

MINUTES  
OF THE  
THIRTEENTH SESSION  
OF THE  
**Central Baptist Association**  
OF  
**NOVA SCOTIA.**

HELD AT UPPER AYLESFORD,  
Saturday, Monday & Tuesday, June 20, 22 & 23, 1863.

TOGETHER WITH THE  
CIRCULAR LETTER, &c.

ALSO,  
THE MINUTES OF SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION,  
THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NOVA SCOTIA  
BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

AND  
THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NOVA SCOTIA  
BAPTIST HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

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# MINUTES.

UPPER AYLESFORD, JUNE 20TH, 1863.

THE Association met pursuant to adjournment, at 2 o'clock,  
p. m.

## LIST OF MEMBERS.

### MESSENGERS FROM CHURCHES.

- Aylesford Upper*.—Rev. J. L. Read, Deacons G. West, J. Graves,  
O. Cogswell, E. D. Harris and Bro. John Banks.  
*Bridgewater*.—Rev. Stephen March.  
*Chester*.—Rev. I. J. Skinner, and Deacon David Hume.  
*Cornwallis 1st*.—Rev. A. S. Hunt, Brethren Henry K. Eaton,  
Joshua Ellis, Elisha Harris and Rupert Eaton.  
*Cornwallis 2nd*.—Rev. Wm. Chipman, Deacon A. Parker, Breth-  
ren T. White, John Lyons and Charles Sanford.  
*Cornwallis 3rd*.—Rev. James Parker, Deacons N. Wallace, A.  
Strong, S. Sweet, and Brethren J. Bligh and W. Ruseo.  
*Cornwallis 4th*.—Rev. J. L. Read, Brethren Hall, G. Beardsly  
and Charles Hall.  
*Cornwallis 5th*.—Rev. D. Freeman, Brethren Walter Witt, J.  
Pineo.  
*Falmouth*.—Rev. David Shaw and Bro. William Shaw.  
*Halifax 1st*.—Rev. Dr. Pryor, Brethren S. Selden, R. N. Beckwith.  
*Halifax 2nd*.—Rev. A. H. Munro.  
*Hammonds Plains 1st*.—Revds. R. R. Philp, R. N. Baker.  
*Hantsport*.—Deacons John Porter and Harris Reid.  
*Horton 1st*.—Rev. S. W. deBlois, Rev. Dr. Cramp, Rev. T. A.  
Higgins, Deacon M. Cleveland, Bro. W. Fitch, Edwin  
Johnson.  
*Horton 2nd*.—Rev. E. O. Read, Wm. E. Hall, Licentiate, Deacon  
James Pick and Bro. A. Dorman.  
*Indian Harbour, Margaret's Bay*.—Rev. R. R. Philp.  
*Jeddore*.—P. R. Foster, Licentiate.  
*Lahave*.—Rev. B. Taylor.  
*Lanenburg*.—Rev. L. B. Gates, Dea. Gideon Longille, and Bro.  
J. B. Longille.  
*New Cornwallis*.—Rev. I. B. Gates.  
*New Germany*.—Rev. T. DeLong, and Brethren H. Webber and  
John Mader.  
*Newport East*.—Rev. J. Bancroft.

*Ravenna*.—Rev. James Stevens and Bro. John McLearn.  
*Sackville*.—Rev. K. R. Philp.  
*Tancook*.—P. R. Foster, (Lic.)  
*Walton*.—Rev. J. Bancroft.  
*Windsor*.—Rev. D. M. Welton and Deacon T. S. Harding.  
*Windsor Plains*.—Rev. D. Shaw.

#### DELEGATES FROM OTHER ASSOCIATIONS.

*Western Association*.—Revds. W. G. Parker, C. Randal, J. H. Saunders, H. Angel, M. Normondy, G. Armstrong, R. Morton, A. Cogswell, J. A. Moore, Obed Parker, W. Hall, Wallace, J. E. Goucher, A. Stronach, Dr. Tupper, E. N. Harris, W. Burton, W. H. Porter, N. Vidito, J. Melbourne Parker, (Lic.) and Bro. T. Munro.  
*Eastern Association*.—Revds. H. Eagles, T. H. Porter, Jr., A. F. Porter, James Palmer and A. Chipman, Bro. T. H. Rand.

It was voted, That all Ministers and Licentimates in good standing, not Delegates, be invited to a seat, when the following names were handed in, viz: Rev. Mr. Weaver, from the United States; Deacon S. Chipman, from Nictaux; Rev. T. H. Porter, Senr., G. W. Eaton, Wm. Thomas, Prof. DeMill and J. W. Bars.

The Association was called to order by Rev. Dr. Cramp, Moderator of the preceding year. After prayer by the Rev. H. Angell, a ballot was taken which resulted in the choice of the Rev. Dr. Pryor, as Moderator.

Rev. E. O. Read was appointed Secretary, Rev. R. R. Philp, Assistant Secretary; Bro. John Graves, Treasurer; Bro. William West, Assistant Treasurer.

Revds. T. A. Higgins, W. G. Parker, and J. Stevens were appointed a Committee to examine the Letters.

Revds. Dr. Cramp, G. Armstrong and D. Freeman were appointed a Committee to read the Letters.

The following brethren were appointed a Committee of Nomination and Arrangements: Revds. J. L. Read, J. Parker; Brethren G. West, E. D. Harris and O. Cogswell.

The Letters from the churches were then read, from which the accompanying statistics were obtained:

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## STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	INCREASE.			DECREASE.			TOTAL.
	By Baptism.	By Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	
1 Aylesford, Upper.....	44	2	1	1	..	1	251
2 Bridgewater, (revised,).....	..	3	1	1	..	1	100
3 Burton, (no Letter,).....	..	..	..	..	..	..	31
4 Chelsea, (no Letter,).....	..	..	..	..	..	..	81
5 Chester,.....	5	..	2	8	1	1	259
6 Cornwallis 1st,.....	25	6	..	31	..	4	351
7 Cornwallis 2nd,.....	32	2	2	5	17	5	428
8 Cornwallis 3rd,.....	14	3	..	..	5	5	328
9 Cornwallis 4th,.....	..	..	..	3	2	1	98
10 Cornwallis 5th,.....	40	35	..	1	..	1	125
11 Dartmouth, (numbers not reported,).....	..	..	..	..	..	..	42
12 Falmouth,.....	3	1	..	1	..	1	82
13 Halifax 1st,.....	5	9	..	1	..	1	154
14 Halifax 2nd,.....	24	18	1	10	4	3	200
15 Hammond's Plains 1st, (revised,).....	12	..	2	2	..	..	64
16 Hammond's Plains 2nd, (no Letter,).....	..	..	..	..	..	..	49
17 Hantsport,.....	1	..	..	1	1	1	297
18 Horton 1st,.....	22	10	..	8	..	1	208
19 Horton 2nd,.....	6	..	1	1	2	1	261
20 Horton 3rd, (no Letter,).....	..	..	..	..	..	..	117
21 Indian Harbor, (revised,).....	14	3	..	..	..	..	71
22 Jeddore,.....	..	..	..	8	2	..	112
23 Kempt,.....	4	1	1	..	..	1	60
24 LaHave,.....	2	..	..	1	1	..	40
25 Lunenburg,.....	5	2	2	..	2	2	96
26 New Cornwall,.....	1	..	..	..	..	1	38
27 New Germany,.....	..	4	..	..	..	..	108
28 Newport West, (no Letter,).....	..	..	..	..	..	..	151
29 Newport East,.....	..	3	..	..	3	..	80
30 Preston,.....	..	..	..	2	4	..	59
31 Rawdon,.....	3	1	..	..	2	1	126
32 Sackville,.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	32
33 Sherbrooke, (no Letter,).....	..	..	..	..	..	..	51
34 St. Margaret's Bay,.....	..	..	..	8	..	..	123
35 Tancook,.....	..	..	..	2	1	..	100
36 Walton,.....	1	..	..	..	..	..	15
37 Waterville,.....	1	3	..	1	1	..	12
38 Windsor,.....	14	4	1	7	..	..	137
39 Windsor Plains,.....	1	1	..	1	1	1	29
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The Committee on Nomination and Arrangements presented the following report :

### COMMITTEES.

#### ON QUESTIONS IN LETTERS :—

Revds. G. Armstrong, C. Randal, T. Delong, D. Shaw, R. Morton, Dr. Pryor, A. S. Hunt and Bro. S. Selden.

#### ON THE CIRCULAR LETTER :—

Revds. Wm. Chipman, W. G. Parker and J. Stevens.

#### ON CHRISTIAN MESSENGER :—

Revds. A. S. Hunt, D. Freeman, Brethren J. Bligh, Joshua Ellis, A. Parker, John Mader, E. D. Harris.

#### ON UNION SOCIETIES :—

Revds. I. J. Skinner, R. R. Philp, A. Cogswell, Brethren Henry Hall, Wm. Shaw.

#### ON EDUCATION :—

Revds. Dr. Cramp, S. March, W. Hall, H. Eagles, S. W. de Blois, H. Ange', J. Parker, A. Porter, Brethren J. W. Barss, R. Eaton, H. R. Eaton.

#### ON MISSIONS :—

Revds. T. A. Higgins, A. H. Manro, C. Randall, G. Armstrong, M. Normonday, Dr. Tupper, J. Palmer, Obed Parker, J. A. Moore, Brethren R. N. Beckwith, S. Selden, A. Strong.

#### ON OBITUARIES :—

Revds. D. M. Welton, J. H. Saunders, Bro. W. Thomas.

The Committee also recommend that Prayer Meetings be held at 6 o'clock, A. M., during the Session.

That the meetings begin at 10 o'clock, A. M., and at 2 o'clock, P. M., and adjourn at 12 and at 6 P. M.

Also recommend that after the Sermon, on Monday, the Circular Letter be read, on Monday afternoon the report on Missions be the first business of the meeting.

Also recommend that on Tuesday morning the report on Education be brought before the Association.

*Voted*, That the Report be adopted.

The following brethren were appointed Delegates to the Convention,—Brethren J. W. Barss, S. Selden, M. Beckwith, Rupert Eaton, James Bligh.

*Voted*, That Monday afternoon, from 5 to 6 o'clock, be given to the Sabbath School Convention.

*Voted*, That all the ministering brethren of this Association, and Bro. Selden, be Delegates to the Eastern Association of Nova Scotia.

*Voted*, That all the ministering brethren of this Association, and Bro. Selden, be Delegates to the Western Association of Nova Scotia.

*Voted*, That the Committee of Nomination and Arrangements nominate a brother to preach the Introductory Sermon, his alternate, and also a brother to write the Circular Letter for next year.

*Voted*, That 1,000 copies of the Minutes be printed at the *Christian Messenger* office, under the superintendence of Brethren S. Selden and R. R. Philp. That 50 copies be reserved for the use of the Association at its next Session, and that 44 dollars, and more if necessary, be paid Bro. Selden for the same.

On motion, after prayer by Rev. W. Chipman, adjourned.

On the Lord's day Rev. Dr. Cramp preached at 10 A. M., from John xxi. 21, 22. Rev. G. Armstrong preached at 3 P. M., from Ephesians v. 18. Meetings were also held in the Wesleyan Chapel, and in the neighbouring places of worship.

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*Morning Session, June 22, 1863.*

Rev. A. H. Munro preached the Introductory Sermon from 1 Cor. ix. 12. Prayer by Rev. Dr. Tupper. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

The Report of the Committee on the Circular Letter read.

*Voted*, That it be printed in the Minutes.

Prayer by Rev. W. Burton. Adjourned.

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*Afternoon Session, June 22.*

Prayer by Rev. D. M. Welton. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

The Committee on the *Christian Messenger* reported.—  
Report adopted. (See Appendix A.)

*Voted*, That the Association be held next year with the Church at Chester.

*Voted*, That a delegation be appointed to meet with the Church at Preston, and that the following brethren be the Delegates.—  
Rev. Dr. Pryor, A. H. Munro, J. Stevens, R. R. Philp, and S. Selden, to meet at Preston on the last Wednesday in July, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

*Voted*, That Rev. S. W. deBlois preach the Introductory Sermon next year, that Rev. D. Freeman be his alternate, and that Rev. D. M. Welton write the Circular Letter.

*Voted*, That the Board of the Infirm Ministers' Fund be Revds. A. S. Hunt, D. Freeman, J. Parker, E. M. Saunders, W. Chipman and Brethren James Bligh, Mahew Beckwith, and Rupert Eaton, and that Rupert Eaton be Treasurer.

The Committee on Missions reported. The Report of the Home Missionary Board read. Remarks made by Revds. D. Freeman, W. Burton, M. Normondy, H. Angel, A. Chipman, W. Hall, Dr. Tupper, Dr. Pryor, H. Eagles, A. Porter, T. Delong, R. N. Beckwith, I. Wallace, E. N. Harris.

Dr. Cramp moved a series of resolutions as an appendix to the Report, all of which were adopted. (See Appendix B.)

The Association adjourned to give place to the Sabbath School Convention. (See Appendix)

*Morning Session, June 23.*

Prayer by Rev. I. J. Skinner.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Rev. Dr. Cramp presented the following preamble and Resolution.

*Whereas*, Information has been received to the effect that the late W. S. Jacobs, Esq., of Liverpool, bequeathed by his last will and testament the following sums to the benevolent objects of our Denomination, viz., £1,000 to Acadia College.

500 to Foreign Missions.

500 to Domestic Missions.

500 to Infirm Ministers' Fund.

*Therefore resolved*, That this Association cherishing affectionate remembrance of their esteemed brother the late W. S. Jacobs, indulge the hope that other brethren will follow his example by aiding our Institutions in the final distribution of their property; which was adopted.

*Voted*, That the Letter from members of the Dartmouth Church be handed over to the Home Missionary Board for their consideration.

The Committee on Union Societies reported. Report adopted. (See Appendix C)

*Voted*, That this Association contemplate, with great interest, the proceeding of the various Temperance organizations now in this Province, and earnestly recommend to the Churches of which it is composed, an increasing manifestation of zeal and persistency of effort on behalf of that cause.



*Voted*, That the Rev. A. H. Munro be requested to give his sermon on "Hindrances to the Gospel," preached before the Association, to the public, either through the *Messenger* or such other channel as may seem best.

*Voted*, That the Committee on Obituaries be discharged, as there is no necessity for a report.

*Voted*, That Revds. A. S. Hunt and D. Freeman be requested to act in conjunction with Rev. Dr. Tupper and G. Armstrong, the brethren appointed at the Western Association in preparing a Catechism for the religious instruction of the young.

The Committee on Education reported. Remarks by Revds. Dr. Tupper, W. Hall, Bro. J. W. Barss, and Prof. J. deMill. Report adopted. (See Appendix D.)

Rev. James Parker presented the following resolution.

*Whereas*, it has been reported that Bro. J. W. Barss has expressed his intention to resign the office of Treasurer of Acadia College :

*And whereas* such a step would be seriously detrimental to the interests of that Institution :

*Therefore resolved*, That the Association do heartily express their gratitude to Bro. Barss for his unwearied efforts in this behalf, and earnestly request that he would continue in his present position.

Adjourned to give place to the Education Society to hold its meeting.

For Report see Appendix.

Association resumed its business.

*Voted*, That after paying the necessary expenses of the Association, the balance of monies received be placed in the hands of the Treasurers of the different Societies embraced in its appropriations.

*Resolved*, That the cordial thanks of the Association be presented to the Upper Aylesford Church and congregation, and to the other friends in the vicinity, for their kindness and hospitality during the present session, and to the choir, in connection with said congregation for their excellent music, and also to our Methodist friends for the use of their house of worship on the Lords-day.

After prayer by Rev. W. Burton, the Association adjourned to meet with the Chester Church on the third Saturday in June, 1864, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

E. O. READ, *Secretary*.

Upper Aylesford, June 23rd., 1863.



## CIRCULAR LETTER.

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TO THE CHURCHES COMPOSING THE NOVA SCOTIA CENTRAL  
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

*Dear Brethren,*

We design addressing you on religious revivals. The importance of just views on this subject, will, doubtless, be readily conceded. A large and interesting part of the history of the Baptists of this and the neighbouring Province, is a history of religious awakenings; such as have sent renewed and powerful impulses to every department of Denominational enterprise.

That churches and ministers should be alive to the importance of such awakenings, and prepared to distinguish the genuine from the spurious, and their right use from the abuse is, assuredly, most desirable to the whole christian world, but especially to a denomination, where progress has been most closely identified with such especial tokens of the grace of God.

Let us state in a few words, what we, as a denomination, mean by a revival of religion, and what are some of the immediate effects upon the Church, by which the genuine work may be known.

A revival of religion is the effect of the outpouring of the Spirit of God upon His people. On the day of Pentecost the Spirit of God came down upon the people, and there was a revival. The Spirit accompanied the word spoken by the Apostles at various times and places, and the cause of God was revived. The doctrine of the agency of the Spirit of God in the work of regeneration, has ever had a prominent place in our Denominational belief, and may we ever hold it with undying tenacity, for assuredly there can be no change in man's

fallen nature, no complete restoration to the favour of Heaven, independent of the Spirit of God. The Saviour distinctly taught this doctrine. "It is the Spirit that quickeneth."—John vi. 63. "God is a spirit and they that worship Him, must worship Him in spirit and in truth." John iv. 24. The Apostles taught it. "He that raised up Jesus from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His Spirit that dwelleth in you." Rom viii. 11. "For through Him we both have access by one spirit unto the Father." Ephesians ii. 18. The necessity of this Divine agency is evident if we admit the doctrine of man's depravity, and may be demonstrated from every feature in our moral nature. Its office is to guide men into all truth; and is given in answer to prayer. Christ said, "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." John iii. 5. Every true conversion is therefore the Spirit's work, and every genuine revival the shedding forth of the Spirit of God. We have said that the spirit is given in answer to prayer, when its blessings do not follow our petitions, it must be because we ask amiss, see James iv. 3.

In our inquiry we propose adverting to some of the more immediate results of the Spirit's work in revivals. It produces *a united and vigorous activity* in the Church. This activity is a revival. The world feels it, and gives its constrained testimony. Obdurate and determined transgressors, forced by a Divine influence; yield to a conscience now, being quickened to confess their faith in God's word, and seek at the cross of Christ the oft rejected salvation.

When the Church is inactive, the ways of Zion mourn, christian hearts and hopes languish and droop, the world seems proof against all the reasonable demands of God; and the records of the Church chronicle a progress painfully small.

A consciousness of *individual* responsibility on the part of church members, is another fruit of the Spirit's work, and appears in genuine revivals of religion. The truth is palpable

and painful, that many church members form an inadequate notion of individual responsibility. In times of revival this error is corrected, members are found occupying their right position, and working for the cause, under a deep and solemn conviction of their personal accountability to God. Our brethren must not forget, that, the church, in which their lot is cast, so far as human agency exerts a moulding power, is just what their individual energies and devotedness make it.— This conception of our personal indebtedness to serve God is of vast consequence, leading as it assuredly must, to frequent and searching self-examination, and the culture of that holiness "without which no man shall see the Lord." Personal effort for the salvation of men perishing in unbelief reproduces in our own hearts, the blessing we aim to extend, and supplies additional assurances, in this life, of God's favour, and a well grounded hope of the approving smile of the great Judge. Assured of the importance of this thought, we would recommend its consideration at all times. But let it stand boldly forth as distinctly characteristic of all revivals, and illustrating to an observing world the real nature of the work.

With the above views and convictions, as a denomination, we are prepared to repel the scoffers' taunts and ridicule, and show that revivals are not mere excited and aroused enthusiasm, not the passing and fragile effect of heated thought, destined soon to vanish amid the encircling besetments of life; not the mere results of ecclesiastical mechanism, attracting attention and inviting criticism by periodical developments; but the work of that Almighty Power which transformed a maddened and persecuting Saul into a preacher of righteousness and a martyr, and made an obscure genuine monk the defiant and successful antagonist of Rome, a power, directing to this day, the vast yet simple machinery of the Gospel, as it reaches man's heart, and glorifies God in saving with an eternal salvation.

Let us imagine a church enjoying such a revival as above adverted to, and the *importance* and *advantage* of religious

awakenings will be seen from other points of observation.—  
*First, As regards members of the Church.* Many of us have witnessed the most happy illustration of this thought, when, as with electric power the truth has fallen upon the minds of our brethren, "The Lord is in this place." From the centre to remote corners the truth flies as upon the wings of the wind, "The Spirit of God is with us." The Lord is reviving His work. Nothing so touches and arouses the hearts of God's children. They rush forth to witness the work, and to share in the refreshing tokens of God's love.

We especially refer to a class of members, too numerous, we fear, in all churches, brethren, who from causes not now to be considered, readily fall into coldness of heart and forgetfulness of duty, weak in faith, feeble in effort and influence, and almost lost sight of amid the engagements of life. Such, if their conversion was a work of grace, will profit largely by a revival, old hopes spring up into renewed life, feeble faith gets a renewed element of strength, the world is constrained to relax its hold upon the affections; besetting sins are confessed and forsaken, and a brighter future gladdens the heart, that may have often in secret mourned over its own inability to rise superior to the tempter's power. Upon all members, however strong or feeble, a revival effects a most healthful and happy result.

There is also another class, in our congregations, largely influenced by revivals, I refer to those, who, when religion seems to languish, are brought to indulge a secret hope, that they have tasted the love of God. When the ways Zion mourn, the Word faithfully preached, does "not return void," but is "as bread cast upon the water," it reaches the sinner's heart, the power is felt, hope begins, and the dawn of the new life is known by thirsting for the Divine Fountain. In its inert coldness, the church, affords no encouragement to such, it is not prepared to nurse the new-born child of grace, when it is cast upon its frigid sympathies, little of religious experience is

heard except from the pulpit, and too often the mind of the minister partakes of the prevailing apathy. Hence the new possessor of the Pearl of great Price, with all his exercises compressed within himself, and knowing nothing of God's work on other hearts, hardly dares believe that he has tasted the heavenly gift, or been brought from darkness and bondage to the light and freedom of God's chosen and saved children. Revivals always draw such forth, to the privileges and use of gospel ordinances. These are, to minds exercised as above stated, of unspeakable value; and thus to the minister of Christ is seen such results of labor, under, it may be, trial and fears, as encourage and stimulate to continued and persevering toil.

May it not be desirable that we should devote a moment in contemplating the importance of revivals to *the world*. Were it not for these *golden seasons*, we fear, the world would receive through the church but a diminished blessing. In every genuine work of grace, the world is profoundly impressed, many a gain-sayer's mouth is closed, many a scoffer's finger falls paralyzed and many an unwilling tongue is compelled to confess that "there is something in all this." Thus revivals of religion furnish the world with undeniable assurance that God by his spirit works in the hearts of men, seeking "to save that which is lost."

In speaking of the importance of religious awakenings to the several classes of our congregations, we must not overlook the bearing they have upon the ministry. That which aids the pastor aids the church.

Of all employments that of preaching the gospel would be the least inviting to him who feel the worth of souls, were it not for the "set time to favour Zion." This nerves the heart to labor and endure hardness as a good soldier, the weak are strong and the timid bold when learning that it is not by human worth or power but by the Spirit of God. In revivals we gain assurance that God is with us, and our labor is not in

vain, that we have not mistaken our work, or our Master's requirements, that we are not spending our strength for nought; therefore of all results that can possibly afford encouragement to the minister of Christ, a genuine revival stands immeasurably high and beyond all others.

It, as we have hinted, revivals act upon the minds of the Church, arousing and quickening all to a more intense perception of things spiritual, if they so develope hopes, demanding encouragement, if they supply the world with such assurances of the reality of religion, and afford such motives for inquiry and prayer, if they so excite and energise the ministry, presenting encouragement, amid all the hindrances peculiar to the work; then are they of immense value, and the means employed, by which such seasons may be enjoyed, demand a prayerful examination.

We will, therefore invite attention to this thought and briefly consider the means we should employ, that our churches may enjoy the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in reviving God's children and converting sinners.

We place in the foreground the faithful preaching of the gospel. For this means ordained of God no substitute can be found; it is God's appointed instrument for converting the world; by the preaching of the Cross, with the accompanying power of the Divine Spirit shall the day dawn, when all shall know the Lord. The commission given to the Apostles by their ascending Lord was "Go into *all* the world and preach the Gospel to *every* creature." This is also the commission of every successor of the Apostles, and every one moved by the Spirit to preach Christ to man, is a successor of the Apostles, who from Bethany witnessed the Ascension of Christ. The Church cannot thrive without a preached gospel. To us who are saved it is the power of God.

Whatever other means may be used, however effective, such may be in directing the thoughts of men to Christ, a preached gospel must nevertheless stand prominently forward and have



precedent of all other agencies used for evangelising the world. There have been few great spiritual manifestations in the Church dissociated from the preaching of the Gospel. With such views and facts it becomes our duty to press the consideration of this subject upon our churches. Aim, brethren, as far as possible to sustain the preacher in his work, have the gospel preached among you, and not only labor to sustain it in your several neighbourhoods and congregations, but let the calling forth and encouragement of young men, whom you believe God has called to this work, be prominent among your various thoughts and places for doing good.

If you would have, in churches, a spirit of active piety and a consecration of talent and wealth to the cause of truth, worthy the name of Christ; then sustain with untiring devotedness the preacher in his work, and in this way, we firmly believe, God will revive his Church.

We have placed the work of the minister as the most prominent instrumentality in revivals, but there are other means to which the eye of the church should be directed. The *talents* and *piety* of private members are of no inconsiderable value in the service of God, as means for securing the triumphs of truth. In all, or most of our churches, there are men of talent and sterling value, commanding and securing to themselves the respect of *those without*, by their moral and intellectual worth. Doubtless this capability for swaying other minds, is the gift of God, and as we are not our own but the Lord's, this talent belongs to God; and His service and glory demand its use. Many of our present ministers know, by the most happy results, the immense worth of such members, when realising their real position in the kingdom of Christ.—Here we must express our deep regret, that the practice of *Lay Preaching*, as it is generally designated,—we do not like the name,—has died out from our churches—would that it were revived. We also fear that the good old *Baptist* custom of exhortation is also in danger, evidently it does not have the

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place in our Church exercise and enlargement, it once had. A number of our churches are large—extending over a wide area, making due attention to every part, by one mind, almost an impossibility. Every pastor knows how profitably brethren possessing *good gifts* might exercise such *endowment*, and how much such exercises would aid in reviving the cause of God. Such members cannot be too highly prized, they are the real burden-bearers of the Church. Almost invariably have we observed how intimately the efforts of such were associated with religious awakenings. To a pastor they are a *tower of strength*. May many such come forth to share in the glorious work of preaching Christ crucified.

We must call attention to another means used in almost all our churches for securing religious revivals. At certain periods our churches, for a number of consecutive days and even weeks, hold series of religious exercises, and results not only confirm the practice, but constrain us to contemplate *protracted meetings* as important means for reviving our churches. Often has the world treated them with scorn and derision, and some sections of the Christian Church, have seen in them only the fruits of error and fanaticism, but to us facts speak loudly, and to day we stand before God, and bless Him for protracted meetings. We admit, like other good institutions, this has not been without its abuses, and it remains for the judicious pastor and enlightened church to protect the cause of truth and righteousness from all abuse.

We have long regarded the practice of devoting a portion of time to the use of special means of grace as most reasonable, if not decidedly obligatory. We are not alone in this view. The Church of England has its Lental season and for forty days its members meet to worship and pray, we presume, for the conversion of men. And what is this but a protracted meeting established by the law of the church, and made venerable by high antiquity? That God's people, longing for the conversion of the world and burning with a desire to witness

the triumphs of grace, should by their own christian principles and impulses, take a little time from the world and devote it to the reviving of religion, is certainly compatible with the entire aspect of christian life and experience. In vain is it urged that in insisting upon such means we undervalue the divinely appointed and ordinary means for promulgating saving knowledge. This objection can have force only when the advocates of protracted meetings neglect those divinely appointed instrumentalities, and undervalue the Sabbath and its privileges.

If we are allowed to present our own experience and observation it would be to testify that when the church has spent a week in prayer and praise, the Lord's day seems more precious and the exercises affect the heart with more than ordinary profit. It is generally true, that those so terribly alarmed and fearful of religious excitement seldom have to face the object of such painful forebodings.

In rural districts there are seasons peculiarly favourable, where the means of grace are not presented. Such times are devoted to unprofitable amusements, and in some instances to dissipation. A series of religious exercises rightly conducted and sustained by the energies of the church is likely to direct a large part of the public mind into another and better channel. The minds of youth are readily impressed, the constant and consistent appliance of the gospel amply confirms this.—We trust that the derision of the world will not deter our churches from means already so signally owned in the conversion of sinners. Let us aim at a consistent arrangement of all the connected exercises,—but cherish the conviction that time thus spent is well spent.

It is no part of our design to enlarge on the subordinate results of such meetings, such as arousing cold-hearted members, developing the gifts of the church, supplying the community where held, with extra means, but to present the general truth, that protracted meetings are most efficient means for reviving the cause of religion.

We would merely hint at the subject of Prayer-meetings, and remark that any church expecting the shedding forth of God's Spirit will sustain its Prayer meetings. And any church member alive to the value of religious awakenings will, at all times fill his place in the Prayer meeting.

Sabbath Schools deserve a passing thought, glad are we that this institution is beginning to occupy its right place in our denomination. As an agency for reviving and extending the Redeemer's kingdom it cannot be over estimated. We believe that it is a mighty agent in the hand of God for converting the world.

Let us suggest a few considerations that urge and encourage us in the use of means for the reviving of religion.

A revived church is an active church, an unrevived church is inactive, a church "neither cold or hot." Wide, indeed, is the difference between the two, an active church is what God designed it to be, its activities are therefore promotive of His glory. It enjoys the presence of God, and that union, love, strength, devotedness, and piety, which are the fruits of the Spirit, "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance," Gal. v. 22, 23.

The conversion of sinners, strongly urge to the use of means, and is a motive power, by no means insignificant. God evidently sustains his church that through it the gospel may reach the world and save souls. The kingdoms of this world are to become the kingdoms of our Lord. In this great revolution the Church of Christ is to act a distinguished part. In this work as a denomination, we shall be honored of God in the proportion that we employ the divinely appointed means.

It is well known that revivals operate most happily upon our several Denominational Institutions. A revival in a church, however small or remote, is felt in all departments of denominational enterprise. Our Missionary, in India, feels it; destitute churches, looking for aid to the Missionary Board feel it;

Professors and students at the College feel it. For a Spirit, of christian aggressiveness, and philanthropy, is identical with religion revived. And surely we need such renewings of whatever brings increased vitality to the churches, constrains the willing consecration of talent and substance to sustain and enlarge institutions, closely associated with the victory of faith. Evidently a church sustains its true relations to the world, when revived, and then only can exert its legitimate influence in elevating and saving fallen man.

In conclusion we remark that the thoughts on Revivals, as above expressed, have strongly impressed our own mind, and we believe they commend themselves to all who love the kingdom of Christ, and labor for its increase. Upon a number of our churches God, in great compassion, has shed out His Spirit, the gospel has been clothed with power; and in this our annual meeting, we rejoice over enlarged success. In a number of churches, many are added, we trust, who are destined in the purposes of God to share in new triumphs yet to be won. We invite attention to the above subject, that a Spirit of activity may come as a heavenly baptism upon us, and those precious awakenings gladden and cheer us all. Amid the ambitions of life, an ambition to enlarge our churches, to send the truth of God into all the world, and save the guilty from the wrath of God and the Lamb, is surely worthy of prayerful and ceaseless culture. Be assured, brethren, that God is waiting to be gracious. His ears are yet open to hear, and His arm yet nerved with Almighty energy to save. And if we are faithful to our high profession and trust, God will pour us out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it. See Malachi iii. 10.

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## APPENDIX.

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### THE CHRISTIAN MESSENGER.

The Committee believe the support of a weekly paper, devoted to the interest of the Denomination, indispensable. As a medium for carrying to our churches information relative to our various department of labor, it has a place not otherwise to be filled. The Committee believe that the paper has been well conducted, and approve of the course pursued by the Editor. They would recommend it to the continued support of the Denomination, and trust that every family will realise the importance of taking it. Especially is it desirable, that the young should be encouraged to interest themselves in its support, as the habit of reading and gaining knowledge relative to the various questions of the day, religious or otherwise, is of great moment, and intimately connected with the future position and influence of the young.

A. S. HUNT, *Chairman.*

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### MISSIONS.

The Committee on missions beg leave to report:—

That the continued favors bestowed by the God of missions on the efforts being made from time to time prove that this is intended as one of the principal means of reclaiming the world to Christ, and hence the subject of missions claims a large share of our attention, our warmest sympathies and enlarged support.

The foreign field has an increasing interest, and your Committee would suggest the importance, at the earliest possible opportunity of securing and sending forth a missionary to take charge of some foreign field. They would, however, chiefly urge the pressing claims of the Home Missionary enterprise, and would recommend that the Home Missionary Board, now located at Halifax, be supported, sustained, and encouraged. And that monies raised by the Churches, so far as practicable, be placed at the disposal of this Board.

The French Mission is, at present, in an encouraging state. There are many among the French population enquiring after the truth. One has recently been baptised who gives great promise of usefulness. A Mission School is about being established with encouraging indications. The Committee regret to learn that the French Mission has received, during the past year, very little support from the Churches composing this Association, and would earnestly recommend that some better system of collection be adopted. For the whole work we need more missionary zeal, as well as larger contributions. Regular quarterly collections would tend to increase the latter, and effort and prayer may increase the former. May we, as a denomination, become more liberal and useful in this great cause.

T. A. HIGGINS, *Chairman.*

#### RESOLUTIONS APPENDED TO THE ABOVE REPORT.

*Resolved*, 1. That the missionary operations, in which our denomination is engaged, requires far more liberal support than they have hitherto received.

2. That the Home Missionary field presents powerful inducements to christian enterprise, and ought to be much more extensively cultivated; and that the destitute districts and vacant churches in that field call for energetic effort, carried on in faith and prayer.

3. That the French Mission is manifestly a work which God has blessed, and which gives indications of yet greater blessing.

4. That our Foreign Mission is in a highly encouraging state, inviting the employment of missionaries of our own, whose support could easily be furnished by the Churches of these Provinces.

5. That in view of the whole, the members of this Association record the expression of their solemn conviction that we have sadly failed in our duty as stewards for God, our contributions for missionary purposes being at the present time discredibly small, and desire to stir up one another to more enlarged benevolence and effort.

6. That the directors of our Missionary Institutions be encouraged to "attempt great things" in their respective spheres of labour, in the belief that the Churches will sustain them.

7. That the brethren now assembled do pledge themselves to pray more, in reference to this great cause, and to hold themselves under obligation, henceforward, to give as God has prospered them towards its support, so that the existing destitution may be supplied



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## UNION SOCIETIES.

Your Committee are of opinion that the Union Society plan furnishes the best means of raising funds for the various benevolent objects embraced in our Association; and if efficiently carried into operation the amount might easily be very largely increased.

It is painfully apparent, however, that comparatively little is accomplished for want of proper attention to the working of the Societies at the proper time. Too generally their operations are postponed till a few days before the Association, and even then but feeble efforts are made. If the members of our churches would follow the Apostolic injunction to "lay by in store on the first day of the week as God hath prospered them," there would be abundance of the needful to sustain all our benevolent institutions.

Your Committee would earnestly recommend, that public meetings be held quarterly in all our churches, for the express purpose of presenting the claims of our institutions upon the benevolent feelings and efforts of our people, and of making systematic arrangements whereby every member of the churches and communities may have the privilege of giving something to aid in the good work of spreading the gospel, and thus realize the truth of God's word, that "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

Respectfully submitted.

I. J. SKINNER, *Chairman.*

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## EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education have pleasure in stating that during the past year our Institutions have been conducted satisfactorily, and have enjoyed an encouraging degree of prosperity.

As the progress of Horton Academy and the Female Seminary are fully detailed in the Report of the Executive Committee of the Education Society, your Committee will



confine their attention at this time to Acadia College. The information they have received warrants them in asserting that the College was never in a more efficient state. Upwards of thirty students have been in attendance, and the Professors present generally favourable Reports respecting their diligence, their attainments, and their conduct. Two graduates have also attended, for the purpose of learning the Hebrew language, and pursuing theological study. Not only has the prescribed course been strictly adhered to, but encouragement has been given to advanced students to engage in additional exercises, and thereby gain honours. About one-third of the whole number are entitled to Honour Certificates in Classics. The same system will be adopted in the other departments, and there is reason to believe that it will be similarly successful.

During the past year the College was favoured with the addition of the Rev. Dr. Pryor to the staff of Professors. He gave instruction in Rhetoric, Political Economy, and Intellectual Philosophy. His engagement has now terminated, but your Committee learn with satisfaction that arrangements are made by which suitable instruction will continue to be given in the abovementioned branches, and on a diminished scale of expenditure.

Your Committee regret to be informed that the number of candidates for the ministry now in our Institutions is unusually small. Recent revivals, it may be hoped, will result in the consecration of sanctified talent to the service of the Lord.

The completion of the endowment of Acadia College is earnestly to be desired. In the mean time, the duty and pleasure of furnishing annual support must fall upon the churches, and thus the whole denomination will be continually reminded of its obligations, and urged to regard with deeper interest the cause of education, based on religious principle. The Baptists of Nova Scotia will cherish with growing affection this child of their prayers, and sustain it with tenderest solicitude.

Respectfully submitted.

J. M. CRAMP, *Chairman.*

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# MINISTERS IN THE CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

Names.	Residence.	Date of Ordination.	Place of Ordination.
Rev. J. Bancroft .....	Newport, East.....	Mar. 8, 1849.	Rawdon.
" N. Baker .....	Tancook.....	.....	River John.
" W. Chipman.....	Pleasant Valley....	Mar. 19, 1829.	Pleasant Valley.
" J. M. Cramp, D.D.	Wolfville.....	May 7, 1818.	London, G. B.
" Geo. Dimock .....	Newport, West.....	Aug. 7, 1820.	Newport.
" S. W. deBois.....	Wolfville.....	Feb. 26, 1854.	Chester.
" D. Freeman.....	Canning.....	Aug. 1855.	Halifax.
" T. A. Higgins.....	Wolfville.....	Aug. 30, 1857.	Liverpool.
" A. S. Hunt.....	Canard, Cornwallis.	Nov. 10, 1844.	Dartmouth.
" A. H. Munro.....	Halifax.....	Dec. 10, 1857.	Digby Joggins.
" J. Parker.....	Billtown, Cornwallis.	May 19, 1842.	Up. Wilmot.
" S. T. Rand.....	Hantsport.....	Oct. 7, 1834.	Cornwallis.
" E. O. Read.....	Gaspereaux.....	Jan. 8, 1858.	Gaspereaux.
" J. L. Read.....	Upper Aylesford.....	June 30, 1858.	Hopewell, N.B.
" E. M. Saunders.....	West Cornwallis.....	Dec. 15, 1856.	W. Cornwallis.
" I. J. Skinner.....	Chester.....	Sep. 19, 1858.	Port Medway.
" J. Stevens.....	Rawdon.....	Aug. 4, 1830.	Horton.
" B. Taylor.....	New Germany.....	July 13, 1842.	Chelsea.
" B. Vaughan.....	Kempt.....	May 4, 1842.	Wolfville.
" D. M. Welton.....	Windsor.....	Sep. 2, 1857.	Windsor. [R.I.]
" John Pryor, D.D.	Halifax.....	.....	Providence.
" T. Delong.....	New Germany.....	Feb. 1834.	New Albany.
" R. R. Philp.....	Sackville.....	Oct. 12, 1854.	Margaree, C.B.
" D. G. Shaw.....	Falmouth.....	Jan. 24, 1860.	Falmouth.
" D. Pineo.....	Long Point.....	Dec. 24, 1844.	Greenwich.
" R. Walker.....	Aylesford.....	June 3, 1856.	L. Aylesford.
" Jacob Allan.....	New Guysboro Rd..	.....	.....

## INFIRM MINISTER'S FUND, in account with J. W. BARSS, Treasurer.

1862.		Dr.	
June 24.	Paid Rev. W. Coldwell's widow,.....	£21 10	0
Sept. 17.	Rev. C. Randall, for Rev. W. Jackson,.....	5 0	0
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		55 3	3 1/2
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June 20, 1863.

J. W. BARSS, Treasurer.



Returns were also made in some of the letters from some Churches, of Monies paid into the Treasurers of the different Societies, but as those amounts did not pass through the hands of the Treasurer of the Association, no account could properly be given of them.

J. P. GRAVES,

**SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION.**

UPPER AYLESFORD, JUNE 23, 1863.

The chair was taken by S. Selden, Esq.

Prayer was offered by Rev. William Chipman.

The Secretary presented a report embracing tabular statistics of the Schools, also a written document, which was subsequently ordered to be published in the *Christian Messenger*.

On motion for the adoption of the report, an animated discussion arose on Sabbath Schools, also with respect to a catechism and a manual for the young, in which the following brethren took part : Rev. A. H. Munro, T. H. Rand, Rev. Joseph Saunders, Rupert Eaton, Revs. H. Angell, C. Tupper, D. D., William Hall, William Clapman, A. S. Hunt, J. M. Cramp, D. D., and J. W. Barss.

The chairman then thanked the Association on behalf of the Convention, and adjourned to meet in Chester next year.

SCHOOLS.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	SCHOLARS.		TEACHERS.			No. in Bible Class.	Members of Church in B. C. and S. S.	Vols. in Library.	Expended during the year.			
		Total.	Female.	Male.	Total.	Female.					Male.		
Windsor	Wm. Sabine	44	49	93	66	30	6	300	\$61.40				
Walton	Micht. Burgess	13	15	28	22	5	...	75	7.75				
Falmouth Union Missionary School	Andw. Shaw	30	39	69	60	11	6	850	15.00				
Wolfeville	J. W. Bars	40	65	105	80	4	...	250	50.00				
Wolfeville	W. J. Gates	25	23	48	40	8	4	150	...				
Bridgewater	W. J. Gates	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...				
"	Corkum settlement.	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...				
"	Lapland	...	...	...	...	5	...	100	10.00				
Jennex	J. Jennex	36	33	69	60	10	23	100	5.50				

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Rawdon 1st.....	J. S. Witter.....
" 2nd.....	John McLean.....
Newport, East.....	John McLean.....
Indian Harbor.....	J. Bancroft.....

Windsor.....	Wm. Sabine.....	44	49	93	66	8	7	15	30	6	300	\$61.40
Walton.....	Michl. Burgess.....	13	15	28	22	2	3	5	.....	.....	75	7.75
Falmouth Union Missionary School.....	Andw. Shaw.....	30	39	69	60	5	6	11	.....	6	350	15.00
Wolville.....	J. W. Bars.....	40	65	105	80	4	10	14	.....	.....	250	50.00
Bridgewater.....	W. J. Gates.....	25	48	40	4	4	4	8	.....	4	150	.....
" Cockum settlement.....	W. J. Gates.....	.....	.....	20	3	2	2	5	.....	.....	100	10.00
" Lapland.....	W. J. Gates.....	.....	.....	35	3	2	2	5	.....	.....	100	10.00
Jeddore.....	J. Jenuex.....	36	33	69	60	4	6	10	.....	23	100	5.50

2nd Cornwallis	F. C. West	28	42	50	70	4	4	5	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rawdon Ist.	John McLearn	33	37	81	70	8	2	5	.....	.....	.....	.....
Newport, Ind.	John McLearn	43	38	.....	25	2	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....
Indian Harbor	J. Bancroft	18	25	44	30	3	3	2	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hallifax Granville Street	Geo. J. Richardson	20	17	35	3	2	2	5	.....	.....	.....	.....
" North Church	J. McVean	32	40	72	54	4	5	13	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chester Town	Geo. Robbins	32	70	122	78	8	10	18	.....	.....	.....	.....
" Basin	I. J. Skinner	.....	.....	70	.....	.....	.....	9	.....	.....	.....	.....
" M. Cove	I. J. Skinner	.....	.....	45	.....	.....	.....	9	.....	.....	.....	.....
" East	I. J. Skinner	.....	.....	35	.....	.....	.....	7	.....	.....	.....	.....
" Canaan	I. J. Skinner	.....	.....	30	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....
4th Cornwallis	Gideon Beardsley	.....	.....	24	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Germany	T. Delong	35	35	70	63	5	3	8	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gaspereau	.....	55	51	105	81	9	7	16	.....	.....	.....	.....
Canan Schools	.....	80	80	160	160	13	12	25	.....	.....	.....	.....
Upper Aylesford Ist.	Dea. Thos. Rand	225	200	425	180	35	38	73	.....	.....	.....	.....
" 2nd	J. L. Read	51	30	81	.....	5	3	8	.....	.....	.....	.....
Berwick	.....	25	16	41	.....	4	1	15	.....	.....	.....	.....
Billtown	G. W. Fisher	86	73	159	159	9	6	15	.....	.....	.....	.....
" S. District	.....	42	32	75	65	4	5	9	.....	.....	.....	.....
" Halls Harbor	.....	25	25	50	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
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Thirty-one of the churches in this Association have forwarded statistics of their Sabbath Schools. 25 of these give statistics in full. Three of the letters refer to their Sabbath Schools without giving any statistics. Three Sabbath Schools have been organised by Missionaries. There are doubtless other schools in operation not reported. It is exceedingly desirable that the returns be sent in from all the Sabbath Schools within the bounds of this Association in order that the reports at the Annual meetings be full and correct. We would like to impress upon the minds of our brethren engaged in the work, the necessity of carefully attending to the matter, that hereafter our reports may give a correct account of this field of christian effort.

D. FREEMAN, Secretary Central Board.



PROVINCIAL  
**Baptist Sabbath School Convention.**

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THE Annual Meeting of the Provincial S. S. Convention was held with the Eastern Association at Bedeque, Prince Edward Island, July 7th, 1863.

Reports from the Western, Central, and Eastern sections were presented, and addresses given by Revds. D. W. G. Dimock, D. Freeman, J. E. Balcom, and John Davis.

The following officers were chosen :

GENERAL BOARD FOR THE PROVINCE :—S. Selden, President ;  
Rev. A. H. Munro, Secretary ; Dr. Pryor, Treasurer.

WESTERN BOARD :—Rev. H. Angell, Chairman ; Rev. J. H. Saunders, Secretary ; S. Brown, Treasurer.

CENTRAL BOARD :—J. W. Barss, Chairman ; Rev. D. Freeman, Secretary ; Rupert Eaton, Treasurer.

EASTERN BOARD :—Rev. J. E. Balcom, Chairman ; T. H. Rand, Secretary ; David Page, Treasurer.

Adjourned to meet with the Association to be held at Paradise, Wilmot, June, 1864.

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The experiment made to obtain correct statistics of the Sabbath Schools connected with the Baptist Churches in this Province, by means of Circulars addressed to the superintendents, has not been so successful as might have been anticipated, but it has secured a marked improvement in the returns which are more numerous and full. Last year only 56 churches out of 153 sent in reports of their S. Schools. This year 91 churches furnished reports, 17 of the Circulars sent by mail have not been returned. The following statistics therefore, though as perfect as can be obtained, do not contain by any means, a full statement of all that is done by our churches in the great work of S. School instruction.

A. H. MUNRO, Sec. S. S. Convention.



GENERAL SUMMARY OF SABBATH SCHOOLS connected  
with the Baptist Churches in the three Associations.

Associations.	No. of Schools.	Scholars.			Average attendance.	Teachers.			In Bible Classes.	Pupils Members of Church.	Volumes in Libraries.	Amount expended.
Western.	38	1484	1594	3078	2582	237	213	450	264	589	6580	\$549.75
Eastern.	25	501	461	962	799	79	80	159	141	111	2768	167.29
Central.	31	1099	1080	2159	1861	171	167	338	171	124	4846	352.15
	94	3084	3115	6199	5242	487	460	947	576	824	14194	1069.19

# REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE

## Nova Scotia Baptist Education Society.

THE Executive Committee of the Nova Scotia Baptist Education Society have much satisfaction in again presenting their Annual Report. The Institution which, for more than thirty years, has enjoyed the confidence and support of the Baptist Denomination, continues, your Committee believe, to deserve the enlarged patronage of all who love the cause of education. There is reason to cherish the assurance that, to this great work of supplying to the youth of Nova Scotia means for a liberal education, God has given His sanction and blessed the efforts put forth. The labor and time already spent but lay the foundation for the future of the Institutions at Horton, and your Committee hope and believe that the Academy is but entering upon a career of usefulness that shall in coming years identify it with the best interests of this land. In reviewing the past year, your Committee have no fault to find, while at the same time many improvements demand our attention and continued labor. The teachers who began the year have continued in the untiring discharge of their duties, always, as your Committee believe, devoted to the best interests of those under their instruction, and imparting, in accordance with the views of those most experienced as educationists, such a course of education as will not be likely to fail in developing the powers of the youthful intellect. Nor have your Committee to complain of the attendance. It has been larger than in any former year, as follows :

### MALE DEPARTMENT:—

Whole number during the year.....	150
Greatest number in attendance at one time.....	105
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Average " " " " .....	81

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The branches studied and the course generally pursued have been much as last year. The year was marked with general and a good degree of prosperity. Eight of the pupils have health entered College. Two of the young women of the Seminary have completed the course of study marked down in our curriculum, and now hold Certificates to that effect. The religious aspect of the school is

The religious aspect of the school has been more encouraging during the past year than the year previous. Meetings for exhortation and prayer have been kept by the pupils in the rooms from time to time, and good has resulted therefrom. Two young men belonging to the Academy and quite a number of the pupils of the Seminary have, during the last quarter made profession of religion and have been received into the Baptist Church. Your Committee regard these facts as significant, and believe that there is in this large Denomination, as well as in other christian communities, a growing demand for education. Be assured that an important point is reached, when the people generally value this blessing. We, however, are far from that measure of success at first aimed at, but trust the growing desire for knowledge will excite the increased activity of the many who have, at Horton, been furnished with means of enlarged usefulness.

Reasonably may your Committee rely upon those who go out from Horton to aid in the work of education. If each and all lay the claims of this Society faithfully before their several communities, many more would be found encouraged in the laudable ambition of seeking knowledge.

Your Committee would express their increased conviction that the Principal and his associates are well prepared for their work ; the experience of each year adds to their worth ; and that the course of instruction is sound and judicious, fitting those instructed at the Institution for the various places of usefulness daily presented.

While the Baptists of this Province may justly congratulate themselves on having, in years past, taken such a high and decided stand in popular education, and while expressing our grateful thanks to the Dispenser of all good, they must

not forget that success necessitates an enlargement of means for a yet higher course of instruction; for education in any country will always seek a higher or lower range. If associated with the religious affections and prayers of the Church of Christ, the tendency will be upward; dissevered from the religious element, the moral range will be downward. The work of education in this and the neighbouring Province is now employing a large number of young men, educated at Horton, and the demand will yet for a long time exceed the supply.

The Committee would direct attention especially to the Female Department of the Horton Institution. For a number of years the idea of an institution for young ladies was before this Society, but the way for the inauguration of this scheme did not present itself until two and a half years since, when, as a mere experiment, a House was rented, Teachers obtained, and the attempt made to supply female education of a high character and within reach of a larger class of society.

Your Committee had fears and hopes,—the former have not been realized, the latter have.

The Female Seminary in Horton is no longer an experiment, but a successful and necessary part of our great educational scheme. The building now occupied has been purchased at a reasonable rate, and furnished. It, however, was found insufficient to accommodate those seeking the benefits of the Seminary, and last winter, at a limited expense, some apartments additional were provided, so that the premises will now accommodate forty.

A Hall adjacent is rented for a day-school, which school is no insignificant part of the entire institution, and has been under the instruction of Miss Anna Shaw. The Principal of the Seminary, Miss Townsend, has proved herself in every way suited to her responsible station. The Committee are persuaded that their choice of a Principal was most happy and advantageous, and feel that they can assure the community at large, that in placing young ladies under the care of Miss Townsend, every reasonable expectation will be realised. At the examination during the year the classes manifested an acquaintance with the different branches, creditable alike to teacher and pupil. Miss Townsend will resume her duties in August.

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nation the necessity of having an Academical Edifice, adequate to the growing demand for Female instruction. The building now occupied, though large, is by far too small, and in many respects inconvenient and unsuited to the system of domestic management. At any time the property can be sold without loss, perhaps with gain, but a large additional sum would be needed. We trust the time is not distant when the necessary contribution will be cheerfully made. Your Committee feel happy in being prepared to supply, in both departments, a superior education, at an exceedingly low rate. The charge in the Female Department being but about \$80 for Board and instruction.

Let us humbly and gratefully acknowledge the arm that has hitherto helped us, and trace all success to God. With His help we shall do valiantly; without that help our labour is in vain. To-day, as the past is reviewed, we must exclaim, "Hitherto the Lord hath helped us." Let all our duties be contemplated in the light of truth, and success is certain.

NOVA SCOTIA BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY in account  
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		To do. towards Mr. Jones' salary,	125 0 0
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## SIXTH ANNIVERSARY

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### N. S. Baptist Home Missionary Society.

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The N. S. Baptist Home Missionary Society held their Sixth Annual Meeting in the Baptist Meeting house at Bedeque, P. E. I., on Monday 6th July, 1863, at 2 P. M.

John King, Esq., Vice President, in the chair.

The Secretary read the report of the transactions of the Board during the year.

The Report was adopted and ordered to be printed under the direction of the Board.

Remarks were made by Brethren S. Selden, Revds. John Davis, N. Vidito, J. E. Balcom, Geo. Armstrong, G. F. Miles, and Alfred Chipman.

On motion of Rev. G. F. Miles, seconded by Rev. D. W. C. Dimock, *It was resolved,*

That the thanks of this Society be tendered to Bro. R. N. Beckwith, for his efficient and gratuitous services as Secretary during the past year.

On motion of Bro. R. N. Beckwith, *It was resolved,*

That the Fifth Article of the Constitution be amended by causing five instead of seven to be a quorum at the meetings of the Board.

The following were appointed the officers of the Society and Board of Managers for the ensuing year :

#### OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.

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J. W. Nutting, *President.*

J. W. Barss, } *Vice Presidents.*

John King, }

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

R. N. Beckwith, *Secretary.*

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 Hon. J. W. Johnston,  
 Hon. J. McCully,  
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 Alex. Robinson,  
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 Francis Webber,  
 Thos. Wesley.

Adjourned to meet next year with the Central Association  
 at Chester.

## REPORT.

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THE General Board entrusted with conducting the missionary operations of the Central and Eastern Associations of the Baptist Churches of Nova Scotia, beg to submit their 6th Annual Report.

They would have rejoiced in being able to exhibit more satisfactory results of their stewardship during the past year, than the circumstances will admit of their doing. While the general amount of success which has attended missionary labor during the past has not materially varied from that of the preceding year, they regret to say the difference does not indicate increasing prosperity.

The only ground upon which the Board feel that they have any right to congratulate the denomination is, that they are at length for the first time for some years past, unembarrassed by debt, the amount of funds in their hands being about sufficient to meet their out-standing liabilities.

The summary of missionary operations during the year, which is annexed, will afford the Churches the needful information on this subject.

The constant appeals, as well as those contained in our Annual Reports, as in the frequent communications of various individuals addressed to the Churches, do not exonerate us from repeating our earnest hope that the friends of our Home Mission may be aroused to a deeper concern for its interests. With the fast increasing population of the Province, the zeal to supply their spiritual necessities should not surely be diminished.

In reviewing the fruits of the Society during the year, although it cannot be denied that great good has been done, yet taking into account the numbers and wealth of the denomination and the spiritual destitution which exists to so great an extent in many parts of the Province, it is evident that both as to the supply of funds and of the number of labourers there has been a large deficiency.

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We would, as on former occasions, urge the necessity of every church considering itself a missionary agency, and charged by its very constitution and character, with the special object of extending beyond its own social sphere, the blessings which itself enjoys in the hopes and privileges of the Gospel.

Emphatically the offspring of missionary zeal and labour, the Baptist Churches of N. S. are called on by every tie of gratitude to God, and of respect for the memory of the fathers of the denomination, to contribute liberally of their means, and volunteer their services, in the sacred cause to which those excellent men devoted so large a portion of their self denying and useful lives. Until some such spirit as this shall pervade all our churches, we shall fall far short of the task which has been assigned us by the Providence of God, and be looked on by other bodies as loiterers in the path of christian duty.

The abstract of the year's receipts and expenditures, and extracts from the letters received from the missionaries employed, are appended.

#### LUNENBURG COUNTY.

Bro. Jas. Palmer performed 4 weeks missionary labour in Sherbrooke.

Travelled 190 miles; preached 18 sermons; baptized 7; attended 6 Conference and Prayer meetings; visited 45 families; collected in aid of the mission \$18.80.

#### HANTS COUNTY.

Bro. Jas. Palmer laboured 4 weeks in the service of the Board at Walton and Kempt Shore.

Travelled 180 miles; preached 17 sermons; attended 6 social meetings; visited 64 families; collected \$6.75.

#### HALIFAX COUNTY.

Bro. Wm. Boggs performed 6 weeks missionary labour at Jeddore and Musquodoboit Harbour.

On the 22nd Aug. the following report of his labours was sent in to the Board.

I was received very kindly by the people, and found them extremely anxious to have the Gospel preached among them, a privilege which had not been theirs for some time.

On Sabbaths the congregations were large, and many seemed anxious for the return of God's Spirit to the church. The population is almost entirely Baptist. In numbers the church is large, I wish that it was as large in genuine Christianity.

I would earnestly recommend the visit of some experienced man of God to Jeddore at an early day.

Most of my time has been spent here. I visited Musquodoboit Harbour, and preached once, where there are a few who belong to the flock.

Although I have not the pleasure of reporting any cases of conversion, still I feel that I have not laboured without encouragement. I have endeavoured, as far as I was enabled, to present the truths of the Gospel of Christ plainly and affectionately, hoping in God that the labours may not be in vain.

Travelled 325 miles; preached 17 sermons; attended 8 Conference and Prayer meetings; visited 41 families; collected on behalf of the Board \$28.75.

Rev. Jacob Allan spent 8 weeks in the service of the Board at Hammonds Plains, Preston, and Guysborough Road.

Preached 17 sermons; baptized 3; collected in aid of mission \$6.22½.

#### CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

Rev. Alfred Chipman performed 13½ weeks missionary labours at Glenville, River Philip and Little River.

Preached 44 sermons; attended 34 Conference and Prayer meetings; collected in aid \$43.50.

On the 30th of March, the following report was received:

My meetings were chiefly held in private houses. The great external want of the cause of Christ at Glenville, now, is a suitable place of worship.

The people would not be long in erecting, at least, a School House to replace the one recently destroyed by fire, were they rallied to that object a little more. When will the right man, burning with compassion and the spirit of self sacrifice for souls, that are now perishing in that region, be sent thither? The Lord hasten it in his time continues to be my prayer.

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River Philip including East Branch, presents a very hopeful prospect for faithful Baptist effort.

But the truth, as sown, through the instrumentality of Baptists, has not been lost there. Secret fruits of it still exist; and shall not our former ground on that River be more than regained at no distant day. Brethren of our denomination let your prayers and pecuniary contributions secure this result. I may add that ere this it is probable Bro. Miles has baptized and received into the fellowship of the Amherst Church, one very interesting convert, living in River Philip. She desired to be baptized at the River, but unite with the Amherst Church.

I must be brief about Little River. Here I spent my most discouraging and most happy hours during those three months. When I went to Little River last August, the cause there could scarcely be in a much lower state, and yet maintain a nominal existence, and so it continued for several weeks. But the Lord was gracious to Little River last autumn. I proposed holding some extra meetings, and the only encouragement to do so, outward at least, seemed to be the growing desire among the people to have them. Bro. Miles came over according to promise, and there was much encouragement given to continue the meetings. Suffice it to say, that in the course of a fortnight, the Church became greatly revived, and six very hopeful converts were received into the Church; others also gave evidence of Conversion.

I must not omit to mention that on the last evening I spent at Little River, a meeting of the inhabitants was called in reference to building a suitable house expressly for divine worship, and the liberal sum for that people of £120, was subscribed on the occasion.

I could wish the mission had been entirely self sustaining, but had I not taken contributions of grain and socks, I should have obtained less than I did. The receiving of grain &c. is, I presume, a novel feature in our Home Missionary operations, but in this case they were quite successfully exchanged into money.

#### PICTOU COUNTY.

Rev. E. F. Foshay was engaged in the service of the Board, in the above county, for 6 weeks.

Travelled 150 miles; preached 16 sermons; attended 4 Conference and Prayer meetings; visited 23 families; delivered 2 Temperance Lectures; collected in aid of the Society \$37.44½.

The places visited were River John, Pictou Town and Merigomish.

Under date 20th Sept., 1862, he writes to the Board, "In Pictou the few Baptists seem to be trying to hold on their way as best they can. They have a Prayer meeting every Sabbath at Bro. Griffith's, notwithstanding their numbers are few. I think if a good judicious minister were placed on the ground, making the town the centre of operations, it would not be many years before the cause would be self sustaining. The congregations are quite good in all the places.

Missions of six or eight weeks cannot accomplish much good. Nothing short of a permanent mission will succeed.

Rev. Alfred Chipman laboured 6 months in the above county.

July 6th.—The following report was received :

"On the first week of December last, I went, in accordance with your appointment, to Pictou county, and laboured there without intermission until the first of June. I was enabled to hold Sabbath services, during the six months, without intermission; endeavoured to preach in all 56 times, in addition to which brethren D. W. C. Dimock, J. E. Balcom, and T. H. Porter, Jr., each kindly spent a Lord's day in Pictou Town, while I was at River John or Merigomish. I conducted, with few exceptions, a weekly Prayer meeting in town; attended 4 Conference meetings there, and 3 at River John. With the assistance of brethren organized a Sabbath School in town; myself and Mrs. C. visited from house to house almost daily. I may mention also that, by invitation, I delivered 2 Temperance Lectures.

In Merigomish, particularly at Barney's River, our congregations are large and attentive, and I look on that settlement as the most hopeful as regards immediate success, in which for us to expend labour at the present time; quite a general desire is manifested to hold extra meetings, and some now seem nearly ready to unite themselves with us by an open profession.

At River John I spent somewhere about three separate weeks. In the *village* our congregation was small, and I can-

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not say our prospect there is encouraging; but along what is called the *Gulf Shore* it appears to me exceedingly so; all, with the blessing of God, that seems to be requisite to at least some in-gathering of precious souls, are faithful and somewhat constant labour and visitations.

In Pictou Town, where I remained the larger proportion of my time, I had a congregation to address, variable in numbers and interest, at first large, but afterwards averaging from 60 to 100. In this congregation are some candid enquirers after the truth, and at least two or three have, I trust, found the Saviour within the last few months, but the cross required to be taken, in order to their joining us, seems to them great, and, although in the main convinced that such is their duty, they are slow in coming to our Prayer meetings which have been hitherto held in private houses, new ones have come in from time to time, some to take part with us in prayer and exhortation, others evidently to get a blessing to their souls; and although the attendance has never been large, we have in these meetings some seasons of especial tenderness and interest, as also in our Monthly Conference meetings of the little church. Our Sabbath School in town continues small, but is of a growingly interesting character.

Mrs. C. has gathered around her a large and very interesting Bible Class. We have in attendance in all from thirty to thirty-five scholars, and through the generosity and diligence of some friends in Amherst, have been materially helped towards a valuable library. Now we have not the pleasure of reporting at the present time any baptisms, either in the town or County, one candidate, however, waits at River John to follow her Lord in that ordinance, and unite with us in Church fellowship. We humbly, and with some confidence, hope also that a few others have almost made a similar decision.

It would doubtless be greatly for the benefit of the cause of Christ, had we a suitable place of worship in our own possession in this county; we hope when the proper time appears to have come for erecting one or two such houses, aid from brethren abroad will be forthcoming.

In conclusion let me entreat the Board and our Churches generally, *not to give up labour in Pictou County. Send whomsoever you may choose; but send, oh send, some one or two labourers from this time forward into that region.* There is lamentable need, there is abundant encouragement, if not in

present visible indications, in the character and promises of God. There is a future for the Baptists and the cause of God in this county."

#### GUYSBOROUGH COUNTY.

Bro. Chas. F. Myers performed 9 weeks labour in the above county, under the direction of Rev. A. F. Porter.

Preached in the following places: Crow Harbour, Half Island Cove, Cole Harbour, Torbay, New Harbour, Seal Harbour, Island Harbour, and Sand Point.

Preached 43 sermons; attended 12 Prayer and Conference meetings; organized 2 Sabbath Schools; made 170 family visits; travelled 760 miles; distributed 450 pages of Tracts; collected \$41.29.

He writes Aug. 25, "I believe the Lord was with me and trust he has blessed my labours. I found a very interesting Church at New Harbour, consisting of about 23 members, endeavoured faithfully to preach to them of Jesus, and before leaving found a number believing in Christ, and ready to obey his commands.

Visiting Seal Harbour I found the church and people in a cold state, but a few days after saw the beginning of a great and good work, several were awakened from a prayerless condition, sinners were alarmed. One young man made a public profession, a number being under concern of mind, some of whom were seriously enquiring the way to Zion. (I have heard since that Bro. Bigelow has baptized a number in those places.)

At Sand Point I found the Baptist interest very good, and in all the Harbours above mentioned. Truly the harvest is great and the workmen are few. I believe if the services of an ordained minister, could be secured on this ground, the Redeemer's kingdom would be greatly advanced. "Now is the time to thrust in the sickle and reap," much of the seed which has been sown, will yet spring up and bear fruit to the glory of God.

Rev. M. A. Bigelow is performing missionary labour in the above county, and receives towards his support from the H. M. Board \$50 for one year. The following account of his labours for a portion of the year has been received:

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of Sept., 1862. Visited the following places, Sand Point, Canso, Crow Harbour, Salmon River, Tor Bay, New Harbour, Coddle Harbour, Isaac's Harbour, Goshen and St. Mary's.

Preached 116 sermons; attended 110 Prayer and Conference meetings; baptized 15; organized 4 Sabbath Schools.

He remarks: "I feel much encouraged to labour on. The past winter and spring has been a precious season to *my* soul, and I trust to many others. A number have professed to be converted in New Harbour, who have not yet been baptized."

#### CAPE BRETON.

Rev. Ronald McDonald laboured 6 weeks at Big Intervale and vicinity among the Gaelic people.

Travelled 169 miles; preached 86 sermons; visited 47 families; collected \$20.86.

The following account of his mission appeared in the *Messenger*, April 18th, 1868.

This is the first mission that was appointed to this locality by our Board, but I hope not the last. Your missionary was greatly revived in fulfilling the time specified, by the presence of such large gatherings that attended the meetings especially among the Gaelic people. I did not see such gatherings to hear the word of God preached in the place since the first year I came here. The people turned out to hear the Word, young and old, especially when they saw that their condition was taken into consideration by the Board. They listened with great care. I hope it will be blessed to many.

There is also a new settlement adjoining the Big Intervale, with a mixed population of Protestants and Roman Catholics. Your missionary visited their houses, and read a portion of the Word of God, and prayed with them. They all manifested kindness and respect. They were not the least bigoted in any sense. May God bless them.

My services in general, I hope, were beneficial to the people. The field of labour was on both sides of the Margaree River, so no time was lost in travelling. A Baptist minister may read and expound the whole Word of God to the inhabitants without reserve. The place is without a minister of any denomination. It requires far more labour if there were means and labourers.

A Sabbath School was organized, also a promising Bible

Class. Missionary labour on this Island will need patience, perseverance, piety, prayer and faith.

The Board guaranteed \$100 towards the support of a missionary in Sydney for one year. Bro. Joseph F. Kempton and Rev. D. A. Steele, have been labouring there.

The following is a brief account of Bro. Kempton's labours for a portion of the time, June 3, 1863 :

"I have spent six months on this field, every alternate week of which has been spent in Sydney. During that week I have generally preached three times; twice on Sabbath and once on Tuesday; attended two Prayer meetings, one on Sabbath, and the Union Prayer meeting on Wednesdays.

I have also sought and found frequent opportunities for private conversation on the subject of religion, and a good many tracts have been distributed. The monthly Conference meetings have also been attended. The weeks spent at Mira were very laborious. Besides travelling upwards of 50 miles (to and from) I have generally preached five times during that week. A great deal of visiting from house to house was done. I made it a point in those visits to spend the principal part of the time in religious conversation, reading either the Scriptures or tracts, and in prayer. The monthly conferences of the Church have been well attended. We have also monthly Concerts, both for the Sabbath Schools and the Foreign Missions.

I cannot report great success in connection with either of the churches. In this place (Sydney) two have avowed their attachment to Christ. One of them was immersed by Bro. Geo. Richardson, a few weeks since, and the other expects to be on the coming Lord's Day, both had been convicted of sin and one had found peace in months gone by.

In the Mira district the Church is, I think, in a better state than when I came. There seems to be a deep interest in the things of religion. The services of the Lord's house are better attended to. One addition was made by immersion. The ordinance was administered by Rev. D. P. McQuillan, under whose labours the young person was led to seek Jesus nearly four years ago. Recently she was enabled to exercise a "lively hope" and then joyfully united with the Church.

The Sabbath School in that district is in a much better state now than ever before. The Concert is well attended and a nice library has been sent for.

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#### PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

Rev. Wm. Dobson spent 3 months in the service of the Board on the Island.

He writes to the Board, Jan. 2. 1863, "My health did not permit me to labour and travel so extensively as I would, but I humbly hope my efforts were not altogether in vain. I travelled over 300 miles, preaching occasionally and visiting destitute places, baptized 2, and others professed to have been converted, others awakened.

I hope the "good seed" will take deep root and bring forth fruit. 2 others requested baptism at Cavendish and were baptized by Bro. Ross, 2 at Three Rivers by Bro. Shaw. Wherever I went the people received me gladly and there were visible manifestations of God: This mission was self sustaining."

**Condensed Account of Missionary work performed  
during the Year.**

No. of Missionaries employed, of whom 8 were ordained Ministers	10
Weeks services.....	145½
Sermons reported.....	458
Prayer and Conference Meetings held.....	259
Family Visits.....	390
Baptisms.....	27
Miles travelled.....	2074
Tracts distributed.....	450

7 Sabbath Schools and 2 Bible Classes organized.  
4 Lectures on Temperance delivered.

**Gross Receipts and Expenditures.**

**RECEIPTS.**

Balance in Treasurer's hand June 1862.....	\$52 47½
Received during the year, by the Treasurer.....	777 78½
Collected by Missionaries.....	508 07
	<u>\$1338 33</u>

**EXPENDITURES.**

Collected and retained by Missionaries.....	\$490 74½
Travelling expenses do .....	17 32½
Disbursed by Treasurer for labour performed to May 31, 1863.....	187 84
Do for labour performed to May 31, 1863.....	166 25
" S. Selden, for printing Reports &c.....	32 50
Balance in Treasurer's hands.....	443 67
	<u>\$1338 33</u>

Present Liabilities of the Board say..... \$450 00

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## KINGS COUNTY.

Collected by Rev. Jas. Palmer at  
Sherbrooke.

Frederick Lantz.....	\$1 00
Benjamin Lantz.....	1 00
John Legg.....	0 40
Ann Bezanson.....	0 50
William Brown.....	1 50
Samuel Brown.....	1 50
James Lantz.....	0 50
Henry C. Barnaby.....	0 25
George Brown.....	1 00
Henry Brown.....	2 00
Moses Brown.....	0 50
Samuel Turner.....	0 40
Margaret Lantz.....	0 25
Peter Lantz.....	0 25
Joseph Lantz.....	0 25
George Brown.....	0 50
William Corcoran.....	1 00
Alex. Myster.....	0 50
David Brown.....	1 00
George Elliott.....	1 50
A Friend.....	1 50
A Friend.....	1 50
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## HANTS COUNTY.

Collected by Rev Jas. Palmer.  
At Walton and Kempt Shore. 6 75

## HALIFAX COUNTY.

Collected by Rev. Jacob Allan.

At Chebogue.....	0 47
" Oliver Settlement.....	1 00
" Hammonds Plains.....	1 17½
" Preston.....	0 73
Guysboro Road.....	1 10
Caledonia Road.....	1 73
\$6 20½	

Collected by Mr. Wm. Boggis at  
Jeddore.

E. Hopkins and family....	2 50
B. Arnold.....	0 62½
Wm. B. Arnold.....	0 25
Harris Arnold.....	0 62½
C. Slade.....	0 12½
Seth Arnold.....	0 50
M. Arnold.....	0 25
M. Stripes.....	0 50
W. Arnold.....	1 00
Mrs. W. Arnold.....	0 12½
Mrs. Palmer.....	0 25
Luke Harpell, Jr.....	1 00
Stephen Harpell.....	0 50
Mrs. Harpell.....	0 37½
Jeremiah Harpell.....	0 50
Mrs. G. Harpell.....	0 25
J. Maskill, Sen., and family	0 87½
C. Bleakney, Senr.....	0 50
D. Bleakney and family...	0 62½
Wm. Bleakney.....	0 37½
George Faulkner.....	0 12½
Sabbath Collections.....	4 75
John Jennex.....	0 50
P. Jennex.....	0 62½
F. Baker and family.....	0 87½
C. Bleakney, Jr.....	0 50
J. Maskill, Jr.....	1 50
S. Richardson.....	0 50
Geo. Baker.....	0 25
Peter Mitchell.....	0 50
Mrs. Weston.....	0 12½
Wm. Hawkins, Senr.....	1 00
Wm. Hawkins, Jr.....	0 50
Isaac Hopkins.....	0 75
Samuel Hopkins.....	0 50
David Baker.....	1 00
Daniel Baker.....	0 25
Luke Bleakney.....	0 50
Elijah Moser.....	1 00
Mrs. Moser.....	0 25
John Baker.....	0 50
Mrs. Baker.....	0 50
Total.....	\$28 75

## CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

Collected by Rev. Alfred Chipman.

## LITTLE RIVER.

Charlotte Weatherbe.....	0 50
Holland Rushton.....	0 75
E. Rushton.....	0 25
A. Rushton.....	0 25
Lucy Johnson.....	0 25
Thomas Seaman.....	0 25
Robt. Reid.....	0 50
Mark Patten.....	1 00
W. Brundige (In oats).....	0 70
Rufus Brundige (In buck- wheat).....	0 50
Angus Gillis (In oats).....	1 05
Mark Patten (In oats).....	1 05
Isaac Patten (In oats).....	0 70
Joseph Thompson (In oats).....	2 40
Geo. Thompson.....	4 00
Wm. Taylor.....	0 25
Nelson Rhodes.....	0 25
Ralph Thompson (In buck- wheat).....	0 50
T. Patten (In oats).....	0 70
Levi Johnson.....	4 00
Margaret Betts.....	0 25
Amelia Dobson.....	0 25
Mrs. W. Dobson (In socks).....	0 25
Rev. W. Dobson.....	1 00
Joseph Dennings (In oats).....	0 70
Mrs. Dennings.....	0 25
Mrs. Dennings (In socks).....	0 25
Nancy Johnson (In socks).....	0 25
S. Johnson (In socks).....	0 25
Thos. Johnson (In oats).....	2 10
Mrs. G. Thompson (In socks).....	0 25
Collections.....	3 00

## GLENVILLE.

Mrs. Donkin.....	1 00
Henry Davidson.....	0 50
Weatherbe Johnson.....	2 00
R. Black.....	0 50
G. Black.....	0 50
Mrs. Donkin.....	0 50
A Presbyterian Friend.....	0 70
Collections.....	2 00

## RIVER PHILIP.

J. Heuston.....	0 25
J. Dimock and others (In oats).....	2 10
Miss Perrigo.....	0 50
J. G. Dimock.....	1 40
Collections.....	1 60

## AMHERST POINT.

Collection.....	2 50
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Total.....\$44 70

## PICTOU COUNTY.

Collected by Rev. E. F. Foshay.

## PICTOU.

Mrs. Little.....	0 87½
Mr. Little.....	1 00
J. P. McDonnell.....	1 25
A Friend.....	4 00
Mrs. West.....	0 50
A Friend.....	2 00
Mrs. Harris.....	0 50
R. J. Griffith.....	11 50
Collections.....	8 20

## RIVER JOHN.

Collection.....	1 50
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## MERRIGOMISH.

Collection.....	1 50
Mrs. Magee.....	0 25
Nicholas Turner.....	0 37
Widow Fullerton.....	1 00
A Friend.....	1 00
John Olding.....	2 00

Total.....\$37 44½

Collected by Rev. Alfred Chipman.

## PICTOU.

Collections.....	11 37½
Mrs. McKinnon.....	4 50
" Renton.....	2 00
" J. Fullerton.....	2 00
" Harris.....	0 75
" Brown.....	0 90
R. Griffiths.....	4 00
J. McDonald.....	2 70
H. E. Narraway.....	3 00
Jas. Munro.....	3 00
Mrs. A. McQuarrie.....	0 50
Geo. J. Hamilton.....	2 00
D. Fullerton.....	1 50
C. McKenzie.....	4 00
Wm. Henderson.....	0 50

## MERRIGOMISH.

Alex. Meldrum.....	0 50
J. Murray.....	1 50
J. Olding.....	2 12½
R. Lowden.....	2 00
Sister Magee.....	0 62½
" McMillan.....	0 50
" N. Turner.....	0 50
Mr. W. Turner.....	0 62½
" W. Cunningham.....	1 00
Collections.....	0 67

## RIVER JOHN.

N. Sutherland.....	2 50
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Jacob Allan.....	1 00
Subscriptions and Collections.....	6 80
N. Sutherland.....	2 50
Rev. J. E. Balcom.....	4 00
Albert Walker, (Truro)....	0 75
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$70 32</b>

### GUYSBOROUGH COUNTY.

Collected by Mr. Chas. Myers.

#### CROW HARBOUR.

John C. Ehler.....	1 50
Mrs. J. C. Ehler.....	0 50
C. L. Ehler.....	0 50
Esther A. Ehler.....	0 50
Christian A. Ehler.....	0 25
Mrs. Arthur Ehler.....	0 25
Reuben Ehler.....	0 12 $\frac{1}{2}$
Mrs. Joseph Horton.....	0 25
Esther Horton.....	0 12 $\frac{1}{2}$
Joseph Horton.....	0 25
James C. Horton.....	0 12 $\frac{1}{2}$
Martha M. Pyles.....	0 25
Mrs. E. C. Horton.....	0 25
Emeline L. Horton.....	0 50
Mary M. Horton.....	0 25
Isaac Horton.....	0 50
Mrs. Isaac Horton.....	0 50
Sarah P. Horton.....	0 12 $\frac{1}{2}$
Spurgeon Horton.....	0 12 $\frac{1}{2}$
Mrs. Lavinia C. Horton.....	0 50
Theodore Horton.....	0 25
Robt. H. Shields.....	0 50
John H. Shields.....	0 50
Miss Mary Shields.....	0 25
Mrs. John Ehler, 3rd.....	0 50
Catherine M. Ehler.....	0 25
Eliza L. Ehler.....	0 25
Martha L. Ehler.....	0 25
Henry Creamer.....	1 00
Mrs. Henry Creamer.....	0 25
John Hendsbee.....	0 50
Mrs. Abigail Hendsbee.....	0 25
Elias Hendsbee.....	0 25
Thomas Carter.....	1 00
Mrs. Thomas Carter.....	0 25
Geo. Grencom.....	0 50
Collections.....	0 50

#### NEW HARBOUR.

Wm. Luddington.....	0 75
Mrs. Marg. Luddington.....	0 50
George Luddington.....	1 00
Joseph Songster, Senr.....	0 50
Miss Alice Songster.....	0 25
Edwd. Ohara.....	0 50
Mrs. Edwd Ohara.....	0 25

Wm. Songster, Senr.....	0 50
Mrs. Wm. Songster, Senr..	0 25
A Friend.....	0 75
Little Margery.....	0 03
Mrs. Hannah Stropple.....	0 25
Mrs. Mary Gilly.....	0 25
John P. Songster.....	0 50
Mrs. J. P. Songster.....	0 25
Mrs. Andrew Songster.....	0 25
Miss Lucretia Songster....	0 25
Wm. Henderson.....	0 50
Samuel Hull.....	1 00
Mrs. Samuel Hull.....	0 25
Collection.....	0 30

#### GUYSBOROUGH.

Rev. A. F. Porter.....	2 00
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#### SAND POINT.

Robt. C. Grant.....	0 62 $\frac{1}{2}$
Mrs. R. C. Grant.....	0 25
Levi Carter.....	0 50
Mrs. Levi Carter.....	0 25
Collection.....	0 43

#### SEAL HARBOUR.

John H. Manthorn.....	0 50
Elijah Manthorn.....	0 25
Mrs. Manthorn.....	0 12 $\frac{1}{2}$
James Manthorn.....	0 37 $\frac{1}{2}$
Mrs. J. Manthorn.....	0 25
John Fanning.....	0 50
Mrs. John Fanning.....	0 25
William Fanning.....	0 25
Miss Lucy Fanning.....	0 25
James Crooks.....	0 25
Mrs. Sophia Crooks.....	0 25
Charles Crooks.....	0 50
Little Mary Jane.....	0 05
Little Truny.....	0 05
Wm. Lathern.....	0 60
Mrs. Wm. Lathern.....	0 25
Wm. B. Sponagle.....	0 50
Mrs. W. B. Sponagle.....	0 50
Elijah Sponagle.....	0 25
Alex. Sponagle.....	1 00
Mrs. Alex. Sponagle.....	0 25
Ephraim Jarvis.....	0 50
Mrs. E. Jarvis.....	0 25
James Fanning.....	1 00
Mrs. Jas. Fanning.....	0 25

#### ISLAND HARBOUR.

John Barks.....	0 50
Mrs. John Barks.....	0 50
Elizabeth Barks.....	0 25
James Barks.....	0 50
Mrs. James Barks.....	0 25
Patrick Mason.....	0 50

John Hutson.....	0 25
Mrs. John Hutson.....	0 25
Henry Hutson.....	0 37½
Mrs. H. Hutson.....	0 25
Mary Jane Davidson.....	0 25
Mrs. Ellen Darby.....	0 12½

Total.....\$41 29

#### P. E. ISLAND.

Collected by Rev. Wm. Dobson.

##### LOT 49.

Collection.....	2 50
Mrs. James Woods.....	0 30
William Jones.....	4 80

##### CAVENDISH.

Jeremiah Simpson.....	1 55
John McNeill.....	2 00

#### BEDEQUE.

Caleb Schureman.....	5 00
Mrs. Wm. Crawford.....	1 00
Miss Maria Crawford.....	0 30
Artemas Hooper.....	0 70
Miss Anna Crawford.....	0 50
Frederick Mois.....	1 00

#### SOUTH SHORE.

Mrs. Jas. Ransy.....	2 50
Mrs. Wm. Baker.....	1 00

#### TRYON.

Joseph Roblee.....	3 00
Horatio Howatt.....	0 90

#### THREE RIVERS.

Collection.....	2 30
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Total, P. E. I. Currency. \$29 35  
N. S. Currency. \$24 46

## 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, Prince Edward Island 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

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Church contributing annually to the funds of the Society, shall also 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, 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 shall deem expedient.

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

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**NOVA SCOTIA BAPTIST HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY**  
in account with D. McN. PARKER, Treasurer.

1862.		Dr.	
Aug. 18.	To cash paid Secretary, for Postage, .....	\$1	93
23.	do. for Rev. John Davis, .....	27	33
Sept. 4.	Rev. M. A. Bigelow, .....	68	00
4.	Rev. A. F. Porter, .....	18	77
Oct. 18.	Rev. E. F. Foshay, .....	18	38
18.	Wm. Boggs, .....	5	75
18.	C. F. Myers, .....	3	71
Nov. 4.	Rev. Jacob Allen, .....	41	77½
27.	Rev. Hugh Ross, .....	71	81
1863.			
Jan. 17.	S. Selden, printing Reports, &c. ....	32	50
May 4.	Rev. A. Chipman, .....	69	50
29.	Rev. Ronald McDonald, .....	27	14
	Balance, .....	443	67
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1862.		Cr.	
June 2.	By balance brought down from May 31, ....	\$52	47½
	Rev. Dr. Cramp, .....	4	00
	A Well-wisher, per Dr. Cramp, .....	5	00
20.	Windsor Church, .....	27	00
July 7.	bal. from late Treasurer, W. L. Evans, ....	88	47½
3.	Central Association, for Gaelic Mission, ..	\$10	33
3.	do. do. for Home Mission, ..	265	51—275 84
Aug. 15.	A friend, per Miss McLearn, .....	4	00
	Nictaux Church, for Gaelic Mission, .....	8	62½
	Members of Wilmot Church for Gaelic Mission, ..	15	00
7.	Eastern Association, .....	268	71½
	Western Association, for Gaelic Mission, .....	33	35½
Oct. 9.	Warren Longley, .....	\$1	00
	do. for Gaelic Mission, .....	0	50—1 50
27.	David Lyons, Cornwallis, .....	1	25
Decr 3.	Hon. J. McCully, .....	4	00
1863.			
Jan. 17.	A friend in Liverpool,—to be expended within the limits of the Eastern Association, .....	20	00
	Isaac Lloyd, Locke's Island, .....	4	00
Feb. 5.	Henry Paint, for Rev. Ronald McDonald, .....	7	00
11.	Rev. I. J. Skinner, .....	4	00
	Wm. Frizzle, Mabou, .....	2	00
24.	Granville Street Church, .....	69	50
	J. W. Barss, .....	20	00
May 29.	North Baptist Sabbath School, .....	3	00
	Onslow Church—Amanda Blair, .....	\$8	44
	Isabella Smith, .....	1	00
	A Friend, .....	0	50—10 00
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Examined and found correct,

G. ROBINS, Auditor.

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# CONSTITUTION

## OF THE

### CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OF NOVA SCOTIA.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## RULES OF ORDER.

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

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

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

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

**RULE 5th.**—All resolutions shall be presented in writing.

**RULE 6th.**—Motions made and lost shall not be recorded on the Minutes, except so ordered at the time.

**RULE 7th.**—These Rules shall be distinctly read from the Chair at the opening of the Session.