	0 50
“ Ephraim Mason.....	0 50
“ Elias Lynard.....	0 25
Mrs. Elias Lynard.....	0 25
Dea. Caleb Heisler.....	0 50
Mrs. Jacob Baker.....	0 25
“ William Lantz.....	0 25
“ John Crooks.....	0 12½
Mr. George Cross.....	0 50
“ John H. Cross.....	0 62½
“ Joseph Thomas.....	0 50
Mrs. George Slangenwhite.....	0 45
Mr. John Cr. ss.....	0 75
Mrs. John Rodenheiser.....	0 12½
“ Alex. Wilson Junr.....	0 12½
Mr. Eli Baker.....	0 25
Mrs. Jacob Andrews Baker..	0 25
Mr. Alfred Langille.....	0 25
Mrs. Edward Stephens.....	0 12½
“ David Langille.....	0 25
Mrs. William Andrews	0 12½
“ James Awalt.....	0 25
“ Sophia Heisler.....	0 12½
“ Alex. Wilson, Senr.....	0 50
“ David Young.....	0 37½
“ Joshua Young.....	0 12½
Mr. George Slangenwhite.....	1 00
“ George A. Baker.....	0 25
Mrs. G. A. Baker.....	0 12½
Dea. Alfred Baker	0 62½
Mr. Daniel Baker.....	0 50
“ Jacob Baker.....	0 50
“ Reuben Baker.....	0 25

Mrs Phillips Baker Junr.,...	2 50
Miss Annie Baker.....	0 25
Mr George Wilneff.....	0 50
" Edward Young.....	2 00
" Albert Pirl.....	0 50
Mrs. Walter Pearl.....	0 62½
Dea. Gasper Young.....	1 00
Mrs. Jeremiah Levy.....	0 20
" George Levy.....	0 25
" Daniel Levy.....	0 45½
" Jacob Levy.....	0 43
" Frederick Levy.....	0 54
" Charles Baker.....	0 40½
" Edward Baker.....	0 25
Miss Abbie Lynard.....	0 25
Mrs. Samuel Wilneff.....	0 25
Mr. John Wilson.....	1 00
" William Cross.....	0 75
" Jacob A. Baker.....	0 50
" Daniel Slangenwhite.....	1 00
Widow Joseph Heisler.....	0 25
Mr. Nelson Wilson.....	0 25
" Joshua Young.....	1 00
" Nathan Levy.....	0 25
Mrs. George Wilneff.....	0 50
" John Hutt.....	0 25
" Catherine Wilneff.....	0 25
" Peter Mason.....	0 25
Mr. Alex. Wilson.....	1 00
" Isaac Mason.....	0 50
" Edward Stephens.....	0 50
" Edmund Lanille.....	0 25
" Benjamin Langille.....	0 25
Mrs. Elizabeth Langille.....	0 25
Mr. George French.....	0 22½
" George Hutt.....	0 25
" John Stephens.....	0 25
Amt. of Subscriptions.....	36 13
Other Collections.....	6 81½

Total amount received.....\$42 94½

KINGS CO.

NEW ROSS AND WATERTVILLE.

Collected by R. Sanford.

Collected at New-Ross by public and private contribu- tion	9 78
At Waterville.....	4 70

\$14 48

Collected by A. Cohoon.

Mr. John Lantz.....	0 50
" Leonard Rodenhizer....	0 25
" William Corkum.....	0 12 1/2
" Mrs. Jacob Corkum.....	0 45
" David Rodenhizer.....	0 25
" Leonard Rodenhizer....	0 25
Miss Lucy Hubly.....	0 12 1/2
Collections	5 57
	\$7 52

COLCHESTER CO.

Collected by H. E. Morrow.

Col. at Westchester Lake...	2 65
" New Annan.....	0 42
" Folly Lake.....	1 90
Miss Rachel Downing.....	1 00
" Fanny Slack.....	0 12 1/2
Mr. William Cummings....	2 50
Mrs. Thomas.....	0 25
	\$8 84 1/2

GUYSBOROUGH CO.

NEW HARBOR.

Collected by W. F. Armstrong.

Edward O'Hara.....	0 62 1/2
Geo. R. Luddington.....	1 00
James M. Luddington.....	1 00
Henry Luddington.....	1 00
Thomas Luddington.....	1 00
Mrs. Wm. Oillie.....	0 12 1/2
Wm. Gillie.....	0 25
Michael Gillie.....	1 00
Wm. O'Hara.....	0 50
Robert Songster.....	1 00
Wm. J. Songster.....	0 25
Wm. A. Songster.....	1 00
Mrs. Wm. A. Songster.....	0 50
" Andrew T. Songster....	0 12 1/2
" Moses Bars.....	0 25
Miss Jane O'Hara.....	1 00
Mrs. Ann Luddington.....	0 25
Wm. Songster Senr.....	0 50
Miss Submit Songster.....	0 25
Adam J. Songster.....	0 50

CADDLES HARBOR.

Collection.....

MANCHESTER.

Collection.....

GUYSBOROUGH.

Friends.....

\$13 54 1/2

Collected by Rev. R. R. Philp.

New Harbour.....	11 61
Isaac's Harbour.....	8 15
Tracadie.....	1 20
	\$20 96

Collected by Rev. A. W. Barss.

At Crow Harbour.....	5 62
" Cole Harbour.....	2 42
	\$8 04

CAPE BRETON.

LITTLE GLACE BAY.

Collected by Rev. W. B. Boggs.

Arnold Martell.....	1 00
Mrs. A. Martell.....	1 00
Evelina Martell.....	1 00
Mary Martell.....	1 00
Mrs. Cameron.....	2 00
Friends per A. Martell....	17 87 1/2
Collections	4 62 1/2

GRAND MIRA.

William Huntington.....	3 00
Fred. Huntington.....	5 00
J. C. Rich.....	0 50
	\$37 07

HAWKSURRY.

Collected by Rev. J. B. McQuillin.

Peter Paint.....	5 00
" Paint, Esq.....	5 00
Brotherton Martin.....	1 50
Archibald Thompson.....	1 75
Angus Grant.....	1 00
Collections	4 75
John Campbell.....	0 50
	\$19 50

GOWRIE MINES.

David Spencer.....	1 12 1/2
R. Rice.....	1 00
Mrs. R. Rice.....	0 50
John McPhail.....	1 00
D. C. McGunnes.....	1 00
Samuel Peters.....	1 00
Mrs. Davidson.....	1 25
" Annie Davidson.....	1 00
Collection.....	2 50
Anthony Martell, Esq.....	0 25
Mrs. Anthony Martell....	0 25
Nathaniel Martell.....	0 41

\$11 16 1/2

Collected by Rev. J. F. Kempton.

Elizabeth McLeod.....	\$0 50
Joseph Tingley.....	2 50
John Ethridge.....	0 50
Donald McDonald.....	5 69
Agustus Irish.....	0 50
John Murray.....	5 00
David Smith.....	5 00
Jane McDonald.....	4 00
Andrew DeWolf.....	1 50
Rachel Ross.....	6 00
James Frizzle.....	1 00
Lanchin McDonald.....	2 00
John McLeod.....	5 00
Murdock McDonald.....	0 91½
Collection, Margaree.....	4 00
	1 10

\$40 20½

Collected by Rev. E. C. Spinney.

MIRA.

Parmenas Spencer.....	\$4 00
W. W. Spencer.....	2 00
Philp Spencer.....	4 00
Z. Spencer.....	2 00
A. J. Spencer.....	2 50
John Nicoll.....	2 00
Dea. Charles Martell.....	2 50
Edward Spencer.....	1 00
D. J. Martell.....	0 50
William Dickson.....	1 00
A friend.....	1 00
Samuel Dickson.....	0 62½
George Dickson.....	0 30
W. D. Phillips.....	1 00
Thos. S. Spencer.....	1 00
Charles Spencer Junr.....	0 77
Charles Spencer Senr.....	0 50
Mrs. Chas. Martell.....	1 00
" Philip Spencer.....	0 25
" Chas. Spencer Senr.....	0 50
" Edward Spencer.....	0 25
" Anthony Spencer.....	1 00
" William Phillips.....	0 75
Miss Patience Martell.....	1 00
A sister Templar.....	1 00
Miss E. M. Martell.....	0 50
" Maggie McDonald.....	0 25
" Annie Holmes.....	0 25
" Annie Nicoll.....	0 50
" Sarah Nicoll.....	0 25
" Marcilia Spencer.....	0 25
" Jane Spencer.....	0 50
Mrs. Wm. Dickson.....	1 00
" E. Peters.....	0 62½
" Edward Dickson.....	0 75
Miss Mary J. Dickson.....	0 12½
Collections.....	9 02

HOMEBVILLE.

Joseph Holmes.....	8 00
William Holmes.....	\$6 00
John Martell.....	5 87½
Dea. Arnold Holmes.....	5 00
Stetson Holmes.....	5 00
Thomas Martell.....	3 00
Arnold Holmes Junr.....	2 00
Phillip Martell.....	2 25
Lewis Martell.....	1 00
Mrs. Geo. Dillon.....	1 00
" Arnold Holmes.....	1 00
" Joseph Holmes.....	1 00
" William Holmes.....	0 50
" Chas. Martell.....	0 50
" Thos. Martell.....	0 50
" John Martell.....	0 50
" Galen Holmes.....	8 00
Miss Julia Martell.....	1 50
" Annie Martell.....	0 25
" C. D. Soverance.....	0 50
" Jane Wadden.....	0 50
" Jane Martell.....	0 50
" Ester Martell.....	0 50
" Carrie Martell.....	0 50
" Annie E. Holmes.....	5 00
" Susie Holmes.....	1 00
" Lizzie Holmes.....	0 50
" Elvenia Holmes.....	0 50
" Mary McCuish.....	0 25
" Annie McLean.....	0 25

SOUTH HEAD.

Dea. Chas. Shepard.....	\$4 00
Seth Shepard.....	2 25
Benoni Shepard.....	1 00
Joel Peters.....	0 50
Albert Shepard.....	1 25
William Murrant.....	1 00
Joel Shepard.....	0 50
William Shepard.....	0 50
Archie Currie.....	0 50
Mrs. Seth Shepard.....	0 50
" B. Shepard.....	0 50
" Joel Shepard.....	0 25
" William Shepard.....	0 25
" Albert Shepard.....	0 50
" Anthony Murrant.....	0 25
" William Murrant Junr.....	0 40
" Joel Peters.....	0 12½
" Wintworth Peters.....	0 12½
" Amos Spencer.....	0 25
Miss Jane Shepard.....	0 25
" Caroline Martell.....	0 50
" Rachel Murrant.....	0 25
" Ruth Martell.....	0 25
" Mary Campbell.....	0 25
" Parthena Shepard.....	0 25
" Louisa Murrant.....	0 25

" Annie Murrant.....	\$0 12	O. J. Spencer	\$5 00
" Ruth Turner.....	0 25	John McPhail.....	5 00
" Victoria Murrant.....	0 13	Roderick McDonald.....	5 00
" Elizabeth Shepard....	0 25	John Menzie.....	2 00
" Martha Peters.....	0 10	Alex. McPhail.....	1 00
" Esther Shepard.....	0 05	Mrs. R. D. Rice.....	2 00
" Orrilla Murrant.....	0 03	" John Powers.....	0 50
" Sophia Shepard.....	0 12	Miss Rachel Martell.....	1 50
COW BAY MINES.			
Dr. Lewis Johnston	10 00	A Friend.....	1 12
Dea. Samuel Peters.....	9 00	Miss Margaret McDonald...	1 40
" David Spencer.....	5 00	Robert Fletcher.....	4 00
H. D. Rice.....	8 00		
			<u>\$183 52</u>

N. S. BAPTIST HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

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

1869.		Cr.	
June 1	To Cash on hand.		
July 9	Central Association.	\$425 60½	
" 16	Province of Nova Scotia (Interest on Debentures)	240 89	
Aug. 17	Eastern Association.	30 00	
Sept. 4	Cow Bay Mission.	285 98	
Dec. 8	Fall River Church.	20 00	
Nov. 1	Member of Church at Mabou.	75	
Dec. 10	First Cornwallis Church.	4 00	
1870.		6 00	
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	
1869.			\$1166 74
		Dr.	
June 10	By Rev Wm. McPhee.	\$ 12 00	
" "	Bro. John Crawley.	16 00	
" "	Secretary, for services.	75 00	
July 9	Stationery, Postage, &c.	5 75	
" "	Rev. Wm. B. Boggs.	67 00	
" "	" J. F. Kempton.	52 50	
Aug. 11	" Wm. McPhee.	37 75	
" "	Rufus Sandford.	24 02	
Sept. 4	H. E. Morrow.	32 80	
" "	For Copying Press.	5 00	
" "	Rev. John Miller.	52 00	
Oct. 9	W. F. Armstrong.	24 59	
" "	W. F. Armstrong.	4 86	
" "	J. B. McQuillan.	82 87	
" "	George N. Ballantine.	8 93	
" "	Rev. Alfred Chipman.	66 00	
Nov. 5	" Joseph F. Kempton.	43 33	
" "	Atwood Cohoon.	32 98	
" "	Rev. Joseph F. Kempton.	16 00	
Jan. 6, 1870.	" John Crawley.	4 20	
" "	" A. W. Barss.	81 96	
" 11	" R. R. Philp.	20 00	
Feb. 8	" Wm. McPhee.	100 00	
" "	" J. F. Kempton.	15 24	
April 7	" Wm. McPhee.	10 00	
" "	" E. C. Spinney.	55 23	
" 18	" Wm. McPhee.	50 00	
May 31	" J. F. Kempton.	68 79	
	By Balance.	211 94	
Audited and found correct,		E. & O. E.	\$1166 74
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

Missionary labor in such field as it may designate, to an amount at least equal to its contribution; provided that such designation be intimated at the time of payment.

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.

BYE LAWS

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 Licentiates 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 licentiates and unmarried ordained Missionaries seven dollars, for unmarried licentiates 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 moneys 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 Treasurer 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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ASSOCIATIONAL RECORD.—(Continued from 1865.)

Year.	Place.	Baptized.	Members.	Moderator and Clerks.	Sermon.	Circular Letter.	Monies.
1866	North Sydney..	240	3467	Revds. W. G. Parker; W. B. Boggs, and Bro. T. M. King	Rev. Dr. Crawley, Phil iii. 13, 14.	Rev. O. Chute.—On The Jews.	\$789.32.
1867	Up-Londonderry	179	3658	Revds. D. W. C. Dimock; T. H. Porter, Jr, and Bro. T. B. Layton.	Rev. D. A. Steele. Ps. cxix. 105.	Rev. A. Chipman.—On The duty of Christian women in social religious meetings.	635.36.
1868	Pugwash.	303	3844	Revds. G. F. Miles; W. B. Boggs, and Bro. W. F. Armstrong	Rev. T. H. Porter, Jr Ps. xxxvii. 5, 6.	Rev. M. F. Freeman.—On The Position of Baptists.	593.85.
1869	Onslow West...	279	3475	Revds. T. H. Porter; E. C. Spinney, and J. W. Manning	Rev. W. B. Boggs Acts i. 8.	Rev. J. Murray.—On The organizing element in our churches.	878.97.
1870	Amherst.	333	3797	Revds. W. B. Boggs; E. C. Spinney, and Bro. T. B. Layton	Rev. Dr. Champ... 1 Tim. iii. 15.	Rev. D. A. Steele.—On "Go Forward."	992 48.

* Numbers in P. E. I. Association deducted.