

MINUTES
OF THE
NINETEENTH SESSION
OF THE
WESTERN
Baptist Association,

OF
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HELD AT HEBRON, YARMOUTH COUNTY.

Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, September 25th, 27th, 28th, 1869.

TOGETHER WITH

THE CIRCULAR LETTER, &c.

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HERRON, Yarmouth, Saturday, Sept. 25th, 1866.

THE WESTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION convened, according to appointment, with the Baptist Church at Hebron, at 10 o'clock, A. M., in its Nineteenth Anniversary.

The Association was called to order by Rev. I. Wallace, Moderator.

The Association held a devotional meeting, while the clerks prepared a List of Delegates, as follows :

Liverpool,—Rev. A. H. Munro; Brethren William Starratt, and Thomas Nickerson.

Kempt,—Rev. P. R. Foster; Brethren Jacob Kempton, Abial Harlow, Joseph Rawding.

West Yarmouth,—Rev. W. L. Parker; Brethren N. Corning, Eben Rose, Kelly Rose, Farnham Hibberd, George Trask.

1st. Hillsburgh,—Rev. A. Martell; Brethren William Dunn Thos. Miller, George Ruggles.

West Dalhousie,—Rev. James Reid.

2nd. Hillsburgh,—Brethren J. James, (Licentiate), Benj. Hardy, James Marshall, John S. Sulis, John S. Thomas.

Ohio,—Rev. J. H. Saunders; Brethren Nathan Crosby, Joseph H. Patten, Z. C. Vickery, George Crosby, R. C. Cann.

Digby,—Brother J. Jones, (Licentiate).

Hebron,—Rev. John Rowe; Brethren William Crosby, C. Strickland, W. Durkee, W. R. Doty, James Crosby, B. B. Moses, John Rose.

Lake George,—Rev. J. A. Stubbart; Brethren Edward Penwell, W. S. Patten, Joseph Crosby, George Goudy.

Lower Aylesford and Upper Wilmot,—Revds. C. Tupper, and O. Parker; Brethren Jacob Neily, A. T. Baker, Johnston Neily, (Lic.), James P. Roach, Reuben Baker.

1st. Digby Neck,—Rev. J. C. Morse; Brethren Jacob Denton, Wells Cornwell, Charles E. Gilliland.

2nd. Digby Neck,—Rev. J. C. Morse.

Pine Grove,—Rev. W. H. Porter, and Brother O. Dodge.

Beaver River,—Rev. A. Cogswell; Brethren W. S. Raymond, Aaron Jeffery, N. Power, Cyrus Perry, W. H. Goudy.

West Sherbrooke,—Brother W. Saunders.

1st. Ragged Islands,—Rev. R. D. Porter; Brethren A. Locke, and X. Z. Chipman.

Hampton,—Rev. James M. Parker.

Wilmot Mountain,—Revds. J. M. Parker, and P. F. Murray; Brother J. Graves.

- Middlefield*,—Rev. J. F. Tooker, and Brother Elkanah Morton.
Greenfield,—Rev. J. F. Tooker.
Deerfield,—Rev. J. A. Stubbert; Brethren Enoch Crosby, Richard Crosby, A. F. Durkee, Edwin Crosby.
Port Medway,—Rev. J. F. Tooker.
Mills Village,—Rev. J. F. Tooker, and Brother Thomas Munro.
New Albany,—Brother Albert Oakes.
Brookfield,—Brother Uriah Johnson.
Lower Granville,—Rev. I. Wallace; Brethren Benjamin Bray, and Read Hall.
Litchfield,—Rev. I. Wallace.
Sissiboo,—Rev. C. Randall, and Brother Daniel W. Sabean.
Annapolis and Upper Granville,—Rev. Geo. Armstrong; Brethren W. H. Chipman, Angus M. Gidney, Ainsley Brown and J. W. Haley,
St. Mary's Bay,—Revds. L. B. Gates, M. Normondy, and Brother Charles McNeil.
Long Island,—Brethren I. Thurber, J. W. Eldridge.
Nictaux,—Rev. W. G. Parker; Brethren S. Wheelock. Clarke Felch, Thomas Banks, B. H. Parker, James Wheelock.
Clements,—Rev. G. D. Cox; Brethren J. D. Potter, Reuben Potter, Anthony Potter.
Barrington,—Rev. W. H. Richan.
Pubnico,—Rev. W. H. Richan.
Wilmot,—Rev. N. Vidito.
Woods Harbor,—Rev. W. H. Richan; Brethren Wm. Forbes, Henry Chute.
New Tusket,—Rev. C. Randall; Brethren Patrick Nowlan, John G. Nowlan, James P. Nowlan.
1st. Yarmouth,—Rev. G. E. Day; Brethren W. H. Gridley, John Haley, A. C. Robbins, Samuel Brown, William Churchill.
South Yarmouth,—Rev. J. A. Moore; Brethren Elijah Cleveland, A. H. Scott, N. Holmes, R. Symonds, George Robbins.
Graywood and Milford,—Brethren Adoniram Cogswell, (Licentiate) David McClelland, Abraham Thomas and John Wyllie.
Tusket,—Brethren Israel Harding, J. A. Hatfield, William S. Robbins, and William H. Gavel.
Milton,—Brethren Samuel Freeman, Jr., James A. Freeman, Stillman Freeman, James Shiels, and James Nickerson.
Nova Scotia Central Association,—Rev. J. E. Goucher, and Brother S. Selden.
Nova Scotia Eastern Association,—Revds. Thomas Blackadar, and Alfred Chipman.
Prince Edward Island Association,—Rev. J. Davis.
INVITED MEMBERS.—Brethren A. Syme, Nelson Miller, James Rose, H. C. Creed, H. A. Parker, George Forbes.

The Association was organized by appointing

Rev. W. G. Parker, Moderator.

Rev. R. D. Porter, Clerk.

Rev. W. H. Richan, Assistant Clerk.

Brother B. B. Moses, Treasurer.

S. Freeman, Junr., Assistant Treasurer.

Rules of Order read, and the following Committees were appointed :—

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS.—Revds. J. Rowe, G. E. Day, A. Cogswell, J. A. Moore, W. L. Parker, J. H. Saunders, J. A. Stubbart, A. Martell; Samuel Freeman, Jr., Samuel Brown, N. Corning, W. R. Doty, Aaron Jeffery.

TO EXAMINE LETTERS.—Revds. C. Randall, O. Parker, and J. C. Morse.

TO READ LETTERS.—Revds. I. Wallace, A. Martell, G. D. Cox, and W. H. Porter.

Committee of Arrangements retired and devotional exercises were resumed.

Committee of Arrangements reported in part, as follows :

That the time of meeting and adjournment be as follows :—Meet at 10 o'clock, A. M., and adjourn at 12 o'clock, A. M. Meet at 2 o'clock, P. M., and adjourn at 5 o'clock, P. M.

Prayer by Rev. George Armstrong. Adjourned.

Saturday Afternoon Session.

Prayer by Rev. A. Martell.

Minutes of last session read and approved.

Letters from Churches read.

Committee of Arrangements reported, announcing appointments for Sabbath services, and recommending that collections for Missions be taken up in all the Baptist places of Worship, where ministers of the Association preach tomorrow, as also in this place on Monday morning.

They also recommended the appointment of the following Committees :—

ON CIRCULAR LETTER.—Revds. A. H. Munro, G. E. Day, and J. E. Goucher.

ON QUESTIONS IN LETTERS.—Revds. Dr. Tupper, John Rowe, and J. A. Stubbart.

ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.—Revds. Dr. Tupper, C. Randall, W. H. Porter, J. Davis; Brethren A. T. Baker, S. Brown, Edwin Crosby.

ON EDUCATION.—Revds. G. Armstrong, A. Martell, I. Wallace, A. Chipman, and Brother Selden.

ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.—Revds. J. F. Tooker, G. D. Cox; J. A. Stubbert, J. H. Hughes, James Reid, and Brother Enoch Crosby.

ON TEMPERANCE.—Rev. G. E. Day; Brethren R. Crosby, Z. C. Vickery, Elijah Cleaveland, W. R. Doty, and N. Corning.

ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.—Rev. A. Chipman; Brethren S. Selden, William Churchill, B. B. Moses, Farnham Hibbard, S. F. Raymond, N. Corning, C. McNeil, J. P. Nowlan, and I. Thurber.

ON CHRISTIAN MESSENGER.—Revds. G. E. Day, A. H. Munro, J. Davis, I. Wallace; Brethren John Rose, George Crosby, W. H. Gridley.

ON ACCOUNTS.—Brethren S. Brown, S. Freeman, and George Trask.

That all Committees and Boards, meet at 8 o'clock. A. M.

That a Public Temperance Meeting be held in this house this evening, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

That prayer meetings be held at 6½ o'clock each morning during the session,

Prayer by Rev. J. H. Hughes. Adjourned.

SATURDAY EVENING a Temperance meeting was held, at which spirited and forcible addresses were delivered by several speakers.

SABBATH DAY.—Services were held in the various places of worship in the township according to appointment.

Monday Morning, September 27th.

The Association resumed business.

Associational Sermon preached by the Rev. A. H. Munro, from 2 Corinthians iv. 1. Subject: "The Discouragements and Encouragements of the Christian Ministry."

Committee appointed to examine the Circular Letter reported, that having examined the Letter, they recommend that it be read and printed in the Minutes.

Report accepted.

The Circular Letter was then read by the writer, Rev. I. Wallace.

Moved and seconded that the Letter read be adopted, and printed in the Minutes.

Moved in amendment by Rev. G. Armstrong, and seconded by Rev. N. Vidito.

That the paragraph referring to our uniting with the other Associations of this province to form our working Home Mission body, be omitted.

On motion, the further consideration of this matter was deferred until the afternoon session.

Prayer by Rev. A. Burpee, (Congregational).

Adjourned.

Monday Afternoon Session.

Prayer by Rev. J. C. Morse.

Minutes read and approved.

Discussion of the question deferred was resumed, and, after animated addresses, on motion of Rev. A. H. Munro, seconded by Rev. J. Davis,

Resolved, That the Letter be returned to the writer, and that he with brethren appointed by the Association, be a committee to modify some portions of that document, so that its adoption will be a less decided committal of this Association to the change proposed.

Committee appointed by the Association comprised: Brethren S. Brown, G. Armstrong, John Rowe, and A. Martell.

On motion of Brother Selden, seconded by Brother Freeman,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to take into consideration the Infirm Minister's Fund, and report to this Association a plan by which it may be made more efficient and permanent.

A Committee consisting of Brethren C. Randall, S. Selden, J. Davis, G. Armstrong, and A. M. Gidney, was then appointed by nomination of the Moderator.

The subject of Home Missions was then announced as in order; and the Secretary's and Treasurers' reports were presented.

On motion, those reports were accepted, after an animated discussion.

The Committee to whom the Associational Letter was referred for modification reported, and their report was accepted.

The Letter as amended by the committee was then adopted by the Association.

Prayer by Rev. J. Davis. Adjourned.

Monday Evening Session.

Singing, and Prayer by Rev. R. D. Porter.

Records of last meeting read and approved.

The French Mission being the order of the hour, the report of the Board was called for, and read by Rev. J. H. Saunders, the Secretary of the Board. (See Appendix A.)

The Accounts of the Secretary and Treasurers were then presented, and referred to the Auditing Committee.

Interesting and effective addresses were delivered by Brethren Normondy, Randall, Syme, Nowlan, J. Davis, G. D. Cox, and others, on the subject of the French Mission.

On motion, it was voted that the report of the Board, and the accounts of the Secretary and Treasurers be accepted, the latter subject to the approval of the Auditing Committee.

Prayer by Rev. G. D. Cox. Adjourned.

Tuesday Morning, September 28th.

Singing, and Prayer by Rev. P. F. Murray.

Records of last meeting read and approved.

Committee of Arrangements further reported, recommending that Brethren W. H. Porter, S. Selden, P. R. Foster, J. H. Hughes, and S. Brown, do address the Association on the subject of Sabbath Schools.

That Brethren John Davis, I. Wallace, A. Chipman, A. Martell, and G. Armstrong, be the speakers on the subject of Education.

That Brethren Dr. Tupper, W. G. Parker, Dr. Day, J. E. Goucher, address the meeting to-night on the subject of Foreign Missions.

That all the pastors of Churches in the Association, with Brethren O. Dodge, I. Phinney, A. T. Baker, A. M. Gidney, William Miller, B. H. Parker, Richard Clarke, Edward Clarke, W. A. Morse, and Jacob Neily, be the Home Missionary Board for the ensuing year.

That the French Missionary Board comprise the following

brethren, together with pastors of the churches in the County of Yarmouth, viz. : Revds. C. Randall, J. C. Morse, J. H. Hughes, L. B. Gates, and Brethren C. Sabeau, S. Brown, W. Churchill, B. B. Moses, W. R. Doty, Enoch Crosby, Cyrus Perry, N. Corning, W. S. Raymond, Jos. Shaw, George Crosby, Jos. W. Patten, A. C. Robbins, J. B. Kinney, Jno. H. Haley, Nathaniel Holmes, Jno. Rose, and Richard Crosby.

That the Association be held next year at Clementsvalle ; that Rev. G. E. Day preach the Associational Sermon, that Rev. R. D. Porter be his alternate, and that Rev. Jno. Rowe write the Circular Letter.

The Committee also recommend that the order of exercises at the Association next year be the same as recommended for the present year.

Report adopted.

Report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools was then presented. (See Appendix B.)

After addresses, by the brethren named for this service, the report was adopted.

Report of the Committee on Education was then presented. (See Appendix C.)

After addresses by the speakers appointed by the Committee the report was adopted.

On motion, *Resolved*, That Rev. A. H. Munro be requested to furnish a copy of his excellent sermon preached yesterday morning, for publication in the *Christian Messenger*.

Prayer by Rev. J. F. Tooker. Adjourned.

Tuesday Afternoon Session.

Singing, and Prayer by Rev. P. R. Foster.

Records of last meeting read and approved.

On motion, *Resolved*, That Brethren Dr. Tupper, I. Wallace, and G. Armstrong be a Committee on Obituaries.

Committee on Temperance reported. (See Appendix D.)

The report amended by the change of a single qualifying term was, on motion, adopted.

Committee on Sabbath Observance reported. (See Appendix E.)

After addresses by Rev. Dr. Tupper, and Brother I. Harding, the report was adopted.

Committee on Infirm Minister's Fund reported. (See Appendix F.) Report adopted.

On motion, voted, that Brethren W. H. Porter, C. Randall, and S. Brown, be the Committee for correspondence, recommended in the report.

Voted, That the following Brethren, comprise the Board of the Infirm Minister's Fund: Rev. C. Randall, J. C. Morse, L. B. Gates, A. Martell, J. H. Hughes, G. D. Cox; Brethren J. Jones, Wm. Aymar, C. Sabeau, and Jacob Denton.

On motion, resolved, that the Board of Infirm Ministers' Fund, be instructed to appropriate the following sums; viz., \$40, to Brother R. S. Morton; \$40, to Brother H. Saunders; \$20, to Sister Jackson; and \$20, to Sister Coldwell.

Committee on accounts reported, Adopted.

Committee on *Christian Messenger* reported,

Moved and seconded that the report be adopted.

Moved in amendment by Brother Geo. Armstrong and seconded by Bro. A. Martell that the report be deferred.

The amendment passed by the casting vote of the Moderator.

Rev. G. D. Cox, moved a resolution touching articles written by Rev. J. Davis, and published in the *Christian Messenger*.

On motion the consideration of Brother Cox's resolution was deferred until this day twelve months.

On motion of Rev. A. Martell, the following resolution was passed.

Resolved, That in consideration of a misunderstanding obtaining in this Association concerning Brother Vidito's position yesterday, we hereby express our regret for preventing him from explaining himself according to his wish.

Prayer by Rev. Geo. Armstrong. Adjourned.

Tuesday Evening Session.

Singing, and Prayer by Rev. Dr. Day.

Records of last meeting read and approved.

The Foreign Missionary Board then reported through its Secretary, Rev. Dr. Tupper. (See Appendix G.)

After interesting addresses by the brethren named for the service, the report was adopted.

The accounts of Treasurers of Infirm Ministers' Fund, of the French Mission Board, and of the Fund for French Mission premises were presented and passed.

Report of Committee on Obituaries reported. Report adopted. (See Appendix H.)

On motion it was voted that the ministers of this Association attending the Central and Eastern Associations of this province, or the Associations of New Brunswick, or Prince Edward Island, be our delegates.

On motion, voted, that Brethren A. M. Gidney, A. T. Baker, S. Brown, W. Miller, and George Dodge (also be Delegates to the same. S. S.)

Voted. That 1,000 copies of Minutes of this Association be printed at the *Christian Messenger* office at the same rate as last year, and that 50 copies be reserved for the use of the Association at its next session; and that Brother Selden, be earnestly requested to have them ready for distribution within four weeks.

Voted. That the Treasurer of the Association be instructed to pay the sums appropriated, to the Treasurers of the different Societies respectively.

On motion of Rev. I. Wallace, seconded by Rev. Dr. Tupper, the following resolution was adopted.

Resolved. That the *Christian Messenger* enjoys, in a good degree, the confidence of this body, and that its Editor, Bro. Selden, in his, very difficult and responsible labors, demands our sympathies, co-operation and prayers in making the paper still more efficient.

On motion, voted, that Rev. R. D. Porter, be a Committee, to prepare a Digest of the letters from the Churches, to be printed with the Minutes.

Resolved. That we tender our hearty thanks to the Church and congregation of Hebron, and other churches in the vicinity, for the kind and hospitable entertainment they have extended to us during this session of the body.

On motion of Rev. C. Randall, seconded by Rev. A. Cogswell, it was resolved, that the protest subjoined, be printed with the Minutes, by request of the signers.

The undersigned enter their decided and solemn protest against the resolution introduced and passed respecting the *Christian Messenger*, the subject having been fully disposed of, as we believe, by the action of this body during this afternoon meeting; the

MINISTERS IN THE WESTERN ASSOCIATION

| NAMES. | Present Residence. | Date of Ordination. | Place of Ordination. |
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| Rev. H. Achilles.... | Parker's Cove.... | Nov. 1, 1854 | Marshall's Cove. |
| " G. Armstrong.... | Bridgetown..... | Dec. 30, 1848 | Port Medway. |
| " A. Cogswell.... | Beaver River.... | Jan. —, 1843 | Chute's Cove. |
| " G. D. Cox..... | Clements..... | Jan. 4, 1865 | Clements. |
| " George E. Day | Yarmouth..... | June 25, 1838 | Yarmouth. |
| " L. B. Gates.... | St. Mary's Bay.. | ..... | Lunenburg, N.W. |
| " J. C. Morse.... | Digby Neck..... | Mar. 30, 1842 | Digby Neck. |
| " A. Martell.... | Hillsburgh | Mar. 20, 1849 | Antigonish. |
| " J. A. Moore.... | Arcadia, Yar.... | Aug. 5, 1857 | Port George |
| " R. F. Murray.. | Chute's Cove.... | Mar. 14, 1848 | Westport. |
| " R. S. Morton.. | Nictaux..... | Feb. —, 1852 | Nictaux. |
| " A. H. Munro.. | Liverpool..... | Dec. 10, 1857 | Digby Joggins |
| " J. McKenne.. | Sable River..... | Oct. 20, 1859 | Greenfield. |
| " M. Normonday | Tusket..... | July 20, 1859 | Yarmouth. |
| " Obed Parker.. | Aylesford..... | Feb. 21, 1844 | Wilmot. |
| " W. G. Parker.. | Nictaux..... | Jan. 20, 1843 | New Albany. |
| " D. O. Parker.. | Liverpool..... | Mar. 23, 1861 | Liverpool. |
| " W. L. Parker.. | Chegogan, Yar.. | Sept. 20, 1863 | Upper Aylesford |
| " R. D. Porter.. | Locke's Islnd.. | Sept. 17, 1857 | Dartmouth. |
| " W. H. Porter.. | Wilmot..... | Sept. 5, 1862 | Wilmot. |
| " Chas. Randall. | Weymouth..... | July 11, 1833 | Weymouth. |
| " W. H. Richan. | Barrington..... | Sept. 30, 1863 | Barrington. |
| " John Rowe.... | Hebron..... | ..... | ..... |
| " J. H. Saunders | Ohio, Yarmouth. | Aug. 11, 1858 | Ohio, Yarmouth. |
| " J. A. Stubbart. | Deerfield, do.. | Dec. 17, 1843 | Port Medway. |
| " A. Stonach.... | Aylesford..... | ..... | ..... |
| " C. Tupper, D. D | Aylesford..... | July 17, 1817 | Canard. |
| " J. F. Tooker... | Port Medway.... | April 5, 1863 | N. Sydney, C. B. |
| " N. Vidito..... | Wilmot..... | May 10, 1832 | Wilmot. |
| " Isaiah Wallace | Lower Granville. | —, 1856 | ScotchTown, NB |

Circular Letter.

THE CIRCULAR LETTER OF THE WESTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, CONVENED AT HEBRON, YARMOUTH, SEPTEMBER 25TH, TO THE CHURCHES OF WHICH IT IS COMPOSED.

Dear Brethren,—

We propose in this annual letter to direct your thoughts to the claims of HOME MISSIONS.

It is a gratifying fact that increased interest is being manifested in our Foreign Missionary operations. But while the churches of the Maritime Provinces may contemplate with a good degree of satisfaction, their 27 native preachers toiling on in various parts of the kingdom of Burmah, seeking to win their benighted countrymen to Christ, their much esteemed sister DeWolfe at Bassein, labouring assiduously for the enlightenment and salvation of heathen women, and the expected departure, at an early date, for the Foreign field of their beloved Brother William George and his excellent companion—all supported by their funds—it is at the same time deplorable that we are doing so little for the spread of the Gospel among the destitute of our own Provinces.

It is, indeed, singular, that Newfoundland, with a population of 120,000 and with its 70 shepherdless Baptists, that the Bermudas with a population of 15,000, and at least some holding Baptist sentiments, that the Coast of Labrador, with its thousands of sturdy fishermen speaking the English language—and all so easily accessible to us—have elicited as yet, no effort on our part to carry to their people that Gospel that we enjoy and so highly prize.

And it is to be feared, that while considerable has been

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done, there has been a mournful deficiency of effort to evangelize the destitute regions, even of the Provinces comprised in the Convention.

It is our present aim to offer a few considerations and suggestions which we hope may stimulate the churches to more vigorous and systematic effort in the cause of Home Missions.

1. Our churches, many of whom have become strong in number and material wealth, have been planted through the self-denying missionary labours of that devoted band of men known as the *Fathers*, and it seems but reasonable that in extending our borders as a denomination the zeal that characterized those pioneer men of God should be unimitated by us. While as ministers we fail to extend our labours to "the regions beyond," but in the exercise of a spirit of selfishness confine our efforts entirely within the limits of our own particular field, or church, we shew ourselves unworthy successors of such men. And while as churches we manifest unwillingness to contribute generously of our substance, and, if necessary, even give up for a time the services of our pastors for the sake of bearing the Gospel to the destitute portions of our land, and with God's blessing to the planting additional churches, we certainly manifest but little appreciation of that gospel; understand imperfectly its teachings, and illy exemplify the spirit that should actuate churches established in connexion with the faithful, self-denying missionary toils of God's servants.

2. Not only should the grateful remembrance of the self-sacrificing missionary labours of the early ministers of our Denomination in this Province, urge us to be more faithful in seeking to widen the sphere of our evangelistic work, but the remembrance also of the great things God has done for us in sending to us the Gospel of His grace, and, by His Holy Spirit, making us the happy recipients of its blessings should excite in our hearts the profoundest gratitude

and prompt to consecration in this and every other department of christian duty. Instead of the strange spiritual lethargy, too often evinced by professors of christianity, we should reasonably expect that motives excited by the contemplation of the love and grace of God in Christ toward His people, delivering them from the dominion of sin and Satan, making them the heirs of Himself and joint-heirs with Christ, and ultimately elevating them to the bliss and glory of Heaven should lead, not only to holy aspirations after the presence and image of their Saviour, but also to burning zeal and whole-hearted benevolence in spreading abroad the glad tidings of salvation.

3. We should also be prompted to devotion in the work of Home Missions by motives drawn from the Saviour's words—"Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." In regarding that commission we are not to confine our thoughts and efforts to the remotest portions of the world. Duty demands of us to bear, as far as possible, the gospel to our antipodes. And there is something sublime in the idea of sending forth messengers of salvation to those nations plunged in the darkness of idolatry in far distant lands. Much financial expenditure and much danger to human life is involved. The amount necessary for the *outfit* and *passage* of one missionary family destined to Burmah is quite sufficient to sustain a missiony in the Home field for *three* years or more. But while there may not be in the view of some the same moral grandeur in connexion with Home Mission labour, still the great commission unquestionably includes those perishing for the bread of life who are near at hand as well as those far remote. Hence our duty. The Saviour's directions to His Apostles to "begin at Jerusalem" favors the idea that in extending the Gospel to far off heathen lands, we should not overlook the destitute nearer home. And in faithful endeavours to evangelize the needy portions of our Province we have to

inspire us the example of the Great Author and Founder of missions who, during the three and a half years of His public ministry, went about through the Provinces of Palestine preaching the Kingdom of God.

4. Considerations for enlarged effort in our Home Mission work may be gathered from a survey of the field. In connexion with the Western Association there is a large number of feeble churches unable, singly, to support a Pastor. These were organized under favorable auspices and with joy received into this body. Not favored with missionary or pastoral labour they dwindle. This accounts for the fact that some do not report themselves by letter. And this retrograde course, unless speedily arrested by aid from abroad, will be continued until they lose their visibility, and thus churches that once promised to be valuable accessions of strength and influence, for the want of the fostering care of Home Missions sadly disappoint the hopes that had been cherished concerning them.

And there are scattered along our Atlantic coast and along the margin of our bays, as well as in the interior in connexion with our gold fields and in sparsely agricultural and lumbering districts, villages and settlements that present inviting fields for missionary labour. Do not these feeble, dying churches, those destitute settlements and villages call loudly and imploringly for increased effort.

And it should be borne in mind that the Western N. S. Baptist Association comprises a membership, considerably larger than any of the six sister Associations included in the Convention. This membership in the aggregate probably possesses more wealth than that of either of the other bodies. Within our limits, however, we have less missionary ground than either of the sister Associations. Hence the importance of judiciously and prayerfully enquiring as to our duty to widen the sphere of our operations. It is true that the support of the Mission to the Acadian French rests largely

upon our Western Churches, and the success of the past warrants continued effort to give to that interesting people the Word of Life. Still it is painfully evident that in proportion to our numbers and ability, and in view of the wide and effectual doors presenting themselves on every hand, we are doing far too little for the Home field.

5. The salutary reflex influence that would doubtless flow from enlarging our Home Mission efforts, affords another motive to arise and attempt greater things for God. It is an obvious fact that many of our churches do not give in proportion to their ability. And it may be that here is one secret of the cold, fruitless, stationary condition of many of our more wealthy churches. "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet but it tendeth to poverty." If then we would enjoy peace and prosperity within our borders, let us "as good stewards of the manifold grace of God" seek to do what we can to give the gospel we love to those deprived of its inestimable blessings.

And now, dear Brethren, having stated these *motives* for the enlargement of our Home Mission Agency, we proceed to submit for the consideration of the Churches and as the result of much prayerful thought, the following *suggestions* which we feel confident, if properly carried out, will, with the Divine blessing, realize the results desired:

1. We suggest the desirableness, wherever practicable, of combining several weak churches situated within a convenient distance from each other, and of constituting the same a Home Mission Station, to be placed in charge of a suitable Brother who shall be appointed in concurrence with the wishes of said churches, and who shall labour as a Missionary Pastor. All such appointments to be made with a view to permanence and with the understanding that, as soon as possible, the stations become self-sustaining. Meanwhile the amount raised by the combined effort of these

churches to be supplemented from the Home Mission treasury, so as to afford to all such missionary pastors a comfortable support.

2. We further suggest that in entering upon new mission stations—and inviting openings are to be found on every hand—such new stations be commenced with a view to the organization of Baptist Churches and the establishment of permanent interests. And so the appointment of Missionaries to these stations should ordinarily not be for 3 or 6 weeks merely, but for 6 months or a year, and with a view to a permanent settlement. Annapolis Royal, the ancient Capital of this Province, might be mentioned as an illustrative case. Let a suitable brother be appointed to that town as a station, including some portions of the surrounding country, for one year, and there is the highest probability that with God's blessing a church in that time could be gathered and an interest nearly self-sustaining established.

3. We suggest also that in view of the fact that we have less missionary ground within our limits and more ability than either the Central or Eastern N. S. Associations, it might be well to enquire into the propriety of extending our Home Missionary operations to other portions of our Province, and if practicable, to destitute regions of neighbouring Provinces.

And, in conclusion, we would further state that, in the opinion of some of our brethren, it is desirable to take early steps, in concert with sister Associations, to blend the different Home Mission organizations of Nova Scotia, and thus constitute one thoroughly organized, vigorous and efficient Home Mission Society having the evangelization of the destitute regions of Nova Scotia Proper and Cape Breton as its first grand object. This involves the idea of one Central Board extending vigorously its agencies to all parts of the Province—an idea by no means Utopian. In the Province of New Brunswick, both in connexion with the Baptists and

Free Christian Baptists, and in the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec efficient Home Mission Societies exist comprising the whole of their respective Provinces, each having one Central Board and all doing a great work in extending the Kingdom of Christ. In the United States our brethren have their great American Home Mission Society, embracing within the sphere of its operations the entire land, accomplishing, under God, a gigantic work for Christ and the denomination. In the last two years nearly 14,000 converts have been baptized as a part of the result of its labours.

Thus consolidated, and with a specific object before us, we would be able, with an improved system for raising benevolent funds—another desideratum—to accomplish much more for souls than we are now doing. We would then be in a position to concentrate, when expedient, our united energies on some of the inviting Home Mission fields beyond the boundaries of our own Province.

The Baptists of Ontario are about commencing Home Mission work in some part of the great North West and we would doubtless be heartily welcomed to join them. Could we respond to such a proposition the results would be glorious, not only in the evangelization of that great and promising country, but also as introductory to a more extensive union of all the Baptists of the Dominion in the establishment of an independent Foreign Mission in some portion of the heathen world.

That these considerations and suggestions may be well pondered by the churches and subserve the best interests of the kingdom of Christ by resulting in more enlarged, persevering and systematic effort in our Home Mission work is our earnest prayer.

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APPENDIX.

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REPORT OF FRENCH MISSION BOARD.

The French Mission Board beg to report :

1st. That in agreement with the order of this Association at its last session given, we have obtained an Act of Legislature making us a "body corporate."

2nd. Your present Board have failed to obtain a "title" to the premises at Saulnierville, although they were reported last year as being ready for occupation. Two difficulties have met us here.—First the party owning the premises refused to give us a title for the money we had on hand to pay and the security for the balance which we had in our power to give.

Secondly. Upon examination had some legal difficulties to the obtaining of a title were discovered, and hence the premises are not yet occupied by us.

3rd. Your Board have done all in their power to secure the ballance of pledges necessary to the purchase of premises, as well as moneys to meet the current expenses of the Mission. Many of these pledges being given conditionally, and these Conditions being variously interpreted by the donors have greatly increased our difficulties. But we yet hope to obtain the most of these sums, as nearly as can be ascertained from the several subscription lists taken at different Sessions of our Associations, and by our Agents, the necessary sums have been pledged; till now but a small portion has been collected.

4th. After corresponding with several Brethren, we were enabled to secure the Services of Rev. A. Cogswell, as an Agent. He has labored for us 17 weeks, with good successes, the results of which appear in the reports of our treasurers.

5. Our Missionary, Bro. Normandy, has also performed an Agency in New Brunswick, in which he delivered 72 public addresses, in behalf of the Mission, but was not very successful in obtaining funds. He has also labored one week for Bro. Cogswell, during his agency for the Mission.

During the year he has preached 98 Sermons in the Mission field, and 15 sermons in other places—has made 338 family visits, travelled 5311 miles.

In addition to these labors, a House for Worship 25 ft. by 32 ft. has been erected on one part of the Mission field, by his exertions, under his superintendency. It is completed on the outside, and during the past summer has been occupied.

It has pleased our Heavenly Father to restore in a good degree the health of sister Normandy, (our Missionarys Wife) and to enable her this year to give valuable assistance to the Mission. She has made 87 family visits, in all of which she has had the privilege of reading the Scriptures and praying.

6. Your Board, rejoice to report that the labors of the past year have not been without tokens of Divine favor. We have been made to know as in past times that this Mission is of the Lord.

Our Missionary, has again been encouraged by witnessing the conversion of souls, from the darkness of Romanism and of Nature's night, to the light and liberty of purer faith, Fourteen of these have been baptised, four of whom are converted Romanists. Encouraged by the results of past labors, and cheered by the promises of God, we will yet labor for the conversion of the Acadian French. For has not God said, My word shall not return unto me void; but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it?

Respectfully submitted.

B. B. MOSES, *Secretary.*

FRENCH MISSION FUND, in account with B. B. MOSES,
Secretary.

| 1868. | | Dr. | |
|-----------|---|-----|----------|
| June . | To cash paid J. Shaw, Esq., at the Association at Long Island..... | | \$20 00 |
| " | " " paid Treasurer..... | | 80 00 |
| Nov. . | " " " "..... | | 8 00 |
| 1869. | " " " "..... | | 70 00 |
| Sept. 25. | " " cash on hand..... | | 2 50 |
| | | | \$187 50 |

| 1868. | | Cr. | |
|-------|------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| June | By cash Samuel Whellock..... | \$21 00 | |
| | " John Whitman..... | 1 00 | |
| | " Rev. George Armstrong..... | 20 00 | |
| | " W. H. Chipman..... | 20 00 | |
| | " A. M. Gidney..... | 5 00 | |
| | " Rev. T. S. Rand..... | 5 00 | |
| | " Rev. A. H. Munro..... | 20 00 | |
| | " Minard C. Beals..... | 5 00 | |
| | " Charles McNeil..... | 10 00 | |
| | " G. W. Cogswell..... | 1 00 | |
| | " Wm. Lent..... | 2 00 | |
| | " Rev. T. H. Porter..... | 1 00 | |
| | " Joseph Crocker..... | 0 50 | |
| | Collected by Rev. A. Cogswell..... | 77 00 | |
| | | | \$187 50 |
| | By balance..... | | \$2 50 |

Examined by

S. BROWN,
GEORGE TRASK.

Yarmouth, Sept. 28th, 1869.

FRENCH MISSION PREMISES, in account with W. R. DOTT,
Treasurer.

| 1863. | | Dr. | |
|-----------|-----------------------------------|-------|----------|
| June 30. | To paid Joseph Shaw..... | | \$80 00 |
| 1868. | | Cr. | |
| June 30. | By cash from B. B. Moses..... | 80 00 | |
| Nov. 14. | " " " "..... | 8 00 | |
| 1869. | | | |
| April 22. | " " " "..... | 70 00 | |
| June 26. | " " " "..... | 7 00 | |
| Sept. 11. | " James Moore..... | 5 00 | |
| | | | \$170 00 |
| | Balance in hand of Treasurer..... | | \$90 00 |

Examined,

S. BROWN,
GEORGE TRASK.

Sept. 28th, 1869.

of the Association to endeavor to form similar Conventions for mutual improvement and encouragement.

Never before were Sabbath Schools so much required as at present. The great advance made in the Common Schools of the Province offer many advantages to the Christian teacher, by giving the youth of the country the elements of knowledge, and so relieving the Sabbath School of much of the rudgery of teaching the same.

This being the case it becomes all-important that the young in the Sabbath Schools, should be well instructed in the truths of God's Word; and in their earliest days well trained in understanding the Christian Doctrines and Duties; and we feel assured that this cannot be more effectually accomplished, than by being well acquainted with the truths contained in the "Scripture Catechism" lately published by S. Selden. And we would urge upon Sabbath School the necessity of supplying their schools with this useful book, for we feel assured that great good will accrue from its perusal.

Your Committee would recommend Teachers to make themselves fully acquainted with the latest and most approved methods of instruction for classes, and in the management of schools, so as to keep pace as nearly as possible with the improved systems of conveying secular instruction.

Infant Classes—In large Sabbath Schools it has been found advantageous to give simultaneous instruction to the younger children in a room separate from the general operations of the other classes. This is beneficial in various ways it supplies an opportunity of giving the kind of teaching more adapted to the infant mind than can be done in the presence of the children of more mature age. The teacher may convey to such little ones much of historical and biographical incident, in which God's Word abounds, and thus produce a desire to read that Word for themselves when further advanced, as well as cultivate in them holy principles, love to God and to goodness and truth.

Bible classes—Your Committee are of opinion that great good might be effected in many places by the formation of classes of men and women for reading the Scriptures who have not had early opportunities.

Bible Classes generally are a means of great good to

christians and to others of all ages, and should be formed wherever practicable.

Sabbath School Concerts if held not too frequently, may be productive of advantage, by awakening a deeper and more general interest in S. S. work, and by giving greater variety to the school than is done by invariably pursuing the ordinary routine and course of teaching. The exercises on such occasions, we think should consist of select portions of the Scriptures, which may be made abundantly interesting by a little thoughtful preparation on the part of the Superintendent and Teachers.

The Hymns used by us in Public Worship should be more frequently committed to memory by the children and repeated on such occasions. By this means their minds would be stored with christian sentiment, which would prevent the entrance of what is low and degrading, and increase their interest in the services of God's house in subsequent years.

An occasional interchange of visits by the Teachers of several schools has been often found a means of encouragement and mutual help, and is recommended by your committee.

The great object to be sought in all our endeavours with the young, is the salvation of their souls. We know not how early this may be accomplished. We have instances of its being very early, in the Old and New Testaments. Faithful labor will be rewarded. Prayer will be heard and God will be glorified in such blessed results.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JAS. P. NOWLAN, *Chairman.*

(C)

ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee have much satisfaction in stating that forty-seven Students have been earnestly pursuing the their studies at Acadia College during the past year. The attendance, it is believed, is larger than in any previous year. Important changes in the College Faculty have recently occurred. The Rev. Dr. Cramp, after several years of laborious and efficient service, as President of Acadia College, has, at his own request, retired from that important

position, to spend the remnant of his life in completing cherished literary work, designed to subserve the cause of Truth.

Your Committee are pleased to learn that the Revd. Dr. Sawyer, of the United States,—formerly for several years one of its Professors, has accepted the Presidency of the College, tendered him some months ago, by the Governors—and that he has already entered on the duties of his office.

Also that the Revd. Dr. Crawley, has, in addition to his Professorship in the College, been appointed Principal of the Theological Department.

Mr. Elder, who has been pursuing a course of study at the *Lawrence Scientific School*, Cambridge, Mass., with the view of preparing himself to discharge more satisfactorily and efficiently the duties of the important position to which the Governors of the College invited him a year ago, has entered on his work as *Professor of Natural Science*. The other Professors continue to discharge the duties required by their office.

The important changes now referred to will necessarily require a considerably increased expenditure. But the Baptists of these Provinces are fully able to meet the additional expense.

The College is regarded by your Committee as more needful now than ever before. The increased impetus given to General Education in this Province by the School Law now in efficient operation throughout the land, makes it imperative that higher Educational Institutions be well sustained and fully equipped to meet the advancing demands for instruction and developement in the wide and ever extending departments of human thought, science and knowledge.

We commend Acadia College to the consideration, sympathy and liberal support of the Churches and congregations connected with this Association, as an instrumentality which with the special blessing of God may be rendered increasingly influential and useful in promoting the knowledge of the Gospel and extending the Kingdom of Christ among men.

We recommend to our churches that the important matter of Ministerial Education be thoughtfully and prayerfully cherished, and that they contribute towards the support of

deserving and approved young men needing such aid while studying at Acadia College for the Christian Ministry.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE ARMSTRONG, *Chairman.*

(D)

ON TEMPERANCE.

The Committee on Temperance report :

That they consider the traffic, in intoxicating drinks a dishonor to civilization, injurious to the best interests of Society, and a great political wrong. They believe it to be subversive of many objects of good government, and not capable of being properly regulated or restrained by license. They therefore recommend, that every member of this Association should assist, as far as possible, the various Temperance Societies in their laudable efforts to make public opinion ripe for effective Legal Prohibition. For prohibition, with exceptions properly defined and guarded, the committee consider the most effectual means of arresting the progress of Intemperance.

Respectfully submitted,

G. E. DAY, *Chairman.*

(E)

ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Holiness unto the Lord is inscribed upon the Sabbath day, in unmistakable, immutable characters by the eternal God. We, therefore, observe with pain the desecration of God's holy day by multitudes throughout the whole land.

Your Committee earnestly recommend that christians seek to be largely imbued with His spirit; who delighted to do in all things the will of God; that christian householders educate their households; Sabbath Schools, their scholars; and churches their members in respect of duty to God in this matter: and especially, that the Ministers of God set guarded example, and also frequently press upon the attention of their congregations the important subject of Sabbath observance.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. TOOKER, *Chairman.*

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ON THE INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND.

The Committee on the Infirm Minister's Fund have taken into consideration the subject of a more permanent and efficient character being given to this Fund; and beg to recommend the adoption of an arrangement similar to that of the Central Association at its recent session, as follows :

1. That it is desirable to acquire an enlarged investment for the Infirm Ministers' Fund.
2. That the Churches of this Association be requested to make Annual Collections for the said Fund.
3. That the amount of such collections, together with the amount of all individual donations of five dollars and upwards, and of all Legacies bequeathed to the Fund, be annually invested in good and sufficient securities, the interest derived therefrom being appropriated to the relief of Infirm Ministers and their families, under the authority of the Board, by votes at regular meetings of the same.
4. That a correspondence be opened with the Boards of the other Associations in this Province, with a view to ascertain whether some mode of union and co-operation can be devised in relation to this object.
5. That it be recommended to the respective Boards of the Associations to take into consideration the desirableness of constituting a Fund for the assistance of Infirm Ministers and the widows of Ministers, on which Fund such Ministers and their representatives might have a legal claim in virtue of contributions annually made by them to the Fund.
6. That a Special Committee of three be appointed to carry the foregoing Resolutions into effect, by correspondence or otherwise.

Your Committee would further advise that the Board for the ensuing year be appointed, and the names of the Brethren composing said Board be inserted every year in the Minutes of the Association, and that facilities be afforded for contributions and legacies to be made to this Fund.

CHARLES RANDALL, *Chairman.*

INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND, *in acct. with* CHAS. RANDALL,
Treasurer.

| 1868. | | Dr. | |
|----------|---|-----|---------------------|
| June 25. | Forwarded to Rev. George Richardson as directed by the Association..... | | \$20 00 |
| " " | Rev. Henry Saunders..... | | 30 00 |
| Dec. 25. | Forwarded to Rev. T. H. Porter, Senr., as directed by the Board..... | | 25 00 |
| 1869. | | | |
| June 4. | Forwarded to William Churchill, Esq., for the widow of the late Rev. W. Jackson..... | | 20 00 |
| | | | Total.....\$95 00 |
| 1868. | | Cr. | |
| June 20. | -By cash and notes in hand as per acct. rendered, | | \$181 01½ |
| June 23 | Received of B. R. Haines, Treasurer of the Association..... | | 47 51 |
| Dec. 22. | Received Interest on Note..... | | 5 76 |
| 1869. | | | |
| April —. | Received collection at Weymouth..... | | 2 28 |
| " " | " " " " New Tusket..... | | 3 80 |
| " " | Received from Westport, by Jesse Harris, Esq. | | 11 36 |
| June 1. | Received Interest on a Note..... | | 2 40 |
| | | | Total.....\$254 12½ |

Less \$20 not received.

In hand this date in cash and Notes. \$159 12½

CHARLES RANDALL, *Treasurer.*

NOTE.—There is \$140 of Interest due on Mortgage.

Examined, S. BROWN.

GEORGE TRASK.

Yarmouth Sept. 28th, 1869.

(G)

ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Our beloved and zealous female Missionary, sister Minnie B. DeWolfe, has been usefully employed during the past year in imparting instruction in English, and in acquiring a knowledge of the Sgau Karen language. Distressing and continued *neuralgia* compelled her for a time to leave her post in quest of medical aid. Your Committee, however, rejoice to learn that, through Divine favor, she has been restored to health, has returned to her post, and resumed her studies; and that she is now laboring diligently to promote,

as far as possible, the best interests of the poor Karen females.

It is pleasing to learn that there were by the latest account, 27 native preachers and one native Bible woman, supported by funds from these Maritime Provinces diffusing the light of the gospel of Christ in Burmah.

It was fondly hoped that an ordained Missionary, Rev. William George, with his wife, would presently go forth from our midst, under the auspices and direction of our Foreign Missionary Board, to lead this noble band of laborers. He was accepted by the Board with a view to this object. At the Convention in Halifax, however, it appeared that he preferred to go under the direction of the American Baptist Missionary Union; and it was decided that he should do so.

Your Committee sincerely hope that Bro. George and his amiable companion may labor usefully in connection with that body. They, however, fully agree with Rev. Dr. Warren, one of the Secretaries of the Union, in the view expressed by him in a letter addressed to the Secretary of our Board, dated October 23rd 1862, in which he says, with reference to the Baptists of these Provinces. "Till they have a field and laborers of their own, toiling under their supervision, and dependent on them for support and sympathy, it is certain their resources will not be called out as they should be." So likewise Professor J. E. Wells, of the Canadian Institute at Woodstock, Ontario, referring to attempts made by our brethren in the Upper Provinces to secure "Mission premises at Albor," while connected with the Union, remarks, (C. M. Aug. 4, 1869.) "The negotiations connected with his movement seem to indicate pretty clearly, what was before the opinion of some, that the resources of Canadian Baptists will never be fully developed until we have an independent Mission."

Your Committee, entertaining the same view, as unquestionably correct, would respectfully urge the putting forth of strenuous and persevering efforts for the establishment, as soon as may be, as such a Foreign Mission. They would also beg to suggest the desirableness of forming a coalition in this matter with our brethren in the Upper Provinces, so that the whole body of Baptists throughout the Dominion may be combined in this needful and highly important work.

Respectfully submitted.

CHARLES TUPPER, *Chairman.*

(H)
ON OBITUARIES.

Have to report that one of the Ministers within the limits of this Association has during the past year been called from labour and suffering here, to be, as we believe, with the Lord; we mean the REV. T. H. PORTER, Senr., who died at Wilmot, April 15th, aged 63 years. This servant of Christ had for many years preached the Gospel, and held the Pastorate in different Churches in this Province. Since our beloved Brother relinquished the pastoral office, which failing health compelled him to do, he preached the Gospel as frequently as in his power. In his last illness our Brother was sustained and cheered by the promises of God and the hope of salvation through faith in the blood of Jesus.

Also our venerable Brother JOSEPH CROCKER, Deacon of the Church on Long Island, Digby County, had been removed from the scene of his pilgrimage and conflict to the Kingdom of God. This worthy Brother delighted in the service of the Lord; and his labours were a blessing to the cause of Christ on Long Island.

Also, BRO. JOHN LOCKE, of Locks Island, who had as a licensed preacher for many years proclaimed the Word of Life and occupied the office of Deacon, has also during the year gone to his eternal rest, much and deservedly lamented.

BRO. JONATHAN RAYMOND, for many years an esteemed Deacon of the Baptist Church in Beaver River, and a benevolent and influential member of this body has also recently been called home.

These removals remind us that the time for holy self-denying labour and toil in promoting the cause of Christ, in seeking the salvation of sinners, will soon close; and admonish us to work with all our might while the day lasts. May God help us to profit by the admonition.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES TUPPER, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF MISSIONARY BOARD.

Report of the Domestic Missionary Board of the W. B. Association for the year ending Sept., 1867.

The report of our Domestic Missionary operations for the past year is not so cheering as in some former years. Still for another year, our monies have been expended, our Missionaries have been employed, in establishing and extending the Redeemer's kingdom, and not entirely in vain. Doubtless as with many a settled Pastor, many of our missionaries have often had to say, "Lord who hath believed our report and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed," "I have labored in vain and spent my strength for nought," but then like them, they have again been made to rejoice in seeing Christians quickened, prodigals reclaimed, and souls converted, through their labors. Still where the fruits have not been gathered, ploughing and planting have prepared the way for coming harvest. "One soweth and another reapeth." One impediment to the success of our Missionary operations, we are persuaded, is the lack of permanency in our appointments. Short missions create impressions, which alas! time, to a great extent, obliterates; and indeed, in some respects, the deeper those impressions and the more immediate fruits of a short mission the greater injuries to the cause in relinquishing it. We might well copy after our Wesleyan brethren, in this respect,—having gained a foothold, to keep it.

To accomplish this however, we need more funds. A little more liberality in supporting such permanent missions would shortly render them self-sustaining, and thus, relieved of such successive burdens, the Scripture promises would be realized: "The liberal soul deviseth liberal things and by liberal things shall he stand."

Total amount of labour and expenditure, with the apparent results. As far as the reports show:

Number of weeks expended under the employ of the Board 31½.
 Sermons preached 120.
 Other religious meetings 36.
 Family Visits 330.
 Number of pages of religious tracts distributed 567
 Number Baptized 20.
 Amount collected in aid of the Board \$42.50.

In addition to above, needed assistance has been rendered to several destitute Churches, not only within the limits of

this Association, but to others situated in the Eastern portion of our Province, and even in Cape Breton, thus extending our labors to the regions beyond. Much more assistance is required in this department, of our Missionary operations, which we would gladly and we believe profitably render, were there sufficient funds at the disposal of the Board.

Would that our wealthier and more privileged brethren and churches, could be aroused to a more lively sense of their obligations to bear one another's burdens, in this respect and so to fulfil the law of Christ.

Submitted,

W. H. PORTER, *Secretary.*

Labor performed during the year.

Bro. George Sederquest reports :

12 weeks labor.

3 weeks at Young's Cove and 3 weeks at Pratt Settlement and Lake La Rose.

Sermons preached 28.

Other Religious meetings 5.

Families visited 72.

Pages of tracts distributed 567.

Number baptized 5.

Number professedly converted and awaiting baptism 2.

Money collected for the Mission \$10.00

At Pratt Settlement, prospects quite hopeful.

3 weeks at Greywood and Milford.

3 weeks at Hillsboro and Parker's Cove.

Brother Achilles reports :

3 weeks at Hillsburni and Parker's Cove.

Sermons preached 15.

Other Religious Meetings 6.

Families visited 40.

Baptized 15.

Others hopefully converted.

Received in aid of the Mission \$4.00. Also 2 Sabbaths (12 days) at Broad Cove.

Sermons preached 11.

Religious meetings 2

Families visited 85.

Received in aid of the Mission \$10.00.

Brother R. R. Philp, reports :

6 weeks labor at Lunenburg Town, North West, Mahone Bay, New Cornwall.

Sermons preached 24.

Other religious Meetings 8.
Families visited 50.
Received in aid of the Board \$5.50.

Brother Obed Parker, reports:
9 weeks at St. Marys, Melrose, Isaac's and Country Harbors.
Sermons preached 23.
Other Religious Meetings 18.
Families visited 96.
Received for the Mission \$22.00

DOMESTIC MISSIONARY BOARD *in account with* N. VIDITO,
Treasurer.

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| By balance in hand last year..... | \$181 58 |
| " received at the Association, 1868..... | 209 44 |
| " Interest on Prov. Debentures..... | 60 00 |
| " from Deacon C. Shafner's Estate..... | 20 00 |
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| Oct. 15. | To paid R. R. Philp..... | \$42 50 | |
| Nov. 4. | " " H. Achilles..... | 15 00 | |
| Dec. 29. | " " G. W. Sederquest..... | 10 00 | |
| | 1869. | | |
| Jan. 14. | " " Sydney Church..... | 50 00 | |
| April 2. | " " G. W. Sederquest..... | 30 00 | |
| June 4. | " " "..... | 28 00 | |
| 10. | " " W. L. Parker..... | 80 00 | |
| " | " " Obed Parker..... | 50 00 | |
| July 19. | " " H. Achilles..... | 20 00 | |
| " 22. | " " P. Shields for Dalhousie, Spring- field and New Albany..... | 60 00 | |
| " | " " Postage stamps, &c..... | 0 75 | |
| " | " " J. Reid..... | 20 00 | |
| " | " " A. Cogswell..... | 10 00 | |
| Sept. 23. | " " W. L. Parker..... | 20 00 | 436 25 |
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| | Balance due D. M. B..... | | 34 74 |

Examined by

N. VIDITO,

S. BROWN,
GEORGE TRASK.

Yarmouth, Sept. 28th, 1869.

Monies paid in at the Western Association, Convened at Hebron, Yarmouth County, N. S.,
September 25th, 1869.

| CHURCHES. | | Home Missions. | Foreign Missions. | Infirm Ministers. | Ministerial Education. | French Missions. | Acadial College. | TOTALS. |
|-----------|---------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------|------------------|------------------|----------|
| 1 | Annapolis and Upper Granville..... | \$13 65 | \$ 5 75 | \$ 6 25 | ..... | \$ 6 50 | \$ 5 00 | \$37 40* |
| 2 | Argyle..... | 5 52 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 5 52 |
| 3 | Brookfield..... | 7 00 | 5 54 | 1 00 | 1 00 | 1 00 | ..... | 15 54 |
| 4 | Beaver River..... | 1 50 | 2 00 | 0 60 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 8 60 |
| 5 | Clemens..... | 4 00 | 4 00 | 4 18 | 3 00 | 4 50 | ..... | 15 18 |
| 6 | Caledonia..... | 2 25 | 1 75 | ..... | ..... | 1 00 | 2 00 | 7 00 |
| 7 | Digby..... | 3 50 | 0 37 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 3 87 |
| 8 | Greenfield..... | 0 87 | 0 25 | 1 56 | 0 10 | 0 57 | ..... | 3 29 |
| 9 | Greenwood..... | 3 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 3 00 |
| 10 | Hampson..... | 1 12 | 4 76 | 2 05 | ..... | 6 25 | ..... | 14 19 |
| 11 | Hill Grove..... | 1 75 | 1 75 | 2 37 | 1 75 | 1 75 | 1 75 | 11 12 |
| 12 | Hillsburg, 1st..... | 4 00 | 4 00 | 2 00 | ..... | 1 50 | 2 00 | 13 50 |
| 13 | Hillsburg, 2nd..... | 3 81 | 2 50 | ..... | ..... | 3 92 | ..... | 19 73 |
| 14 | Kempt..... | 3 81 | 4 75 | 1 25 | ..... | 4 50 | ..... | 14 62 |
| 15 | Liverpool..... | 4 12 | 4 75 | 1 25 | ..... | 10 00 | ..... | 25 37 |
| 16 | Lake George..... | 4 00 | 8 00 | 2 01 | 2 37 | 6 50 | ..... | 45 60 |
| 17 | Lower Aylesford and Upper Wilmot..... | 10 00 | 23 00 | 4 60 | 1 00 | 8 00 | ..... | 8 51 |
| 18 | Lower Granville..... | 7 37 | 50 00 | 4 12 | 3 12 | ..... | ..... | 64 62* |
| 19 | Litchfield..... | 1 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1 00 |
| 20 | Long Island..... | 5 00 | 5 00 | 1 40 | ..... | 5 00 | ..... | 16 40 |
| 21 | Milton..... | 17 50 | 37 50 | 6 75 | ..... | 10 00 | ..... | 71 75 |
| 22 | Middlefield..... | ..... | 0 50 | 1 75 | ..... | ..... | 3 50 | 5 75 |
| 23 | Nictaux..... | 24 87 | ..... | 2 20 | ..... | 17 48 | ..... | 44 56 |
| 24 | New Albany..... | 3 50 | 2 72 | 0 45 | ..... | 0 62 | ..... | 7 30 |
| 25 | New Tusket..... | 1 00 | 1 56 | ..... | ..... | 9 00 | ..... | 11 50 |

Statistics of Sabbath Schools in the Western Baptist Association. September 1869.

| SCHOOLS. | SCHOLARS. | | | Average attendance. | TEACHERS. | | | No. in Bible Class. | Members in S. S. and B. C. | Volumes in Library. | Expended during the year. |
|--------------------------|-----------|---------|--------|---------------------|-----------|---------|--------|---------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| | Male. | Female. | Total. | | Male. | Female. | Total. | | | | |
| Lower Granville..... | 5 | 180 | 180 | 17 | 23 | 40 | 12 | 98 | 389 | \$25 00 | |
| Yarmouth, 1st..... | 3 | 388 | 260 | 6 | 9 | 15 | 10 | 25 | 425 | 30 00 | |
| Ragged Islands, 1st..... | 2 | 108 | 89 | 7 | 5 | 12 | 30 | 25 | 300 | 2 50 | |
| Kempt..... | 2 | 100 | 80 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 35 | 29 00 | |
| Hill Grove..... | 1 | 18 | 12 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 35 | 4 00 | |
| Nictaux..... | 1 | 170 | 218 | 18 | 15 | 33 | 100 | 66 | 1000 | 109 00 | |
| Hillsburg..... | 1 | 32 | 38 | 7 | 4 | 11 | 15 | 2 | 206 | 28 00 | |
| Wilnot Mountain..... | 1 | 30 | 35 | 6 | 4 | 10 | 15 | 2 | 400 | 15 00 | |
| Digby Neck, 2nd..... | 1 | 22 | 33 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 14 | 25 | 100 | 100 00 | |
| Mill Village..... | 1 | 31 | 41 | 6 | 3 | 9 | 19 | 31 | 200 | 20 25 | |
| Port Medway..... | 1 | 92 | 26 | 4 | 5 | 9 | 17 | 15 | 16 | 16 00 | |
| Yarmouth, 2nd..... | 1 | 56 | 74 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 15 | 16 | 8 50 | |
| Wilnot..... | 1 | 180 | 88 | 11 | 8 | 19 | 10 | 28 | 150 | 28 75 | |
| St. Mary's..... | 2 | 74 | 61 | 6 | 3 | 9 | 6 | 7 | 275 | 20 00 | |
| Hillsburg..... | 1 | 18 | 25 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 2 | 120 | 20 00 | 00 | |
| Hampton..... | 1 | 37 | 21 | 6 | 3 | 9 | 8 | 200 | 9 00 | 00 | |
| Milton..... | 1 | 20 | 28 | 5 | 3 | 8 | 4 | 30 | 1 50 | 00 | |
| Clements..... | 1 | 205 | 122 | 10 | 12 | 22 | 30 | 30 | 24 | 33 | |
| | 2 | 90 | 170 | 7 | 7 | 14 | 45 | 32 | 320 | 20 00 | |

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|--|----|----|------|-----|-------|-------|----|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| New Tusket | 2 | 13 | 17 | 30 | 3 | 6 | 13 | 18 | | | | | |
| Beaver River | 3 | 38 | 42 | 86 | | | 7 | 18 | | | | | |
| Brookfield | 1 | 25 | 35 | 60 | 50 | | 4 | 20 | 15 | 200 | 12 | 00 | |
| Ragged Islands, 2nd | 1 | 22 | 29 | 57 | 25 | 3 | 4 | ..... | 4 | 70 | 10 | 00 | |
| Tusket Lakes | 1 | 12 | 18 | 30 | 20 | 3 | 1 | ..... | 8 | ..... | ..... | ..... |  |
| Deerfield | 1 | 42 | 70 | 112 | 80 | 9 | 4 | ..... | 49 | 155 | ..... | ..... |  |
| Westport | 1 | 20 | 35 | 65 | 50 | 4 | 6 | 10 | 15 | 15 | 200 | 9 | 00 |
| West Sherbrooke | 1 | 11 | 19 | 30 | 22 | 1 | 2 | 3 | ..... | 9 | 150 | ..... | ..... |
| Yarmouth West | 2 | 45 | 61 | 106 | 158 | 10 | 12 | 22 | ..... | 50 | 165 | 23 | 00 |
| Lake George | 1 | 24 | 35 | 69 | 43 | 6 | 4 | 10 | ..... | 15 | 100 | ..... | ..... |
| Tusket | 1 | 40 | 60 | 100 | 85 | 6 | 5 | 10 | ..... | 12 | 250 | 20 | 00 |
| Caledonia | 1 | 50 | 60 | 110 | 75 | 6 | 5 | 11 | ..... | 55 | 370 | 23 | 00 |
| Lower Aylesford and Upper Wilmot | 3 | 93 | 105 | 198 | 170 | 11 | 9 | 20 | ..... | 12 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Yarmouth South | 1 | 32 | 48 | 80 | 70 | 6 | 3 | 7 | 9 | 5 | 100 | 10 | 00 |
| Digby | 1 | 15 | 21 | 36 | 30 | 4 | 3 | 9 | ..... | 12 | ..... | 8 | 15 |
| Greenfield | 1 | 30 | 27 | 57 | 55 | 5 | 4 | 9 | ..... | 10 | 30 | ..... | ..... |
| Gray wood and Milford | 1 | 10 | 10 | 20 | 25 | 2 | 3 | 5 | ..... | 19 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Ohio | 1 | 47 | 68 | 105 | 66 | 6 | 7 | 13 | ..... | ..... | 50 | 7 | 50 |
| Middlefield | 1 | 16 | 12 | 28 | 25 | 2 | 3 | 5 | | 15 | 19 | 400 | |
| New Albany | 1 | 51 | 51 | 102 | 65 | 6 | 6 | 12 | 15 | 19 | 400 | | |
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**DIGEST OF LETTERS TO THE WESTERN N. S.
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.**

The 1st. Yarmouth Church reports praiseworthy efforts for sustaining the cause of God within their borders both by the employment of men to labor in word and doctrine, and by liberal expenditures of means for multiplying and improving their places of worship. Rev. I. E. Bill and I. Wallace, were employed to assist their pastor Rev. G. E. Day, in a series of meetings with happy results. Thirty-six have been added by baptism during the year. Monthly Missionary meetings are sustained with good attendance and lively interest, and contributions to christian benevolence have been liberal; while a vestry has been built at a cost of about \$3000. and a new church edifice in the lower part of the town is in course of erection, and another is about to be commenced at Milton, to cost about ten thousand dollars, each.

Hebron Church laments the low state of the cause among them, and the prevalence of coldness and apathy. Still they have experienced some refreshing and some additions during the year, under the faithful labors of Rev. John Rowe, and are disposed to trust the mercy of that God who has hitherto helped them.

Pine Grove Church is not experiencing any visible tokens of God's saving power; but its members, with a commendable degree of unanimity, are working, and waiting, and hoping.

This church has two licentiates of promise in course of preparation for the ministry; practices congregational singing with satisfactory results; and supports the enterprises of the denomination by weekly contributions.

Lower Granville Church has enjoyed revival influences in two of its sections, with the addition of ten by baptism, during the year, and a gratifying amount of general prosperity. This Church, in conjunction with Bridgetown Church sustains a native preacher in Henthada and manifests increasing interest in all the benevolent enterprises of the body.

Hillgrove Church laments the want of becoming activity in the few who seem to constitute the church, the scattered condition of the majority, the small attendance upon the preaching of the word, and the smaller still at the prayer and conference meetings, and recognize the suitableness of their crying

" Lord if thou dost not soon appear
Virtue and truth will flee away,
A faithful man among us here
Will scarce be found, if Thou delay."

1st Ragged Islands Church enjoys a good degree of union and harmony. Efforts to stimulate those delinquent in discharging responsibilities, and improving the privileges of the church, have been attended with favorable results.

Kempt Church is not without tokens of good, although it has not had large additions to its membership. There is witnessed a strengthening of faith and growth in grace among the members, and an increased attachment to the truth.

1st Digby Neck Church is waiting on God and for God; has had no additions by baptism, but is not discouraged, hoping and trusting that the seed of the kingdom sown will bear its fruit.

Litchfield Church has sustained the worship of God by prayer and conference meetings when not enjoying the occasional preaching of visiting brethren. Cause has been given for mourning by the defection from truth of some of the members.

Long Island Church rejoices in the possession still of a little strength and the occasional visits of the Master. Prayer and conference meetings have been sustained in the absence of a pastor, and it has been found good that brethren dwell together in unity.

Sissiboo Church is experiencing a dark and cloudy time—a time of declension and scattering, but the few that have attended the stated social meetings and experienced the refreshing profit of them, have been encouraged to hope for the return of gracious, reviving influences.

Wood's Harbor Church has had its organization during the past year as the result of a gracious outpouring of the Spirit, and the conversion of a large proportion of those who now constitute its membership. The religious interest still enjoyed by this church is encouraging.

Annapolis and Upper Granville Church has experienced a revival during the year resulting in the refreshing and strengthening of former numbers, the development of a superior type of piety and earnest activity, and the addition to the church of sixteen by baptism, three by letter and two by experience. Still the church has an humbling consciousness of coming short of that excellence which should be the aim of every Christian; but that a change for the better has taken place is apparent from the more devout enjoyment of Sabbath privileges, the more earnest and spiritual exercises of prayer and conference meetings, and the greater expansiveness and fervor of brotherly love.

Springfield Church is below the standard. It is without a pastor, and alienations exist among the members. Prayer and conference meetings are, however, sustained, and the church is depending upon Christ, and asks prayers.

Liverpool Church has not enjoyed any remarkable displays of grace the last year. The Meetings for preaching, prayer and conference have been well sustained, and union and harmony prevail. Numbers of the members have moved away from the town, and the pastor is about to remove to Toronto.

Dalhousie Church has been long without a pastor and has consequently suffered declension. Elder James Reid labors with the church, at present, to good acceptance and for small remuneration; and help is asked from the Missionary Board in supporting him.

Barrington Church has swarmed during the year and sent off a colony to Wood's Harbor. Numbers are therefore small and these scattered. Because of scanty means, the preaching of the word is with difficulty sustained and the house of worship commenced, is

Pubnico Church laments apathy and indifference, notwithstanding some refreshing has been enjoyed in the improvement of the means of grace.

Nictaux Church has enjoyed an extensive revival and ingathering, during the year, in which wanderers have been reclaimed, sinners converted, and ninety added by baptism.

Hillsburg Church acknowledges the low state of religion. Prayer and conference meetings are thinly attended, yet a few sigh and hope for better days.

Wilmot Mountain Church has experienced reviving mercy and grace during the spring. Prodigals have been reclaimed, sinners converted, and twenty-three added by baptism. The church desires higher attainments in grace, more extensive outpouring of the Spirit, and wider extension of the Kingdom.

Mill Village Church is often gladdened in the enjoyment of the stated means of grace and is making arrangements for securing a larger proportion of the Pastor's time and labor. The church has been strengthened by valuable additions from Sister Churches.

Port Medway Church is sad because left without the experience of converting and reclaiming grace; yet they are not wholly destitute of God's favor and help.

2nd. Digby Neck Church.—The work of grace enjoyed the last year has not been followed by declension, or instances of grievous backsliding. Meetings interesting, and preaching adapted to the spiritual needs of the Church.

Wilmot Church has experienced a revival by which the weak have been strengthened, the fearful encouraged, sinners converted and twenty baptized.

St. Mary's Bay Church has not as a body enjoyed any special work of grace the past year, yet our section, that in which Bro. Normandy labors, the power and grace of God have been displayed, and thirteen added by baptism.

2nd Hillsburg Church sees the prospect beginning to brighten. Bro. J. Jones' services have been secured and through his instrumentality a Sabbath School has been organized and a prayer meeting opened which have increasing interest and promise.

Hampton Church hopes in God, though saddened by the low state of religion and removals by death.

Milton Church is again without a pastor. Prayer and conference meetings are well sustained, Sabbath School well attended and some have been added, during the year, by baptism.

Clements Church has enjoyed, in one of its sections, a revival of religion, by which wanderers have been reclaimed, sinners converted and nineteen baptized.

New Tuskent Church has not enjoyed reviving during the year, but languishes instead: yet a few names of its membership have not hid their light. The brethren live in hope, enjoying the means of grace.

Tusket Lake Church is striving for the faith; yet their success is not proportionate to their privileges. The past year has been one of trial, yet nine have been added by baptism, and the church lives in hope.

2nd Ragged Islands Church has neither enjoyed increase nor suffered diminution during the year. It is struggling on amid darkness, and experiencing at times refreshing and illumination in prayer and conference meetings, and under the preaching of the word.

Brookfield Church reports diminished numbers, no pastor, and very many of the members indifferent to the claims of God. Yet a few strive to maintain the cause, knowing that it is not by might nor by power that the end is achieved.

3rd Yarmouth Church (Deerfield) has experienced special favor during the year. The Week of Prayer was observed with good results. The alienated have been restored, slumberers aroused, and forty youthful converts have been baptized. The church rejoices still in the enjoyment of a good degree of union and interest.

Westport Church has nothing cheering to communicate, but regret their low state, and because iniquity abounds the love of many waxes cold.

West Sherbrook Church reports diminished numbers and a year of darkness. Yet they express hope for the future, and ask assistance from the Home Mission Board.

Caledonia Church has nothing encouraging to write. They regret their division for the organization of a new Church, and think it was unwise. They are without a pastor, yet sustain conference meetings, and desire Missionary aid.

Beaver River Church mourns its low state, the past year having been one of declension rather than prosperity. The Church is without a pastor, Bro. Cogswell having resigned.

Lower Aylesford and Upper Wilnot Church has been at work and by the divine blessing the cause has been revived in some of its sections. Believers have been quickened, backsliders reclaimed and sinners hopefully converted. In one section nine were added by baptism, in another three. The church has under advisement a division and organization for another, or the employment of an assistant pastor. A new house of worship has been finished and opened at Melvern Square in the year; and a promising candidate for the ministry has been licensed.

South Yarmouth Church enjoys the steady progress of the Redeemer's Kingdom, but does not witness the rapid progress desirable. Union is enjoyed and the new church edifice has been completed and dedicated during the year.

Digby Church has nothing of special interest to relate. Being destitute of a Pastor they have become enveloped in darkness, but having lately secured the acceptable services of Bro. J. Jones, they hope for the dawn.

Greenfield Church record their own unfaithfulness, and God's forbearance. They think their failure to grow in numbers should cause growth in humility. They apprehend the loss of the small proportion of pastoral labor they have enjoyed, and ask preachers.

Graywood and Milford Church has diminished its membership by discipline, dismissions, and death; yet through the blessing enjoyed, in connection with the stated and faithful ministrations of the word growth and prosperity are anticipated.

Ohio Church has experienced, during the year, no unusual changes. Hope progress is being made, but recognize their need of divine interposition.

Middlefield Church has had no remarkable occurrence. A house of worship is in course of construction, which is to be opened soon, free of debt.

West Yarmouth Church has been revived through the instrumentality of Rev. W. L. Parker's labors. Nineteen have been added by baptism, with the usual concomitants of a revival of religion.

Tusket Church having no Pastor, mourns the prevalence of indifference, and a scattered membership prevents the exercise of christian sympathy and mutual support. At Sabbath prayer meetings, regularly held, the promise of Mat. 18, 20 is sometimes experienced by them. Using earnest and self-sacrificing measures for securing ministerial labor, the assistance of the Mission Board is solicited.

Lake George Church has been revived, and thirteen added by baptism.

New Albany Church merely maintains existence amid untoward influences. Ministerial labor has been enjoyed during a part of the year, and assistance is asked.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

WESTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OF NOVA SCOTIA.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RULES OF ORDER.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS RECOMMENDED.

(See Page 9.)

- 1st. That the session, of Saturday morning be appropriated to devotional exercises, while the clerks are preparing a list of delegates.
- 2nd. That at the close of the devotional exercises the Association be organized, and the Committee of Nomination and Arrangements be appointed.
- 3rd. That in the afternoon the Letters from the Churches be read and the Committee of Nomination and Arrangements report.
- 4th. That a Temperance meeting be held on Saturday evening.
- 5th. That all Committees meet on Monday morning, at 8 o'clock.
- 6th. That the Annual Sermon be preached, and the Circular Letter be read on Monday morning.
- 7th. That on Monday afternoon, Home Missions be considered, and in the evening of that day the French Mission.
- 8th. That Tuesday morning be appropriated to Sabbath Schools and Education.
- 9th. That on Tuesday afternoon reports of other Committees be presented.
- 10th. That on Tuesday evening a Foreign Missionary meeting be held.