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OF THE
SIXTH SESSION
OF THE
Central Baptist Association
OF
NOVA SCOTIA.

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CHESTER, SATURDAY, JUNE 21st, 1856.

THE Association met with the Chester church, at 2 o'clock, P. M., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Rev. A. S. Hunt, A. M., Moderator. After singing and prayer a list of delegates was obtained from the letters as follows:—

- Aylesford, Upper.*—Brethren W. Graves and Samuel Marshall.  
*Bridgewater.*—Rev. JAMES V. TABOR; Deacon B. W. C. Manning  
 Brethren Wm. Newcomb and James Grinton.  
*Chelsea.*—Rev. JAMES V. TABOR; Brother John Kiddey.  
*Chester.*—Rev. THOMAS W. CRAWLEY; Deacons John Beanson, John E. Melvin, David Hume; Brother Peter Corcum.  
*Cornwallis 1st.*—Rev. A. S. HUNT; Deacons Joshua Ella, Henry Eaton; Brethren Smith and Elder.  
*Cornwallis 2nd.*—Rev. WM. CHIPMAN; Deacon Abel Parker.  
*Cornwallis 3rd.*—Rev. JAMES PARKER; Brethren Albert Porter, (Licentiate), Edward Rockwell and Samuel Parish.  
*Falmouth, Upper.*—Rev. WM. BURTON; Brethren David Shaw and Charles Bacon.  
*Halifax, Granville Street.*—Rev. DAVID FREEMAN; Brother J. W. Johnston, Jr.  
*Hammond's Plains 2nd.*—Rev. T. H. PORTER.  
*Hantsport.*—Rev. WM. BURTON; Brethren Edward Davison and Elisha Griffin.  
*Horton 1st.*—Rev'ds. STEPHEN W. DEBLOIS, J. M. CRAMP, JOHN CHASE; Deacons Martin Cleveland, John McDonald; Brother J. W. Hart.  
*Horton 2nd.*—Rev. JAMES STEVENS; Deacon James Pick.  
*Indian Harbour, West.*—Brother Douglas, (Licentiate).  
*Kempton.*—Rev. B. VAUGHAN.  
*La Have.*—Rev. B. TAYLOR; Brother Jacob Kaulback.  
*Lunenburg, N. W.*—Brethren Gideon Longille and — Westhaver.  
*New Cornwall.*—Rev. A. W. BARRS; Brethren John Dauphney, Solomon Spidal, George Spidal and Samuel Hallowell.  
*Newport.*—Rev'ds. GEORGE DIMOCK and J. BANCROFT; Deacon Thomas Sandford.

*Preston.*—Rev. DAVID FREEMAN.  
*Rawdon.*—Deacon Wm. Dimock; Brother Charles Dimock.  
*Sackville.*—Rev. T. H. PORTER; Brethren David Ellis and Nathan Ellis.

*Sherbrooke East.*—Brethren J. Gray and W. Corcum.  
*Sherbrooke West.*—Brother R. Wilson.  
*St. Margaret's Bay.*—Brethren Douglas and James Hubley.  
*Tancook.*—Deacons F. Slaughter and G. Young.  
*Windsor.*—Brother Thomas Bennett.

Rev. George Armstrong, Messenger from the Western Nova Scotia Association, and the following visiting brethren, on being invited by the Association, took their seats among the delegates:—Rev. O. Chute, French Missionary, Rev. Hugh Ross, Gaelic Missionary, Rev. W. G. Parker, James Spencer, and A. Sawyer, Professor in Acadia College, and Brethren John Moser, Licentiate, James Mosher, Herbert Cunningham, Leonard Mader, John Mader, John Lomas, E. Eisenhaur, Jacob Stevens, John Palmeter, Jr., Wm. Bezanon, D. Lantz, H. Webber, Wm. Haley, Alexander Blair and Alfred Chipman.

The Association proceeded to make choice of Rev. James Parker, Moderator; Rev. Stephen W. deBlois, Secretary; Rev. James V. Tabor, Assistant Secretary; and brother J. W. Johnston, Jr., Treasurer, pro tem.

Rev'ds. Wm. Burton, W. G. Parker and A. W. Bars were then appointed to examine the letters; and Rev'ds. T. W. Crawley, D. Freeman and Obed Chute to read them.

On motion of Rev. A. S. Hunt, the following brethren were appointed a Committee of nomination:—Rev'ds. A. S. Hunt, J. Stevens, Wm. Chipman, G. Armstrong, T. H. Porter and Brother Abel Parker.

The letters from the Churches were then read, from which the Statistics and other information were obtained.

It will be seen from the following statistics that the whole number of Church Members is less by fifty-six than that of the previous year, while the additions by baptism and restoration, are in a very fair ratio to those of preceding years.

This may be accounted for, from the fact that many of the Churches having undertaken, and apparently perfected, a thorough revision of their lists; and presenting us with their *real* strength. It is to be hoped that these examples will be imitated.

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## STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

| CHURCHES.                            | INCREASE.        |           |            | DECREASE. |            |          |           | TOTAL. |
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|                                      | No. of Churches. | Baptized. | By Letter. | Restored. | Dismissed. | Removed. | Excluded. |        |
| Aylesford, Upper,                    | 1                | 3         | 2          |           |            |          | 1         | 94     |
| Bridgewater,                         | 2                | 4         | 3          |           |            | 1        |           | 60     |
| Burton Church, (no letter),          | 3                |           |            |           |            |          |           | 45     |
| Chelsea,                             | 4                | 35        | 2          | 4         | 1          |          |           | 82     |
| Chester,                             | 5                | 4         | 2          |           | 3          | 2        | 2         | 222    |
| Cornwallis First, (revised),         | 6                | 1         | 10         |           | 7          |          | 9         | 255    |
| Cornwallis Second,                   | 7                | 67        | 2          | 1         |            |          | 5         | 328    |
| Cornwallis Third, (revised),         | 8                | 7         | 48         | 3         |            | 5        | 2         | 269    |
| Dartmouth, (no letter),              | 9                |           |            |           |            |          |           | 34     |
| Falmouth, Upper,                     | 10               | 1         | 5          |           | 3          |          |           | 16     |
| Halifax, Granville St., (revised),   | 11               | 4         | 5          | 3         | 74         | 1        | 2         | 96     |
| Halifax, North,                      | 12               |           | 3          | 1         |            | 1        | 1         | 140    |
| Hammond's Plains First,              | 13               |           | 2          | 2         |            |          |           | 35     |
| Hammond's Plains Second,             | 14               |           |            |           |            | 3        | 3         | 45     |
| Hantsport,                           | 15               | 1         | 8          | 3         |            |          |           | 171    |
| Horton First,                        | 16               | 8         | 7          | 21        | 4          | 16       | 11        | 259    |
| Horton Second,                       | 17               | 2         |            |           | 1          |          | 1         | 166    |
| Indian Harbour West,                 | 18               |           |            |           |            | 1        |           | 57     |
| Jeddore,                             | 19               | 7         |            |           |            | 1        |           | 80     |
| Kempt,                               | 20               |           |            |           | 1          | 12       | 1         | 77     |
| LaHave,                              | 21               |           |            |           |            |          |           | 32     |
| Lawrencetown, (no letter),           | 22               |           |            |           |            |          |           | 14     |
| Long Point, Cornwallis, (no letter), | 23               |           |            |           |            |          |           | 29     |
| Lunenburg, North West,               | 24               | 22        | 3          | 34        | 2          | 2        |           | 95     |
| Maitland, (no letter),               | 25               |           |            |           |            |          |           | 14     |
| New Germany, (no letter),            | 26               |           |            |           |            |          |           | 42     |
| New Cornwall, (new church),          | 27               |           |            |           |            |          |           | 24     |
| Newport,                             | 28               |           | 1          | 1         | 7          |          | 6         | 111    |
| Preston,                             | 29               |           |            |           |            |          |           | 52     |
| Rawdon,                              | 30               |           | 4          |           |            | 2        |           | 82     |
| Sackville,                           | 31               | 10        | 5          | 3         | 5          | 1        |           | 38     |
| Sherbrooke East,                     | 32               |           |            | 3         | 6          |          |           | 34     |
| Sherbrooke West,                     | 33               |           |            |           |            |          |           | 29     |
| St. Margaret's Bay,                  | 34               |           |            |           |            |          |           | 58     |
| Tancook,                             | 35               | 10        |            |           |            |          |           | 35     |
| Windsor,                             | 36               |           | 1          |           | 1          | 2        |           | 42     |
|                                      | 176              | 46        | 97         | 71        | 130        | 39       | 40        | 3262   |

The Church at New Cornwall, recently organized, having applied for admission into the Association, and the statements of its delegates being deemed satisfactory, Rev. A. W. Barsa, on behalf of the Church, accordingly received the right hand of fellowship from the Moderator in accordance with the vote of the Association.

The Committee of Nomination reported. Report amended and adopted, as follows.

#### COMMITTEES.

*Questions in Letters.*—Rev'ds. Wm. Chipman, George Dimock, Jas. Stevens and A. W. Barsa; Brethren Joshua Ellis and Thomas Bennett.

*To Examine the Circular Letter.*—Rev'ds. Wm. Chipman, George Dimock, G. Armstrong and Wm. Burton.

*Bible Cause.*—Rev'ds. James Stevens, T. H. Porter, Benjamin Vaughan and Thomas W. Crawley; Brethren David Shaw and Wm. Newcomb.

*Sabbath Schools.*—Rev'ds. James V. Taber and J. Baneroff; Brethren J. W. Hartt, Charles Bacon and David Ellis.

*Christian Messengers, Religious Publications & Colportage.*—Rev'ds. David Freeman Bennet Taylor and Wm. Burton; Brethren Abel Parker, John McDonald, J. Gray, Wm. Dimock, Wm. Corcum, S. Parish, J. W. Johnston, Jr. and Herbert Cunningham.

*French Mission.*—Rev'ds. Wm. Burton, George Dimock and Obed Chute; Brethren John Beanson, John Moser, G. Longille, Chas. Dimock, John Kiddey and George Spidal.

*Union Societies.*—Rev. George Armstrong; Brethren Henry Eaton, Nathan Ellis, John E. Melvin, Solomon Spidal, John Dauphney, Samuel Hallemore, Neil Smith and L. Mader.

*Educational interests at Horton.*—Rev'ds. Wm. Burton, Willard Parker, A. W. Barsa and James Spencer; Brethren J. W. Johnston, Jr., J. W. Hartt, Martin Cleveland and Jacob Kaulback.

*Female Education.*—Rev'ds. Wm. Chipman, James Parker, G. Armstrong, W. Parker, A. S. Hunt and David Freeman; Brethren Abel Parker and J. W. Johnston, Jr.

*Gaelic Mission.*—Rev'ds. T. W. Crawley, G. Armstrong and Hugh Ross; Brethren Elisha Griffin and Edward Davison.

*Observance of the Sabbath.*—Rev'ds. T. H. Porter and G. Dimock; Brethren Wm. Graves, S. Marshall, David Hume, — Douglas, — Westhaver, James Gritten, Edward Rockwell, B. Wilson and John Palmeter.

*Temperance.*—Brethren Albert Porter, James Piek, Abel Parker, Fred. Slingswhite, Jacob Stevens, John McDonald, George Hubler, John Anders, Peter Corcum, James Hubley and Jas. Mosher.

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*Claims of Season.*—Rev'ds. A. W. Barsa, James V. Tabor and Jas. Spencer, David Freeman; Brethren F. Slaughter, Gasper Young and Edward Davison.

*Voted*, That the meetings of this Association be held at 10 and 3 o'clock; adjournments take place at 1 and 7 o'clock during the Session.

That the afternoon of Monday be devoted entirely to Domestic Missions.

That prayer meetings be held in the several districts, during the session, at 6 o'clock, A. M.

On motion, adjourned, after prayer by Rev. George Dimeck.

On the Sabbath, Rev. George Armstrong preached in the morning from Numbers xxiii. 23; Rev. David Freeman in the afternoon from John xv. 26, 27; and Rev. A. S. Hunt in the evening from Isaiah xi. 9. Meetings for preaching were also held at the Temperance Hall in Chester and at Chester Basin, during the day. Collections at the various stations were taken, as usual, for Domestic Missions. (See Treasurer's account.)

MONDAY, June 23, 10 o'clock, A. M.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by the Rev. Wm. Burton, from Ephesians i. 13, 14.

Collections for Domestic Missions. Association resumed its business.

Letter from 1st Cornwallis church read.

Brethren James Hubley and John Kidney obtained leave of absence.

Committee on Questions in letters reported. Report adopted. (See Appendix A.)

Committee on Circular letter reported. Report adopted. Letter read and ordered to be printed in the Minutes, as usual.

Prayer by Moderator. Adjourned.

3 o'clock, P. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by brother Freeman.

Report on the French Mission adopted. (See Appendix B.)  
Rev. A. S. Hunt, Secretary of the Domestic Missionary

Board, presented its report. Report adopted. (See Appendix C.)

Committee on the Gaelic Mission reported. Report adopted. (See Appendix D.)

During the consideration of these reports, various addresses were made. Bro. Chute presented the claims of the French Mission. Bro. Ross the claims of the Gaelic Mission. After Bro. Ross had closed, a collection was taken for Schooner Pond Meeting-house, C. B., amounting to £10. Subsequently the same amount was raised in aid of the French Mission premises. Revd's. G. Armstrong, Jas. Spencer, and Burton addressed the meeting in reference to Cape Breton and its claims.

Brethren Burton and Nutting were appointed again to enquire in reference to Dartmouth and Lawrencetown churches, which have not been heard from for four years.

*Resolved*, That the Domestic Missionary Board be instructed to prepare and present at the next meeting of the Association, a scheme of Home Missionary enterprise, adapted to the wants of the province, and more conducive to the promotion of the interests of the Denomination, than the mode of operation at present in use.

*Voted*, That the following brethren compose the Domestic Missionary Board for the current year:—Dr. Cramp, J. W. Barsa, J. Stevens, W. Chipman, W. Burton, Wm. Johnson, S. Fitch, C. R. Bill, S. W. DeBlois, J. V. Tabor, James Parker, J. W. Hartt, David Freeman, A. S. Hunt, G. Dimock, Abel Parker and T. W. Crawley.

That the meetings of the Board be held at Wolfville, and that three constitute a quorum.

That a Board be appointed by this Association to take charge of the funds for Superannuated Ministers; said Board to consist of:—S. W. DeBlois, J. W. Barsa, S. Fitch, J. Chase and Wm. Johnson.

Committee on the observance of the Sabbath reported. Report adopted. (See Appendix E.)

Adjourned, after prayer by Rev. J. Chase.

TUESDAY, June 24th, 10 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer by Bro. Porter.

Rev. J. Chase appointed Treasurer in place of Bro. J. W. Johnston, provisionally appointed.

Committee on Bible Cause reported. Report adopted. (See Appendix F.)

Report of Committee on Temperance and Tobacco, after

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remarks by brethren Mosher, Elder Chute, J. W. Johnston, Jr., James Parker and Graves, was amended and adopted. (See Appendix G.)

*Resolved*, That in the event of the friends of Temperance petitioning the Legislature for a Prohibitory Liquor Law, this Association present a petition similar to that of last year, signed by the Moderator and Clerk of this Association.

*Voted*, That the business of this Association be suspended, in order that the Baptist Education Society hold its annual meeting.

Meeting of the Education Society. (See Appendix H.) Association resumed its business.

Committee on the Educational interests at Horton reported. After remarks from Dr. Cramp, Professor Sawyer, Brethren Chase, Elder, Burton, Wm. Chipman and J. W. Johnston, Jr., report was adopted. (See Appendix I.)

*Resolved*, That in the opinion of the delegates now assembled, it would be advantageous to the interests of the Denomination if the meetings of the Associations, as well as the annual meeting of the Convention, were held during the vacation of Acadia College.

Report on Sabbath Schools, after remarks from brethren Tabor, DeBlois, W. Chipman, Graves, Baras and Freeman, was adopted. (See Appendix K.)

*Voted*, that Bro. J. Stevens preach the introductory sermon next year, and that Bro. Freeman be his alternate.

That this Association meet next year, with the Hantsport church. That Dr. Cramp write the Circular letter.

Adjourned.

3 o'clock, P. M.

Committee on Christian Messenger, Religious Publications, &c., reported. After remarks from Brethren Baras, Chase, Cramp, DeBlois, Armstrong, Burton, Hunt, Spencer, Mosher and Ellis, the report was adopted. (See Appendix L.)

Committee on Female Education reported. After remarks from Brethren Chase, Chipman and Cramp, the report was amended and adopted. (See Appendix M.)

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

Report of Committee on claims of seamen adopted. (See Appendix O.)

*Voted*, that Brethren Selden, Freeman, and J. W. Johnston, Jr. be appointed a Committee to carry out the suggestions of the report, in Halifax.

That brethren M. Beckwith, Martin Cleveland, John E. Melvin, J. W. Johnston, Jr., and Wm. North, be our Messengers to the Convention.

That Rev. D. Freeman be our Messenger to the Eastern Nova Scotia Association, and that he receive £3 for expenses.

That the Rev. J. Parker be the Messenger to the Western Nova Scotia Association, and that he receive £3.

The following resolution, moved by J. W. Johnston, Jr., was unanimously adopted.

*Whereas*, the practice of appointing the various Committees at the meetings of the Association, to report at the same session, is injudicious: inasmuch as these Committees have not the time or the knowledge at command necessary to enable them to draw up, and present a report, containing the requisite information on the several subjects referred to them.

*Therefore*—Resolved that the Chairman of the various Committees now appointed, be requested to continue their labours, and during the ensuing recess, to obtain statistics and information, to bring before the next meeting, which will enable the members to take efficient action, on the various objects of benevolence, &c. under their care.

The Chairman of the several Committees are as follows:

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| Questions in Letters,            | Rev. Wm. Chipman.   |
| To examine Circular Letter.      | Rev. Wm. Chipman.   |
| Bible Cause,                     | " James Stevens.    |
| Sabbath Schools,                 | " James V. Tabor.   |
| Christian Messenger, &c.,        | " David Freeman.    |
| French Mission,                  | " Wm. Burton.       |
| Union Societies,                 | " George Armstrong. |
| Educational Interests at Horton, | " Wm. Burton.       |
| Female Education,                | " Wm. Chipman.      |
| Gaelic Mission,                  | " T. W. Crawley.    |
| Observance of Sabbath,           | " T. H. Porter.     |
| Temperance,                      | Bro. Albert Porter. |
| Claims of Seamen,                | Rev. A. N. Bars.    |

*Voted*, That the Minutes be printed at the Christian Messenger office, under the superintendence of Brethren Nutting and Selden—eight hundred copies. That the sum of ten pounds ten shillings be allowed for the same. If not called for within a month after the publication, that they be sent to the several churches by mail.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Association are due to the proprietors of the Chester Reading Room for their courteous offer.

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That the warmest thanks of this Association be hereby presented, to the Baptist Church and congregation in Chester, together with the friends of other denominations, for the kind and noble manner, in which we have been entertained during our session.

The Union hymn was then sung, after which the Association adjourned to meet with the Hantsport church on the first Monday after the 20th June, 1857.

Signed,

JAMES PARKER, *Moderator.*

STEPHEN W. DEBLOIS, *Secretary.*

## **Circular Letter.**

*To the Delegates of the Central Nova Scotia Baptist Association assembled at Chester.*

DEAR BRETHREN,

In our excellent circular of last year we were reminded of some things needed; of some things to be feared, and of some things to be expected. But there is one great blessing which includes all others, which realizes every hope, and banishes every fear. Let us therefore contemplate our need of the Holy Spirit, to aid us especially in promoting the gospel.

In all things we are dependant upon the Divine power. We are indebted to it for the beginning and the end of our salvation, for comfort in sorrow, for the knowledge of the truth, and for guidance in the path of duty. But our happiness is connected with obedience. Privilege is inseparable from duty. There is no reward without labor, no prize without the race, no victory without warfare, no crown without the cross. And as we depend upon the Spirit for the blessings, so also for aid in the duties of religion.

But the field of duty is very large. It is our duty to live above the world, to keep heaven and eternal glory continually in view. But how can we do this without the Spirit? We ought also to grow in holiness. To this end we require sanctifying grace. We are called upon to wage warfare against the powers of darkness. We need then divine strength to wield the sword of the Spirit.

We cannot now dwell upon all the considerations: but must on the present occasion direct our thoughts to a single

point—our need of the Holy Spirit in the great work of saving men. Since all men are under the same condemnation, and since there is but one Saviour for all, and since we are the appointed instruments for extending the gospel, we cannot be guiltless in the neglect of this duty. We are held responsible for the salvation of the world, while our power of securing it is in God. We have the means in our hands, and are commanded to lay hold of Omnipotence to give those means efficiency. Without the Spirit we cannot even feel our obligations. We could neither see the greatness of the work on the one hand: nor the greatness of the encouragement on the other. We should not be prepared to commence the work, much less to succeed in it. But with the holy anointing we should be able to know and to do all things.

In the first place we need the Spirit to teach us our duty to perishing sinners. The moral degradation of man is the last thing we should know, without divine teaching. We might be skilled in all human wisdom, and yet remain ignorant of the awful depravity and doom of the ungodly. But being taught of God we should clearly see the danger of the unregenerate.

In the second place we require the influence of the Spirit to *stimulate* us in the work of saving sinners. It would only increase our guilt, to know without being willing to fulfil, our obligations. But having the love of God shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost, we should be constrained to seek the salvation of men. This would be the strongest desire of our heart, and the chief object of our life. If we have ourselves experienced the power of sovereign grace, our highest wish will be, that others may experience the same.

In the third place the Holy Spirit alone can teach us *how* to perform our duty. - The warmest zeal may be misapplied for want of heavenly wisdom, and the good cause thereby hindered. The disciples were taught *how, as well as what*, they were to speak. "Take no thought how or what ye shall speak. For it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Ghost or the Spirit of your Father that speaketh in you." (Matt. x, 19. Mark xiii, 11. Matt. x, 20.) We, also need divine assistance to carry out the great commission in its true form and spirit. For eighteen centuries efforts have

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been made to prevent the gospel. In some quarters it has been entirely supplanted by vain tradition. In others the divine command is still more or less nullified by human authority. It is our duty then, without despising the labors of devoted men, to reject every thing which is not accordant with the divine word, and to diffuse the gospel in its simplicity. Since we renounce all human wisdom as a source of truth, we need so much the more that Spirit who alone can guide us into all truth.

In the fourth place we need the Divine indwelling to enable us to accomplish the greatest results. Those who have done the most for God were men of strong faith. They may have had a small natural ability; yet they possessed a large measure of the Holy Ghost. Though weak: yet the power of Christ rested upon them. Hence they were fitted to surmount every difficulty. Fully confident of success: they were yet submissive to the divine will. While using every means, they relied entirely upon the divine power. Hence they could baffle the powers of hell on earth and in the human heart. Such were those "who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong," (Heb. 11, 33-34.) How great would be the results if we all possessed these gifts of the Holy Ghost. What noble plans, and costly sacrifices would we make to accomplish those "greater works" of which our Saviour spoke, and which we now see going on in the wide diffusion of the gospel. How like the angels should we have occasion to rejoice over the conversion of sinners.

We might dwell upon our need of grace to enable us to commend the religion of Christ by a holy example. This is all-important. But our present state as a denomination justifies us perhaps in now limiting our thoughts to the actual dissemination of the word of life. If our hearts had been touched with the finger of divine love we could not close our ears to the Macedonian cry of perishing men. We should at least show as much enterprise in saving men, as in worldly business. Each individual would be a missionary. Every talent would be consecrated. Every light would be brought from its dark concealment. Each church would be a missionary society. It would have something

to do for God and man. It would therefore maintain a wholesome discipline among its members. Not satisfied with a mere sluggish existence, it would make large encroachments on the foe. The delegates of such churches meeting in association or convention would be like a council of war in the heart of the enemy's country. Their business would be an earnest one—to devise plans for executing the great commission of Christ. To promote this all other objects would be made subordinate. Social interests and party feelings would be sacrificed. Thus each organization filled with the Spirit would move on as a piece of complicated machinery to secure one object, the glory of God. There would be no cessation; for eternal love would be the moving power. No jarring would be heard, for each wheel and pinion would be firm in its place. No friction would be felt, for the oil of grace would cause every thing to move smoothly.

If we possessed this oil of spiritual consecration, revivals in our churches would be the general result, and not as they now are, the rare exception. Faithful ministers would be multiplied, and faithful laymen, to hold up their hands. Every day, the cross would gain new triumphs, and its banner would soon float over every nation. Then it might be said of the church, "arise and shine, for thy glory is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee." "And the light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun shall be seven fold, as the light of seven days." Instead of sleeping in the ice of eternal winter, we should be thawed by the rain from heaven, and by the vernal beams of the Sun of righteousness. For, lo, the winter is passed; the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land."

June, 1856. No publication was made in any of our churches on the subject of the winter of the church. The winter of the church is passed; the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land."

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## APPENDIX.

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### REPORT ON QUESTIONS IN LETTERS.

The Committee on Questions in letters beg leave to recommend that the Association next year be held at Hantsport in accordance with the request.

Also, in answer to the query in the letter from the church at Sackville. We beg leave to suggest that after faithful labours of love having been promptly and patiently used, that should the member referred to, still persist "in selling or drinking spirituous liquors freely as a beverage" that the church after a reasonable time, if no satisfactory change in his conduct is apparent, that he be excluded from the fellowship of the church. Ephs. 5, 11-18. 2 Thess. 3, 6-15.

WM. CHIPMAN, *Chairman.*

(B.)

### REPORT ON THE FRENCH MISSION.

The Committee on the French Mission Report:

That within the range of objects of christian effort in our land, few or none demand more our sympathies and aid, than the Aedean Mission. The light of life diffused abroad is conducting many from the intricate mazes and ruinous labyrinths of papal error to the sublime, saving guardian of heavenly truth. Already have we the earnest and first-fruits of an abundant harvest. We thank God and take courage.

The mission-house is finished and occupied both for a school and family residence. The larger part of the debt thereon is paid. We seek to liquidate the whole. We

appeal to all to whom the Lord has given ability, to come up to our help, or to continue that aid already so cheerfully given.

We would also state that our general mission fund is low. We seek to replenish it.

As recipients of the Divine bounties, and as stewards of the favours of God, let us toil on, pray on, give on—with the sustaining assurance that it will never be in vain.

Respectfully submitted.

O. CHUTE, *Chairman.*

(C.)

### REPORT OF DOMESTIC MISSION BOARD.

#### The Domestic Mission Board Report :

That they met at Wolfville soon after the meeting of the Association, and made such appropriations as the state of their funds would admit. The missions appointed were with one exception fully performed, and from the report of the Missionaries themselves, as well as from other sources, we learn with much satisfaction, that the word was gladly received, and good has been done by the preaching of Christ. Demands have been made for continued labour. The Macedonian cry is often heard. Our funds however constrain us to remain silent and comparatively inactive amid pressing calls, and wide and destitute fields.

As a Board we are assured that the contributions of our Home Mission from the churches of this association, are by far too small. And that some system should be induced by which this most important work may be more effectively accomplished. And we trust that this association in its wisdom, will present to the churches and urge upon them a plan, becoming men redeemed by the blood of Christ. We are more and more convinced that healthful Home Missionary operations will impart a new and much desired impulse to all our interests, in watering others we ourselves shall be watered. In scattering the seeds of truth, they shall assuredly grow in our own hearts.

The Board have also to report that they have devoted £38 6s. 8d. of the monies paid in last year, to the Gaelic Missionary for one third part of his service. During the

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year Bro. Ross has devoted himself entirely to the work of preaching and visiting the Gaelic inhabitants of Cape Breton. He occupies eight preaching stations, two of these are among Roman Catholics who cordially receive the Missionary, and listen to the word of life.

Bro. Ross has also within the year organized a Gaelic church of 12 members. He is encouraged in his labours and cannot but have an increasing assurance, that the seeds of truth will ere long yield an abundant harvest.

(D.)

#### REPORT OF GAELIC MISSION.

The Gaelic Missionary still continues to labor among the Gaelic population. Many cheering indications of success have encouraged the Missionary. A church of twelve members has been formed at Schooner Pond, six of whom were baptized by your missionary. Your Committee deem this to be a very important mission demanding your most fervent prayers, beautiful contributions, and energetic aid. We suggest that the Domestic Missionary Board be recommended to make as large an appropriation to the Gaelic Mission, consistently with the claims of other branches of the Home Missionary field as the funds will allow.

THOMAS W. CRAWLEY, *Chairman.*

(E.)

#### REPORT ON THE OBSERVANCE OF THE SABBATH.

Your Committee regret to say that the claims of God in reference to the Sabbath are sadly neglected, not only in performing unnecessary labor; but in visiting, travelling, and worldly conversation, which have a demoralizing effect on the rising generation, who should be trained for usefulness and glory. We therefore earnestly recommend a thorough reform on the part of our churches in this important subject, for the glory of God, and the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom in the world. "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy."

Respectfully submitted.

T. H. POKER, *Chairman.*

## ON THE BIBLE CAUSE.

Your Committee report as follows:

As the Scriptures are unquestionably the word of Divine inspiration, and the instrumentality ordained of God to communicate spiritual light to the mind of man, to renovate, and sanctify his heart and give him hope of future glory, it is the indispensable duty of the churches comprising this Association to continue their efforts to promote their circulation among the nations of the earth. Your Committee are assured that the success which has attended all former efforts to disseminate the Word of God affords abundant encouragement for renewed exertion and perseverance in this important enterprise.

(G.)

## TEMPERANCE AND TOBACCO.

The Committee on Temperance and Tobacco report:

That notwithstanding the ardent friends of the Temperance reform have been disappointed in their anticipations of obtaining from our Legislature a law for the entire prohibition of the importation and sale of intoxicating drinks, we would recommend all its advocates to persevere with unflinching zeal in accomplishing so noble an enterprise. And your Committee would recommend all who earnestly desire the dissemination of Temperance principles to put forth more strenuous efforts for the future to select men to represent us, that will endeavour to carry out more fully the well understood wishes of the Temperance body, with regard to this important subject.

And with reference to the use of Tobacco we beg leave to offer it as our opinion, that the use of Tobacco is altogether unnecessary, and extremely injurious to the health both of body and mind. We do believe that in many places at the present time the use of Tobacco in its various forms is productive of more disease and death than Alcoholic liquors. And that the time is now come when every Christian, and especially the ministers of the gospel should place themselves in direct hostility against this filthy enemy that

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Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT F. PORTER, *Chairman.*

(H.)

MEETING OF THE NOVA SCOTIA BAPTIST  
EDUCATION SOCIETY, JUNE 24, 1856.

Rev. Wm. Chipman, President, took the chair.

Rev. A. S. Hunt, Secretary, read the annual report, indicating a high state of proficiency in the various departments, and showing clearly the healthy condition of the Institution, under the able and judicious management of the Principal, J. W. Hartt, A. M. Report adopted.

Rev. J. Chase, Treasurer, presented the financial report. See account at the close. Report adopted.

The Secretary and Treasurer were re-appointed.

Adjourned.

S. W. DeBlois, for A. S. HUNT, *Secretary.*

(I.)

ACADIA COLLEGE AND HORTON ACADEMY.

The Committee on Education in Horton, beg leave respectfully to Report:

That they contemplate with feelings of unmingled pleasure and high gratification the prosperity which has attended their institutions at Horton, both as regards the number of scholars in the Academy and of students in the College. The moral excellency and high literary attainments of the professors, principal and teachers, afford the strongest assurance to the country at large, that the youth placed under their care will have their morals preserved, and their minds enlightened.

Your Committee feel that none can too highly appreciate the advantages of a sound and thorough education; nor too fervently press upon the Denomination and the friends of education generally the extreme desirableness of availing themselves of such advantages as are now within their reach.

WILLIAM BURTON, *Chairman.*

# REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

## The Committee on Sabbath Schools Report:

That the relation of the Christian church to the youth in its vicinity is similar to that of the parent to the child; that the Sabbath School is emphatically the family of the church; that the same duty rests on every church member to endeavour to instil religious instruction in the mind of the youth as rests on the parent to train up the child in the way it should go. This Committee is therefore impressed with the assurance that the concerted action of the church in Sabbath Schools, and Bible Classes, is its most effectual means of instilling religious thought and impressing accountability to God upon the youthful mind.

Your Committee rejoice to perceive favourable advancement in this cause; and by the letters from the churches, are convinced that much good has been effected by Sabbath Schools during the year past, which is a strong inducement to increased action.

## CHURCHES.

|                            | Schools. | Teachers. | Scholars. | Library. | Vols. in Class. | Bible |
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| Aylesford, Upper,          | 2        | 75        |           |          |                 |       |
| Bridgewater,               | 1        | 10        | 50        | 225      |                 |       |
| Chelsea,                   | 1        | 7         | 40        | 124      |                 |       |
| Chester,                   | 1        | 10        | 80        |          |                 |       |
| Cornwallia, 1st,           | 2        | 15        | 140       | 100      |                 |       |
| Cornwallia, 2nd,           | 3        | 140       |           |          |                 |       |
| Cornwallia, 3rd,           | 1        | 60        |           |          |                 |       |
| Falmouth, 2nd Upper,       | 1        | 5         | 50        | 150      |                 |       |
| Halifax, Granville Street, | 1        | 13        | 85        | 500      | 2               |       |
| Halifax, North,            | 1        | 50        | 300       |          |                 |       |
| Horton, First,             | 2        | 23        | 265       | 580      | 3               |       |
| Horton, Second,            | 2        | 60        |           |          |                 |       |
| Hammond's Plains, 1st,     | 1        | 60        |           |          |                 |       |
| Indian Harbour,            | 1        | 25        |           |          |                 |       |
| Kempt,                     | 2        | 10        |           |          |                 |       |
| Lunenburg,                 | 1        | 55        |           |          |                 |       |
| Tanook,                    | 1        | 5         | 27        |          |                 |       |
| Sherbrooke West,           | 1        | 5         |           |          |                 |       |
| St. Margaret's Bay,        | 1        | 7         | 60        | 100      |                 |       |
| Rawdon,                    | 1        | 6         | 35        | 250      |                 |       |
| Sackville,                 | 1        | 30        |           |          |                 |       |
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## RELIGIOUS PUBLICATIONS AND COLPORTAGE.

The Committee on the Christian Messenger, Religious Publications and Colportage beg leave to report:

*First on the Christian Messenger.*—An arrangement has been made by which this paper is now published by Bro. S. Selden of Halifax. We highly appreciate the manner in which the paper is conducted by its present editors. We believe it meets the wants of the Baptist community, as a periodical expressing their sentiments. As the organ of our denomination we regard it as having a primary claim upon the Baptists of this Province, and would urge that every effort be made for its support, by extending its circulation as widely as possible, by securing prompt payments, and by contributing to its pages.

We would also recommend that the following resolution be adopted.

*Resolved.*—That we deeply sympathize with Bro. Selden in his late bereavement and affliction, and pray that he may be sustained by the divine presence. We would also record our deep interest in him personally in his arduous labors connected with the paper.

*Secondly—Other religious publications.*—We deplore the sad deficiency of Baptist literature among our people, and would call attention to the Depository lately opened in Halifax by Bro. S. Selden, as well as the one for some years established in Wolfville by Brother Chase for supplying the various works suited to our wants. There are also several Baptist periodicals published both in England and in America, which we would recommend to those who are able to secure them. Especially would we recommend to our ministering brethren the Christian Review, a Baptist quarterly published in the United States. To our churches we would especially recommend the Macedonian, a monthly paper published in the same country, devoted to missionary intelligence at the small sum of 9d a year including postage, when 40 copies or upwards are taken.

*Thirdly—Colportage.*—We would express our deep sense of the need of promoting this department of Christian labor in this province. We sincerely hope that so soon as a scheme of Domestic Missions shall be adopted, this subject will receive the attention it deserves.

All which is respectfully submitted,

D. FREEMAN, Chairman.

(M.)

## FEMALE EDUCATION.

The Committee on Female Education have taken the subject into careful consideration, and as the result beg to report the following resolutions.

*Resolved*, 1st.—That the great importance of Female Education demands the establishment of a Female Academy, conducted on a plan both economical, and efficient, similar to that of Mount Holyoke.

2nd.—That it is desirable that measures be employed without delay to found such a Seminary, to be under the control of the Baptist denomination in Nova Scotia, but open to all.

3rd.—That this Association has heard with great pleasure, that a female school answering, as nearly as circumstances would admit, to that of Mount Holyoke, has been commenced at Berwick, in King's County, and has been in operation for about nine months past, with an encouraging degree of success.

4th.—That as the erection of suitable buildings will necessarily require a large outlay, and as it is desirable that the management of this Institution, should be entrusted to a Society formed for that purpose, it is hereby recommended to those brethren who have so laudably engaged in the enterprise, do constitute such a Society.

5th.—That this important object be hereby earnestly recommended to the benevolence and zeal of our denomination in every part of this province.

(N.)

## UNION SOCIETIES.

The Committee on Union Societies report:

That they regard them as a good means of raising monies for our public benevolent objects; but it is manifest, they have not produced that amount of contributions needful to carry on with vigour the various enterprises in which we are engaged as a denomination. The cause of this, we presume, is, they have not been worked as thoroughly and systematically as was requisite.

The Committee are, however, convinced that a better system of benevolent contributions might be worked out, namely, one based upon the principle of *each one giving in proportion to his means, or as God has prospered him*.

For the present, however, we recommend that the Union Societies be requested to continue their operations, and

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that the Pastors be requested to preach timely sermons on the duty of benevolence, and that the Deacons and other prominent members in the churches begin in good season to obtain contributions to our benevolent operations, and that our churches and congregations be urged to give liberally according as God has prospered them.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEORGE ARMSTRONG.

(C.)

The Committee on the Claims of Seamen report:

That they feel deeply conscious of their responsibility to their neighbours of the Sea, who, in their arduous toil for our comfort, are exposed to all the wicked influences with which our world abounds. In their peril they are often robbed of their money, reputation and health, and thus left to perish while too many of our Province act the part of the Priest and Levite of old in passing them by.

Can we pray for and anticipate the fulfilment of Prophecy, "the abundance of the sea shall be converted to thee," while we remain inactive and supine to this large class "who do business in great waters"?

The conversion of one sailor may be the means of carrying our holy religion unto hundreds of dark and superstitious abodes. We recommend our Brethren in Nova Scotia to imitate the benevolent example set us in the city of St. John and the United States and would exhort that in our seaports means be taken for Tract distribution among them, especially every Lord's day morning and that exertions be made to induce as many to attend religious worship as possible.

We further recommend that a Committee be now appointed in the city of Halifax to take immediate action in reference to the claims of seamen.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

# Account of Monies Received at the Central Baptist Association, 1856.

| Names of Churches<br>&c. | Maine.    |          | New Brunswick. |           | Nova Scotia. |           | Prince Edward Island. |          | Quebec.   |           | Total.   |          |          |            |
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| Aylesford Upper,         |           |          |                |           |              | 0         | 5                     | 6        | 0         | 12        | 6        | 1        | 18       | 0          |
| Bridgewater,             |           |          | 0              | 17        | 6            | 1         | 6                     | 6        | 0         | 12        | 6        | 0        | 5        | 0          |
| Burton Church,           |           |          |                |           |              | 0         | 2                     | 6        |           |           |          | 1        | 3        | 6          |
| Chester,                 |           |          | 5              | 0         | 0            | 7         | 5                     | 5        | 4         | 0         | 0        | 17       | 5        | 5          |
| Cornwallis, (new),       |           |          | 1              | 0         | 0            | 5         | 0                     | 0        | 5         | 0         | 0        | 10       | 0        | 0          |
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| do. Second,              |           |          |                |           |              |           |                       |          |           |           |          |          |          |            |
| do. Third,               |           |          |                |           |              | 0         | 2                     | 6        |           |           |          | 0        | 2        | 6          |
| Chelsea,                 |           |          |                |           |              |           |                       |          |           |           |          |          |          |            |
| Dartmouth,               |           |          | 2              | 0         | 0            | 2         | 7                     | 2        | 1         | 10        | 0        | 6        | 7        | 2          |
| Falmouth First,          |           |          | 2              | 0         | 0            | 2         | 5                     | 8        | 1         | 10        | 0        | 6        | 5        | 8          |
| do. Second,              |           |          | 3              | 0         | 0            | 3         | 7                     | 10       | 2         | 2         | 0        | 9        | 1        | 10         |
| Halifax First,           |           |          |                |           |              | 1         | 0                     | 0        |           |           |          | 1        | 0        | 0          |
| do. Second,              |           |          | 0              | 13        | 4            | 0         | 13                    | 4        | 0         | 10        | 0        | 2        | 0        | 0          |
| Hammond's Plains 1st,    |           |          |                |           |              | 1         | 0                     | 0        |           |           |          | 1        | 0        | 0          |
| do. 2nd,                 |           |          |                |           |              |           |                       |          |           |           |          |          |          |            |
| Horton First,            | 40        | 0        | 0              | 4         | 0            | 0         | 19                    | 7        | 5         | 3         | 0        | 34       | 7        | 5          |
| do. Second,              |           |          | 1              | 9         | 0            | 1         | 9                     | 3        | 1         | 2         | 0        | 4        | 7        | 3          |
| Indian Harbour,          |           |          |                |           |              | 0         | 7                     | 6        |           |           |          | 0        | 7        | 6          |
| Jeddore,                 |           |          | 0              | 6         | 8            | 0         | 6                     | 8        | 6         | 5         | 0        | 1        | 0        | 0          |
| Kempt,                   |           |          |                |           |              | 0         | 15                    | 6        |           |           |          | 0        | 15       | 6          |
| LaHaye,                  |           |          |                |           |              |           |                       |          | 0         | 12        | 6        |          |          |            |
| Lawrencetown,            |           |          |                |           |              |           |                       |          |           |           |          |          |          |            |
| Long Pt. Cornwallis,     |           |          | 1              | 18        | 0            | 2         | 2                     | 3        | 1         | 9         | 0        | 5        | 16       | 3          |
| Lunenburg, N. W.         |           |          |                |           |              |           |                       |          |           |           |          |          |          |            |
| Maitland,                |           |          | 0              | 8         | 0            | 0         | 10                    | 8        | 0         | 6         | 0        | 2        | 1        | 6          |
| Margaret's Bay,          |           |          | 0              | 10        | 0            | 0         | 10                    | 0        | 0         | 7         | 0        | 2        | 5        | 0          |
| New Germany,             |           |          |                |           |              | 1         | 5                     | 0        | 0         | 12        | 6        |          |          |            |
| Newport,                 |           |          |                |           |              |           |                       |          |           |           |          |          |          |            |
| Fredericton,             |           |          |                |           |              | 0         | 7                     | 6        | 0         | 7         | 6        | 0        | 1        | 6          |
| Rawdon,                  |           |          | 0              | 7         | 6            | 0         | 7                     | 6        | 0         | 6         | 0        | 1        | 6        | 0          |
| Shubenacke East,         |           |          | 0              | 12        | 0            | 0         | 12                    | 0        | 0         | 9         | 0        | 1        | 16       | 0          |
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| Windsor,                 |           |          | 1              | 10        | 0            | 3         | 5                     | 7        | 1         | 12        | 0        | 2        | 12       | 0          |
| Windsor Road,            |           |          | 0              | 16        | 8            | 0         | 16                    | 8        | 0         | 12        | 6        | 0        | 10       | 0          |
| Tancook,                 |           |          |                |           |              |           |                       |          |           |           |          |          |          |            |
| Mrs. Murphy,             |           |          |                |           |              | 0         | 2                     | 0        | 0         | 5         | 0        | 0        | 10       | 0          |
| Collins at Chester,      |           |          |                |           |              | 7         | 1                     | 10       |           |           |          | 7        | 1        | 10         |
| <b>Total</b>             | <b>40</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>26</b>      | <b>17</b> | <b>8</b>     | <b>66</b> | <b>11</b>             | <b>8</b> | <b>29</b> | <b>11</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>7</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>132</b> |

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**Baptist Home Mission Board, in Account with J. CHASE.**

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July 13. To pd. Dr. Cramp's Delegation } £2 2 8  
to N. B. Association,

Rev. Jas. Stevens, 44 weeks,  
40s. per week,

Expenses,

£9 0 0

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Less collections,

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Balance

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A. Porter, 6 w., 30s. per week,

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1856. Robt. Philp, 13 w., 30s. per w., 19 10 0  
Paid board, 75s.

Travelling Expenses, 65s. } 7 0 0

Collected,

26 10 0

13 18 9

Balance,

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Rev. N. Baker 8 w., 40s. per w., 16 0 0  
Expenses,

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June 24. Paid Rev. Hugh Ross,

" " S. Selden for printing Minutes

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1855.

July 1. Balance in hand,

45 9 10

Received Chelsea Church,

9 6 8

Saml. Kinman per W. Johnson,

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Mrs. Johnson,

0 10 0

Am. Rec'd Assn as per acct.

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Balance in hand,

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JOHN CHASE, Treasurer.

*Nova Scotia Baptist Education Society in Account with  
J. CHASE, Treasurer.*

|           |                                                                       | DR.  |     |                        |
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| 1855.     |                                                                       |      |     |                        |
| July 2.   | Balance due Treas. as per acc't rendered,                             | £127 | 1   | 3                      |
| 6.        | Paid for writing deed,                                                |      | 1   | 5 0                    |
| Sept. 28. | " Balance of bill,                                                    |      | 7   | 10 0                   |
| 1856.     |                                                                       |      |     |                        |
| June 20.  | " Interest on Money borrowed for building addition to Boarding House, |      | 10  | 4 3                    |
|           | " Principal's salary for one year,                                    |      | 100 | 0 0                    |
|           | " Incidental expenses,                                                |      | 10  | 0 0                    |
|           | " Treasurer's Salary,                                                 |      | 12  | 10 0                   |
|           |                                                                       |      |     | £259 0 6               |
|           |                                                                       | CR.  |     |                        |
| 1856.     |                                                                       |      |     |                        |
| July 1.   | " One year's grant,                                                   |      | 250 | 0 0                    |
|           | Balance due Treasurer,                                                |      |     | £9 0 6                 |
|           |                                                                       |      |     | JOHN CHASE, Treasurer. |

**CONSTITUTION OF THE CENTRAL BAPTIST  
ASSOCIATION.**

ART. 1.—This Association shall be composed of Ministers and other Delegates, who shall be members of the churches which they represent, together with Delegates from corresponding Associations, and such other brethren present as the Association shall see fit to invite to sit in council.

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

ART. 3.—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. 4.—At each meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the preceding year shall call for a vote for a Moderator, which vote shall be given by ballot: no brother shall be chosen Moderator two years in succession. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside in all the transactions, nominate Committees, unless ordered by the Association, and maintain due order. A Secretary shall be chosen, whose duty it shall be to record the transactions of the Association, and furnish a correct copy of the same for the Press.

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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 its additions and diminutions within the last year, and generally of whatever relates to its peace and prosperity.

ART. 6th.—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. 7th.—When any Church shall neglect to make communications 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 inquire into its standing, and report at the next meeting of the Association.

ART. 8th.—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 for itself to judge of the propriety of receiving or retaining any Church in its connexion.

ART. 9th.—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. 10th.—Alterations or 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 1.—At every sitting, business shall be opened and closed with prayer.

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

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

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

RULE 5.—All Resolutions shall be presented in writing.

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

RULE 7.—These rules shall be distinctly read from the chair at the opening of the session.