

**MINUTES:**  
OF THE  
**FOURTH SESSION**  
OF THE  
**WESTERN NEW BRUNSWICK**  
**BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,**  
**HELD AT DOUGLAS,**  
**SATURDAY, MONDAY AND TUESDAY,**  
**SEPTEMBER 6TH, 8TH AND 9TH.**

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# MINUTES.

DOUGLAS, Sept. 6th, 1851.

The Western New Brunswick Baptist Association convened according to appointment in this Parish, in the Baptist Chapel, at 2 o'clock P. M.

Two hours were devoted to religious conference, after which the Association organized by the choice of the following officers:

Rev. E. D. VARY, *Moderator.*

" S. ELDER, *Secretary.*

" T. TODD, *Assistant Secretary.*

GEORGE A. GARRISON, *Treasurer.*

The Messengers from corresponding Associations, and Ministers and Brethren in regular standing in other Associations, received the customary invitation to take seats with the Delegates, and participate in the deliberations of this Association. The following Committees were then appointed:

*Of Arrangement.*—T. W. Saunders, J. Magee.

*To examine the Circular Letter.*—S. Elder, R. E. Burpe, together with the writer of the letter.

*On Special Business.*—W. Harris, G. A. Garrison, W. S. Estey, R. Stevens, E. D. Vary, J. Reid.

*On Domestic Missions.*—G. Rigby, J. Magee, W. Coleman, G. F. Miles, J. Everitt, T. Magee.

*On Foreign Missions.*—S. Elder, R. E. Burpe, E. Nugent, S. Gerow, R. Cowpathwaite, G. D. Bailey, C. Spurden.

*On Bible Societies.*—W. Burton, J. Trimble, A. D. Thompson, T. Todd, E. D. Vary, J. A. Smith, A. Hart.

*On Sabbath Schools.*—J. Magee, E. Webb, T. Todd, G. A. Garrison, Z. Estey, J. Smith, W. Estey.

*On the Christian Visitor.*—S. Elder, R. E. Burpe, W. D. Estey, B. Jouitt, H. Dykeman.

*On New Churches.*—J. H. Tupper, R. Ackerley, G. Campbell, E. Molanis, D. Dow.

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10. *On Colportage*.—A. D. Thompson, G. F. Miles, S. Gerow, J. Trimble, A. Mutch.
  11. *On Union Societies*.—C. Spurden, R. Stevens, J. Hughes, W. Burton, O. Ackerly, J. Brayley, B. Everitt, A. Mutch.
  12. *On the French Mission*.—G. F. Miles, P. Knight, J. Y. Tingley, J. Trimble, J. Brayley.
  13. *To examine Letters*.—G. F. Miles, A. D. Thompson, H. E. Seelye.

The Committee of Arrangement then reported appointments for preaching in the evening and on the Sabbath. After which the Association adjourned till Monday, at 10 o'clock, A. M. Prayed by Rev. R. E. Burpee.

**Monday, 10 o'clock, A. M.**

Met according to adjournment. The Introductory Sermon was preached by the Rev. W. Harris from John xix. 30. "When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished; and he bowed his head and gave up the Ghost." collection was then taken up for Domestic Missions.

The letters from the Churches were then read and the Delegates took their seats.

The following appear from the letters as Delegates from the Churches:

- Saint David*—
- Maugerville*—Brethren R. Cowperthwaite, John Day, C. Miles
- Jacksontown*—Rev. W. A. Coleman, W. D. Estey, B. Everitt
- Saint Andrews*—Rev. A. D. Thompson.
- Simonds*—J. Boyer, T. B. Wheeler.
- Nashuaak*—Rev. J. Magee.
- Keswick*—Rev. J. H. Tupper, S. B. Smith.
- Carlton*—
- Woodstock*—Rev. Thos. Todd, J. C. Everitt, G. Campbell.
- New Jerusalem*—Rev. E. Webb.
- Kingclear*—Rev. G. Rigby, W. Estey, A. Hatt.
- Douglas*—D. Joutt, J. H. Dykeman, E. Joutt, B. Joutt.
- 1st St. Patrick*—
- Portland*—Rev. E. D. Vary, R. Stevens, J. Buckley, G. Dunbar.
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- Brussels street—S. Gerow, J. Brayley, W. Hayward.
- Fredericton—Rev. S. Elder, Rev. C. Spurden, W. S. Estey, C. Stewart.
- Dumfries—D. Dow, A. Dow, O. Ackerley, W. Miller.
- Tobique—Rev. W. Harris, J. Wright.
- St. George—Rev. T. Magee, H. E. Saulty.
- Brighton—J. Noble.
- Prince William—Rev. T. W. Saunders, W. McAdam, H. Niles.
- Newcastle, Grand Lake—Rev. G. F. Miles.
- Pennfield—
- African Church, Douglas—Deacons More and J. Whooy.

*Voted*, That Rev. S. Elder, Rev. T. Todd, and Bro. D. Dow, be a Committee to report on the Church Statistics, as given in the Minutes.

The Committee appointed to examine the Circular Letter gave in their report, recommending the adoption of the Letter.

*Voted*, That the Circular letter be now read by the Moderator. The Letter was then read.

*Voted*, That the Rev. C. Spurden be appointed as the Correspondent of this Association with the Society of the Baptist Union in England.

*Voted*, Adjournment till half-past 2 o'clock P. M.

Prayer by Rev. C. Spurden:

**Afternoon Session, 2 o'clock.**

Met according to adjournment. After a sermon by Rev. W. Burton, the business of the Association was resumed. Brethren W. S. Estey and B. J. J. were appointed by the Moderator a Committee to audit the Accounts.

*Voted*, That the next Session of this Association be held at Prince William.

The following Brethren were appointed a Committee of Arrangement for next meeting of the Association, viz.—T. W. Saunders, G. Rigby, W. McAdam and B. J. J.

*Voted*, That the Circular Letter for next year be written by the Rev. E. D. Very.

*Voted*, That the Rev. S. Elder preach the Introductory Sermon and that the Rev. T. Todd be his alternate.

That the Rev. S. Elder be our Delegate to the Western Association of Nova Scotia.

That the Rev. T. Todd be our Delegate to the Central Association of Nova Scotia.

That the Rev. J. H. Tupper be our Delegate to the Eastern Association of Nova Scotia.

That the Rev. T. Magee be our Delegate to the Eastern Nova Brunswick Association.

That the Rev. A. D. Thompson be our Messenger to the Washington Association, Maine.

*Resolved*, That the travelling expenses of the above Delegates be paid by this Association.

*Voted*, That the following Brethren be the Delegates of this Association to the Baptist Convention, to meet at Wolfville, N. S. on the third Saturday of this month: -Rev. E. D. Very, Rev. G. Miles, Brethren H. E. Seelye, R. Stevens, Rev. S. Robinson.

*Voted*, That the Rev. E. D. Very superintend the printing of the Minutes, and that one thousand copies be printed, and that they be distributed according to the amount paid by each Church sending three copies to each Church not contributing to meet the expenses.

The following Report was then submitted by the Committee on Colportage, and after highly interesting addresses by several speakers, was unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, That whereas the children of this world are actively engaged in building up the kingdom of darkness, and the press one of their principal agencies for accomplishing this object, therefore hail the institution and practical working of the Colportage system as a most efficient auxiliary to the preached Gospel in promoting the cause of Christ, and in counteracting evil. And heartily recommend and request the co-operation of the Church in sustaining this instrumentality.

A. D. THOMPSON, Chairman

The Committee on the American and Foreign Bible Society submitted their Report, which was unanimously adopted.

The following Report was then submitted by the Committee on the Christian Visitor, and it was ordered to lie on the table for the evening session.

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ended the labours of Brother Wallace as an Agent for increasing the circulation of the Christian Visitor. From the superior excellence of this paper, and its adaptation to the varied and important ends which it is designed to fulfil, we cannot but view with unfeigned gratification this evidence of the favour in which it is held by the public, and hope a yet more extended circulation will bear testimony to the value attached to the labours of its persevering Editor.

Your Committee would respectfully urge upon the Pastors of the Churches, and upon the brethren in general, the duty of sustaining with augmented effort this valuable organ of the Denomination.

S. ELDER, Chairman.

Voted, Adjournment till 7 o'clock, P. M.

Prayer by Rev. E. McInnis.

7 o'clock, P. M.

Met at 7 o'clock, P. M., according to adjournment. Prayer by the Rev. S. Elder.

The Report on the Christian Visitor was then called up, and discussed in a number of earnest addresses, in which the claims of the Visitor to the enlarged and constant support of the Churches were urgently presented. The Report was then unanimously adopted.

The Report on Union Societies followed, and gave occasion to appeals not less fervent and interesting than those which preceded:

*The Committee on the Union Society beg leave to report:*  
That the plan of leaving the interests of the Union Society to the spontaneous action of the Ministers and Churches has not proved so successful as many have anticipated; and although they are of opinion, if Ministers would make it their business to draw the attention of their people to the subject, that the Union might be far more adequately sustained; yet in view of the small number of Churches that have contributed to the Union, and the little that has been done in a year, they cannot do otherwise than recommend the employment of an agent who may perform Missionary work, while at the same time he may spread information respecting the Union, which appears to be much needed.

The Committee think that the name of Union does not carry with it the sympathy of the members of our Churches; they would suggest that if the Society were denominated the General Missionary Union, the design of the institution would be better understood. The Committee consider that the affairs of the Society are conducted in a very efficient manner, but they would recommend, for

general satisfaction, that the Treasurer's account be annually published.

They would further recommend to Pastors the practice of urging upon their people the duty of benevolent exertions, and without adhering to the exact sum named in the Constitution, leave it to their conscience what sum they will contribute, and allow them to specify the particular objects to which they would desire them to be appropriated.

In conclusion, they cannot but strenuously recommend the practice of making collections for the Foreign Missions after the monthly concert for prayer, by which means the dividend to the Missions might be largely increased.

All which is respectfully submitted,

CHARLES SPURDEN, *Chairman.*

Adopted.

*Resolved.* To adjourn till to-morrow, 10 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer by Rev. W. Coleman.

Tuesday, 10 o'clock, A. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Rev.

T. W. Saunders.

The Treasurer's accounts of the Domestic Missionary Boards were submitted and approved, where the following Boards were appointed for the ensuing year:

*For the Fredericton District.*—Rev. S. Elder, Rev. C. Spurden, Brethren J. P. A. Phillips, W. S. Estey, J. C. Watson, C. Hart, D. Scott, T. R. Estey, D. Richards.

*For St. John District.*—John Smith, Thomas Lockey; George A. Garrison, N. S. Demill, James Brayley, Moses Lawrence, Alexander McL. Seely, George W. Roberts, Robert Stevens, S. Fitch, M. D., J. P. Wells, M. Francis, J. Christopher, Samuel Kinsman, E. H. Duval, J. F. Mursters, with the Pastors of St. John & vicinity.

*For Charlotte County.*—Deacons P. Seelye, John Mann, James Davidson, John Walker, and brethren H. E. Seelye, A. H. Courmour, Edward Seelye, with the Ministers in the County.

The following brethren were appointed to the Board of General Union:

Rev. S. Robinson, Rev. E. D. Very, E. H. Duval, S. Hereford, J. F. Mursters, W. Hayward, J. Christopher, W. Buchanan, McHenry, G. F. Burns, S. Kinsman, R. Stevens, John Smith, McL. Seely, James Brayley, G. A. Garrison, Dr. S. Fitch.

The following Resolution, prepared and offered



the Rev. E. D. Very, was unanimously approved and adopted:

Resolved, That a due regard to our Constitution and discipline of Baptist Churches, requires that every member of our Churches should have a membership in the church with which he resides and where only he can properly fulfil the duty of a Church member; and that it is especially incumbent on Ministers to set the example, and hold membership with the Church to which he ministers as Pastor; and in case of holding the Pastoral relation in more than one Church, that he be a member of one of them; and that in case of removing their Church relations, should do so by letter, and by hand of fellowship, as any other member of the Church.

The following Report on Foreign Missions was called up:

The Committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to submit the following Report:

That this Association is highly gratified to find that the health of Brother Burpe, our esteemed Missionary, has been considerably improved since his return home, and trust that at no distant period he will be sufficiently invigorated to admit of his resuming fully his labors. That we still regard it as our solemn duty to aid in sending the Gospel to the perishing Heathen, and to pledge ourselves to increased, and, if possible, increased efforts towards the accomplishment of this object.

The Committee would beg leave, through this Association, to recommend to the consideration of the General Board of Foreign Missions, whether our Missionary operations might not be carried more economically and successfully by a connection with either the English or American Baptist Foreign Missionary Society.

S. ELDER, Chairman of Committee.

The Report having been read, an interesting address was delivered by Brother Burpe, who was followed by brethren C. Spurden, A. D. Thompson, W. Harris, J. Francis, all of whom made powerful and interesting appeals on behalf of the Missionary cause; after which the report was unanimously adopted. A collection for the Foreign Mission Fund was then taken, amounting to £8 10s. The Committee on Sabbath Schools then submitted their Report, which was warmly and ably sustained by several speakers, and adopted:

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*The Committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to Report:*

They rejoice that there is a visible increase and prosperity in Sabbath Schools in connection with our Churches, over any other year reported, and they recommend that religious instruction to the Young be prosecuted by all the Churches with vigour, having the promise of God, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." The instrument which Sabbath Schools employ is the BIBLE, that very word which he has declared shall not return to him void, but shall accomplish that which he please and prosper in the thing whereunto he sends it. We recommend that every Church, if possible, secure the co-operation of the heads of families in the neighbourhood where an attempt is made to establish a Sabbath School, and that the Minister be called upon to exert his influence in gathering together the children into these nurseries of the Church of God. An important appendage to the Sabbath School is a good Library; such can now be had at the Depository of the Colporteur Society in St. John, varying in price from two dollars fifty cents to ten dollars. These Libraries aid much in imparting that knowledge and instruction to the children which in subsequent life will be made a blessing to them. It affords your Committee a matter of great rejoicing to be able to record that out of the revivals in many of the Churches during the past year, a large proportion of the converts were those who received their first impressions in the Sabbath School; this therefore shows the importance of the work, and the necessity of every church wishing prosperity should establish these important auxiliaries. Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee.

JOHN MAGEE, Chairman.

*Voted*, To adjourn till 2 o'clock, P. M.

Prayer by Rev. J. Francis.

**Tuesday Afternoon, 2 o'clock.**

The Association again met according to adjournment. Prayer by Rev. G. Rigby.

*Resolved*, That the Rev. C. Sparden and the Rev. J. Francis a Committee to draw up a resolution relative to the death of Brother A. McDonald.

*Voted*, That this Association recommend that the first day of January next be observed by the Churches as a day of Fasting and Prayer.

Brethren R. E. Burpe, S. Gerow, and G. Miles, were appointed a Committee to examine bills of former Delegates against this Association and to consider what sum it will be proper to sign for travelling expenses to the Delegate to the Washington Association, Maine.

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The Committee appointed to draw up a Resolution relative to the death of Brother A. McDonald, presented the following, which was unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*: That we regard it as a duty which we owe to the memory of our beloved brother McDonald, to record our sense of his many excellences as a faithful minister of Jesus Christ, and devoted fellow labourer with us in the extension of his kingdom. We would bow with humble yet sorrowing submission to the will of our heavenly Father, who has seen fit so early to remove from among us our highly esteemed brother, and we desire to regard it as a solemn appeal to redoubled diligence in the work of the Lord. We would, at the same time, offer our sincere Christian sympathy to our bereaved sister, and pray that the promises made to the widow and fatherless may be richly experienced by her and her dear children.

*Resolved*, That this Association rejoice in the success of abstinence from intoxicating liquors generally, and hope that if any of our Churches still continue this evil, they will speedily use scriptural means for its removal.

*Resolved further*, That the Churches be requested to report their condition in this respect at the next session.

The following Report was submitted by the committee to consider the remuneration of Delegates, and adopted:

The Committee recommend that the bills of Delegates already added in be paid; and that the sum of twenty-five shillings be given to the Delegate to Washington Association, Maine.

The Association now received the Report of the Baptist Education Society, which was read by the Rev. C. Spurden. After several spirited addresses in behalf of the cause of Education, the Report was adopted, and ordered to be published in the minutes.

The Committee on Domestic Missions submitted their Report, which was ordered to lie on the table for the evening meeting:

The Committee on Domestic Missions beg leave to submit the following Report:  
The history of the Baptist Churches in this and the adjacent Provinces affords ample testimony to the importance of Home Missions. Earlier Preachers of the denomination were, as is well known, pioneers who were raised up in the providence of God to preach

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the Gospel at a time when religious teaching was rare, and evangelical Ministry yet more rare; and it was from their self-denying labours that the Baptist Churches originated. It has also been by Missionary labours subsequently, and in a considerable degree that the cause of God among us has been promoted; so that not only has the number of our Churches been increased by this means, but those Churches also previously established and aiding in sending the Gospel to the destitute, have owed much of their prosperity to the engagement in this work.

From these and other considerations, your Committee feel deeply impressed with the vast importance of our Domestic Missions, and would earnestly press upon their brethren the solemn duty of sustaining them with increased effort and liberality.

GEORGE RIGBY, *Chairman*

*Voted*, To adjourn till half-past 7 o'clock, P. M.

Prayer by Rev. T. Todd.

**Tuesday Evening, 7½ o'clock**

Met according to adjournment at half past seven o'clock. Prayer by Rev. G. F. Miles. A short sermon was preached by the Rev. J. Francis, from John xiii. 15. "For I have given you an example."

The Report on Domestic Missions was then called for, discussed, and adopted.

The Report on the French Mission was then presented; and after highly interesting addresses from the Rev. G. F. Miles, and Bro. Knight, Missionary to the French, was unanimously adopted.

*The Committee on the French Mission beg leave to report:*

That they consider this object of great importance, and are glad to have it in their power to state that a brother has laboured for some few weeks among that long neglected people, and still expects to receive the same amount of labour among them. That he has received encouragement from the French sufficient to make him believe that the work is in the hands of the Lord. We are happy to find many are ready to support this mission; and are anxious to see it prosper. We would further recommend that the Ministers encourage our Brother Knight in this his noble and labour of love, and urge their Churches to contribute to his support. We are pleased to be able to state that the Eastern Association has responded so nobly to our call for aid, and appears to co-operate with us in the work. All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEORGE F. MILES, *Chairman*

A collection was then taken up for this mission amounting to £5 12s. 6d.

*Voted*, That the Baptist Church be organized, for the purpose of the object of the Association. The Association was held at Prince V... 1852.

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Voted, That the thanks of this Association be presented to the Baptist Church, and to the friends and the community generally, in Glasgow, for their kind hospitality and unwearied efforts to facilitate the objects of our meeting.

The Association thereupon adjourned to meet Prince William on the first Saturday in September, 1852. Prayer by the Moderator.

MUEL ELDER, Clerk, E. D. VERY, Moderator.

CIRCULAR LETTER,

THE CHURCHES COMPOSING THE WESTERN NEW BRUNSWICK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

SUBJECT—"The Relation of the Church to the World; and the Duties arising therefrom."

DEAR BRETHREN.—Before the Apostles were taken from the earth, the spirit of antichrist manifested itself. Hence the industry, zeal that knew no decline, and with many prayers, were soon rent in pieces by the Wolves that entered in Sheep's clothing. Not only did they lay in wait to devour, but to teach the flock to wander from the Good Shepherd, who had laid down his life for them.—These false teachers not only led captive silly women, but they taught men to deny the Lord that bought them. This they did by affirming that Christ had not come in the flesh. In this way they sought to lay the very foundation of the Christian System. Hence the bold, decided manner in which the reality of the incarnation is defended by John in all his writings. And the sublime utterance of the Father, "God was manifest in the flesh." It is that day there have been disputes about various doctrines; the Arian heresy, which denied the equality of the Son with the Father. Jesus Christ says, "I and the Father are One." There have been disputes too about the Church, and Design. There has been for one body of Christians to deny to other bodies their right to this designation. Is not the page of Church History, which is so full of blood, to be fair and bright, black and bloody in consequence? Can we be satisfied about this matter we have turned to Greek authorities. We find that the word *ekklesia*, in our version Church, is used in different senses. In Acts xix. 39, it designates an assembly of the people called out by the civil magistrate. In Acts ii. 46, it designates a society of men called out by the Spirit of God.—Deut. xviii. 16. To the universal Church.—Matt.

xvi. 18. And a particular Church or Congregation. Acts. *Ekklētos*—called out—summoned. In the Jewish sense, con-  
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 and unlike Judaism it has not appended to it a complicated,  
 suous Ritual. It looks beyond the dwellings of the soul. Hence  
 Christianity exalts the spirit above the form; the inward Prin-  
 above the outward Ceremony, and a renewed Heart, one  
 right with God, above everything. Blessed are the pure in  
 Many man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His.  
 to all the members of His one spiritual, universal Church Ch-  
 related as a Saviour. On this spiritual equality is based. In  
 Paul, "Ye are all one in Christ. Enlightened by one Spi-  
 Justified by one Righteousness. Washed in one Fountain.  
 tised into one Faith. Partakers of one Holy Ghost. And his  
 is in all goodness, and righteousness, and truth. There is one  
 and one spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your  
 one Lord, one faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of all  
 is above all and through all, and in you all.

Guided by these Scriptures we conclude, that a man is un-  
 Church-union till he has a personal interest in Christ, the  
 Saviour. Apart from this, union with the Church will not save  
 The Church does not *originate* spiritual life, but it is the me-  
*diation* of it. No union of dead bodies, how beautifully so ever,  
 might be attired, would give to them the principle of life, cap-  
 to act in their limbs, or gleam out from their sightless eyes  
 Life in the individual fits him for the Church. Apart from  
 vation is to be found in no Church large or small. It is of  
 The Church in its outward organization may have different  
 There are different types of humanity. It is not essential  
 being a man, that he should be born in Europe, or Asia, or  
 land. The refinement of the first, the complexion given to  
 ter, by the climate and habitudes of the second, or the even-  
 snows of the third, form no essential to manhood. But our  
 ligent and moral nature does. There must be understand-  
 conscience to entitle a being to this noble designation, and  
 him with mankind. So it is not being in the Episcopal ch-  
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gation. Acts. 15. 1. Any other, that is essential to salvation, though  
 wish sense, con- of this kind have been put forth, in a spirit of pride and  
 Heb. ii. 12, qu- nation: but it is being in union with Christ. The evidence of  
 assembly of Ch- is love expressing itself in obedience to known duty. This  
 arch, viz a part is the Saviour above the Church, and gives the greatest com-  
 i. 12. In Anti- mission to the latter. He is Head over all, and members of his  
 Galatia, at The- may be found in every sect.

of any one. To whom did Christ speak when he said, "Ye are the light of  
 the civil institut- world." Ye are the salt of the earth. Let your light so shine  
 most skillful for- men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your  
 e. They make- ver which is in heaven? Did he not in these sayings describe his  
 o powers below- acter? Do they not bring out the excellencies of Christian  
 rthly. Not so- acter? The life he gives is holy. In some it may be more  
 Hence the dig- deep, and vivid than in others. When it towers in streng'h,  
 e knowledge, P- uly will it save the individual from the distant spray, but it  
 independent of- like a mighty breakwater, roll back the waters of corruption and  
 olitical and So- cety, even when they are chafed by the fiercest winds that Satan  
 complicated, - raise. But for this, how would it be possible for the world to  
 f the soul. He- nue. Without the salt of godliness it would dissolve away.  
 e inward Prin- figure of light is equally instructive. It is not necessary to go  
 Heart, one that- any difficult or abstruse theory of the nature and properties of  
 the pure in- in order to understand the Saviour, in his simple, yet grand  
 one of His. In- instructive utterance. It is that all-pervading presence in-  
 l Church Ch- we see the objects around us. Its presence seems with  
 is based. ly; its absence is darkness. It diminishes as the square of the  
 ed by one S- ace increases. As it lessens in intensity it increases in volume.  
 e Fountain. rianity when its sphere is the soul. It may act with the  
 ost. And his- and intensity of a condensed power, and thus assume a sov-  
 There is one- and dominion over all the powers of the individual man. Having  
 e of your e- him fitness, it sends him forth to act upon others, and thus  
 Father of all- umes itself in the high sanctities of its beneficent mission.

a man is un- when Christians unite for purposes such as these, they resem-  
 est in Christ- ose rays that converge, that come together, till the blended  
 will not sav- ce of their good works forms a point of lustrous beauty.  
 t it is the m- Christians in a Church thus act, free of the Pharisaic ele-  
 tifully so eve- they accord obedience to the noble principle laid down by  
 e of life, c- ple vauntings; not that they may give that to the creature  
 sightless ey- belongs only to the Creator, but, as in the case of Paul,  
 Apart from- od may be glorified in them. Men see these works of Faith  
 l. It is of- ours of Love proceeding from Christians, and the conviction  
 ave differen- e that the latter form a noble contrast to a sordid and selfish  
 ot essential- And these Christians seek not to draw homage around  
 or Asia, or- ves, but say, "Glory to God in the highest!" They are  
 on given to- ed that they who see their good works, should do as the  
 or the eve- of Galatia did in the case of Paul, glorify God in them.  
 l. But our- Christians thus maintain good works, they are as healthy  
 understand- ething as the soft and beautiful light, and men glorify their  
 ation, and- who is in heaven.

iscopal cha- Scripture statement we have seen that religion is original

in the individual, not by ecclesiastical relationship, but a sovereign visitation from the Holy Spirit. Then the inquiry is, "Lord, wilt thou have me to do?" The answer is sought from the New Testament. It is found in Precept and Example. The commission of the Saviour, given amid the bright, increasing glory of ascension contains the former, "Go ye therefore teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things, whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." Amen. Matt. xxviii. 20. The observance of the rite here mentioned is commanded by Christ who is seated in Zion, and it is an act of obedience that gives expression to our love. "If ye love me keep my commandments." John xiv. 15. For the example we go to Matthew, "And Jesus when he was baptized went up straightway out of the water, and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him; and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him; and lo a voice from heaven saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." Matt. iii. 16, 17. That to follow Christ in this ordinance, is a duty implied on his followers is plain from Apostolic testimony. For it is thankworthy if a man for a good conscience towards God suffer grief, suffering wrongfully, for even heretofore were you called because Christ also suffered for us. Leaving us an example that ye should follow his steps." 1 Pet. ii. 17-23. What brought suffering upon the early Christians? Was it not the open avowal of love to Christ? And did they not make this avowal, or confession by Baptism? Let any who doubt read the Acts of the Apostles and they must receive conviction. This is the door into the Christian Kingdom; and a Christian enters through it because they are Christians, not to become Christians. The rite does not impart grace, but is the emblem of the Washing of Regeneration and the Renewing of the Holy Ghost. Let these Principles be acted upon, and there will be no more in cases of delusion, and intentional deception, which we leave with God, over the beautiful Temple of Christ's Church. It might be written, as with a pencil of heaven's selectest angels, "Ye also as lively stones are built up a Spiritual House, unto a Priesthood, to offer up Spiritual Sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ." 1 Pet. ii. 5.

This brings out, not in the way of formal definition, or statement, what the Church is.—The living, holy, loving, and chosen assembly of which she is composed. Here is seen her unlikeness to the world. And this evolves her superiority to every human institution, and the relation in which she is placed by Jesus, her Head, to the world, and the glorious end.

The position then, of the Church to the world, is relative, and the same as that of light to darkness. This defines or expresses her duty, with precision, "Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto them that are in the house." The light of the Church is not to be confined, but diffused far and wide. This is to be done by its



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Walking by the same rule," in the ordinances and command-  
 ments of the Lord. In the visible world, is it not one law that  
 governs the planets, and keeps them in their right position towards the  
 sun? Similar to this in the Church is the Law of Love. Chris-  
 tians are one in Christ, and they love each other with a pure heart  
 and sincerity. In the first age, the multitude of them that believed,  
 were of one heart and of one soul. This compelled others to say,  
 "How these Christians love one another." This made the  
 Church strong. So that amid the fires of persecution she could  
 not only rebuke all that was not accordant with loyalty to Christ,  
 but also stand not with the universal predominance of the celestial element of  
 Love. How could the world see what was so unearthly in its  
 nature, angelic in its beauty, and attractive in its power, and not  
 acknowledge its Divine original, and not trace its descent from the  
 Father of Lights? In this state the Church is prepared for power-  
 ful and efficient action upon the world. And the weapons of her war-  
 fare are not carnal. Not the glare of worldly wisdom as it may  
 be seen in the cabinets of Princes; not the prowess of the warrior as  
 he displays himself on the battle-field, not the vaunted doings of  
 philosophy, which is falsely so called, "but spiritual;" wea-  
 pons of eternal temper, the might of faith, the power of prayer, the  
 disposition to put forth labour, to endure hard-  
 ships, to brave danger so that the kingdom of Satan may be invaded,  
 and his willing captives be translated into the kingdom of God's  
 Son. To meet the demands of Duty, the Church must have  
 armor bright, her artillery planted, combine long-suffering with  
 fervent zeal; beseech and allure by all the precious promises of sal-  
 vation; and awe and adjure by all the threatenings and thunder of  
 the Gospel. God will then speed the arrows of her love,  
 and the slain of the Lord will be many.

*Derickton Baptist Missionary Board in account with James P. A. Phillips.*

DR.		
To balance due the Treasurer,		£2 18 0
25, 1851. Paid Licentiate J. H. Hughes for two weeks' mission at Rushagornish,		2 0 0
£4 18 0		
CR.		
1. By Div'd from Gen. Union Society,	£7 10 2	£4 18 0
29. Collection at Jacksontown Quarterly meeting,	0 10 8	
25. Collection by Licen. J. H. Hughes, at Rushagornish,	1 5 0	
3. Col. at Keswick Quarterly Meeting,	1 4 10	
Col. at Mangerville do. do.	1 6 0	
	11 16 8	
Balance in hand.		£6 18
J. P. A. PHILLIPS, Treasurer.		

Sept. 6, 1851.

*The Saint John Domestic Board in account with John Smith the Baptist*

		DR.	
Sept. 3, 1850.	Balance due the Treasurer,		£15 0
Nov. 30, "	Paid Elder McDonald,		6 0
Oct. 28, "	Bro. Wm. Everett to Hampton,		0 5
June 3, 1851.	Balance of Elder McDonald's labours,		12 10
			£33 15

		CR.	
1850.			
Oct. 10.	Cash from Union Board,	£7 10 2	
	Collected in St. John,	2 6 10	
Nov. 7.	Elder J. D. Casewell's donation,	0 10 0	
14.	Collected in Germain st. Church,	2 3 3	
26.	E. H. Duval's donation,	1 0 0	
30.	N. S. Demill, do.	4 0 0	
Jan. 17, 1851.	Thos. McHenry, do.	0 5 0	
May 5.	J. F. Marsters, do.	0 10 0	
	N. S. Demill, do.	5 0 0	
	A. McL. Seely, do.	2 10 0	
	Elder S. Robinson, do.	0 5 0	
	Elder J. D. Casewell, do.	0 5 0	
	Stephen Gerow, do.	0 10 0	
	Elder E. D. Very, do.	0 5 0	
	George Roberts, do.	0 5 0	
	David Roberts, do.	0 5 0	
			£27 10
	Balance due the Treasurer,		£6 5

*Charlotte County Missionary Board in account with Henry Seelye.*

		DR.	
To amount paid	Elder A. D. Thompson,		£2 10
Do. do.	Elder Thomas Magee,		1 10
Do. do.	Elder St. Clair,		1 10
Do. do.	for four weeks' mission,		6 0
Do. do.	Elder Burpe, for two weeks' mission,		3 0
	Balance in hand,		0 3
			£14 13
		CR.	
By balance on hand,		£1 17 6	
"	Dividend from Board,	5 12 6	
"	Collection at L' Etete,	2 5 0	
"	Do. at Bocabeck,	1 15 3	
"	Do. at 2nd Falls,	2 3 0	
"	Do. by Elder St. Clair,	1 0 0	
			£14 13
George, Sept. 6, 1851.			

with John Smith the Baptist Education Society in account with the Executive Committee.

£15 0	50.	Dr.			
6 0	ne.		Balance due the Committee.	£3 0 4	
0 5	ec.		Mrs. Smith, interest,	12 0 0	
hours, 12 10			Steward for attending School rooms one year,	8 0 0	
£33 15			Whitewashing, colouring and repairing Stew-		
			ard's rooms,	1 3 9	
			Mr. Hughes' board,	5 0 0	
10 2			2 cords hard wood, at 12s 6d.	1 5 0	
6 10			2 do. do. Mr. Richards,	1 2 6	
10 0			2 do. do. Mr. Turner, for tuition,	1 10 0	
3 3			Cutting wood,	0 13 9	
0 0	51.		Sundries, Glass, &c.	1 11 0½	
0 0	ne.		Principal's salary, one year,	200 0 0	
5 0			Assistant Teacher's do. do.	65 0 0	
10 0			Advertising and Printing,	2 7 6	
0 0			Executors of the late F. W. Miles,	19 3 4	
10 0			Central Fire Insurance Company, interest,	22 10 0	
5 0					
5 0	50.		Cr.	£343 7 2½	
10 0	pt.		Rent of Rooms,	£0 12 6	
5 0	ov.		Treasurer of General Union,	20 9 1½	
5 0			Collections in Chapel, Fredericton,	1 12 1	
5 0			Tuition Fees,	58 7 0	
£27 10			Do. do. Mr. Turner, in wood,	1 10 0	
	51.		Do. do. Mr. Phillips,	2 7 6	
r, £6 5	ne.		Legislative Grant,	250 0 0	
			Balance due Committee,	8 9 0	
				£343 7 2½	

Examined and found correct,

JAMES P. A. PHILLIPS.

with Henry

Statement of debts due by the N. B. Baptist Education Society,		
July 1st, 1851.		
£2 10	Amount due the Central Fire Insurance Co. in Bonds,	£375 0 0
1 10	Do. due Mrs. Smith on note,	200 0 0
1 10	Interest on do.	12 0 0
6 0	Balance due the Committee,	8 9 0
3 0		
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## ABSTRACT OF THE STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

STATIONS.	Date of Formation.	Additions					Excluded.	Died.	Total.	Printing the Minutes.
		By baptism	By Letter.	Restored.	Removed.	Dismissed.				
Andover,	1832	—	—	—	—	—	—	21	0/ 0s	
Brighon,	1833	5	1	2	1	2	3	24	0 5	
Blissville,								132	0 0	
Canning,		1	—	—	—	—	—	73	0 17	
Cardigan,	1820	—	—	—	—	—	1	14	0 2	
Carleton,	1841	5	3	1	—	1	5	97	0 5	
*Chipman,	1845	—	—	—	—	—	—	24	0 0	
*Dipper Harbour,	1847	—	—	—	—	—	—	20	0 0	
Douglas,	1844	—	—	—	5	—	—	37	0 4	
Douglas, (African,)								17	0 1	
Dumfries,		18	1	2	—	—	—	63	0 6	
Frederickton,	1814	—	1	—	—	6	2	78	0 10	
Grand Manan,								18	0 2	
*Greenwich,								22	0 0	
Jacksontown, *	1833	—	3	—	—	2	—	52	0 6	
Keswick,		29	—	—	—	—	—	53	0 0	
Kingsclear,	1825	—	—	—	—	—	—	42	0 5	
*Little South West,	1845	—	—	—	—	—	—	23	0 0	
Maugerville,	1839	32	—	2	2	—	—	69	0 10	
*Northesk,								43	0 2	
Nashwaak,	1804	2	—	—	—	—	2	25	0 8	
Newcastle,	1846	—	—	—	—	3	—	52	0 7	
New Jerusalem.	1848	1	1	—	—	—	—	24	0 5	
Pennfield,	1819	—	2	—	2	—	1	59	0 2	
Portland,	1842	48	11	—	—	2	1	140	0 10	
Prince William,						2	2	68	0 0	
*Rushagornish,	1846	—	—	—	—	—	—	18	0 0	
Simonds,	1845	1	2	—	—	—	—	26	0 0	
St. Andrews,	1806	5	—	—	—	—	—	23	0 8	
St. David,	1806	—	—	—	—	—	—	80	0 3	
1st St. George,	1806	23	—	1	—	2	2	198	0 12	
2nd St. George,	1845	—	—	—	—	—	—	134	0 0	
*St. James,	1842	—	—	—	—	—	—	83	0 0	
St John, Brusselsst.	1850	94	20	—	—	5	1	224	2 0	
“ Germain st.	1806	20	2	1	48	47	17	137	0 15	
1st St. Patrick,								31	0 5	
2nd St. Patrick.	1837	8	—	—	—	—	1	48	0 10	
*St. Stephens,	1848	—	—	—	—	—	—	34	0 0	
Tobique,		11	—	—	—	—	1	35	0 5	
Woodstock,	1842	3	—	—	1	3	2	59	0 6	
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\* Churches from which no letters were received.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS,  
IN CONNECTION WITH THE WESTERN NEW BRUNSWICK  
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Died.	Total.	Printing the Money to Minutes.
	21	01 08
	24	0 5
	132	0 0
1	78	0 17
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	24	0 0
	20	0 0
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	63	0 6
3	78	0 10
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	22	0 0
3	52	0 6
	53	0 0
	42	0 5
	23	0 0
	69	0 10
	43	0 2
2	25	0 8
	52	0 7
	24	0 5
1	59	0 2
1	140	0 10
2	68	0 0
	18	0 0
	26	0 0
	23	0 8
	80	0 3
2	198	0 12
	134	0 0
	83	0 0
2	224	2 0
5	137	0 15
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NAME.	RESIDENCE.	DATE ORDINATION.
As Tozer,	Ludlow,	March, 1826.
Sam Harris,	Tobique,	February, 1830.
As Magee,	Saint James,	March, 1831.
W. Saunders,	Prince William,	July, 1832.
El Robinson,	Saint John,	August, 1832.
Thompson,	Saint Andrews,	May, 1834.
rd D. Very,	Portland,	October, 1838.
Walker,	Saint George,	January, 1839.
Magee,	Nashwank,	" 1840.
es Spurden,	Fredericton,	April, 1841.
ge Rigby,	Kingsclear,	March, 1842.
S. H. Tupper,	Keswick,	March, 1844.
am L. Hopkins,	Penfield,	November, 1845.
am D. Fatch,	Salmon River,	January, 1845.
el Elder,	Fredericton,	November, 1846.
ge F. Miles,	Maugerville,	October, 1844.
m Estabrooks,	Simonds,	July, 1847.
am A. Coleman,	Jacksontown,	October, 1848.
as Todd,	Woodstock,	" 1848.
ezzer Webb,	New Jerusalem,	1850.
nd McInnis,	Grand Manan,	1850.

LICENSED TO PREACH.

Gremley, Joseph Catharino, R. H. Emerson, Rich'd. Wells.

RE.—Whole number of Churches composing this Association, Ordained Ministers, 21; Licenciates, 4.

## STATISTICS OF THE SABBATH SCHOOLS.

CHURCHES.	No. of schools.	No of schol'rs.	No of teachers	No of volumes in Library.	REMARKS.
Cardigan,	1	40	5	34	In a prospering state.
Carleton,	1	80	10		Prospering.
Fredericton,	1	85	15	350	Attendance regular.
Jacksontown,	1	60	10	240	Exerting good influence.
Maugerville,	1	30		100	Promising.
Pennfield,	1	60	12	150	Prosperous.
1st St. George,	2	140	19	350	In a very prosperous state
Woodstock.	3	136	14	300	In a very encouraging state
1st St. John,	3	165	26	468	Prosperous.
1st St. Patrick,	3	50		400	
2nd St. Patrick,	1	35	5	200	Flourishing.
Grand Manan,	1	89			
St. David,	1	16	4	80	Flourishing.
St. Andrews,	3	90	18	300	
Prince William,	1	35	4		In successful operation.
Portland,	1	112	20	300	27 baptized during the year
Nashwaak,	1	38		150	Prosperous.
2d St. John, Brus-	3	290	30	660	31 baptized during the year
sels street,	1	40	5	100	Flourishing.
Canning,					
	30	1591	197	4182	

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## EDUCATION SOCIETY REPORT.

In presenting their annual report, the Committee are gratified in being able to state that the attendance at the Seminary during the year has been satisfactorily sustained. From the list of Students and Pupils it will appear that fifty-three had been in attendance either the whole year, or part of the time, of whom thirty six were present at the annual examination in June.

The friends of the Society will rejoice to learn that two esteemed brethren, Messrs. Emerson and Hughes, Licentiates for the Ministry, have availed themselves of the opportunities afforded by the Institution for prosecuting their studies during the week, and on the Sabbath have been engaged in preaching the Gospel in the vicinity of Frederickton. If young men of active disposition, who, possessing the essential pre-requisite of piety, are also gifted with a talent for communicating their thoughts, were encouraged to acquire knowledge, and secure for themselves that mental discipline and culture which are requisite for the enforcement of truth and conviction of error, it would not only be a lasting benefit to the rising ministers themselves, but would eminently tend to the edification of the churches, and their consequent establishment in the faith. And where a settled Minister cannot be supported, which ought not to be neglected without the most urgent necessity, the next most eligible method of supplying the deficiency is to secure the service of some young man on the Lord's day, and cheerfully allow him to pursue his studies in the interval, and at the same time provide him with the requisite means of defraying the expences that he must of necessity incur. Certainly such an arrangement seems far preferable to the plan of relying upon chance supplies, or allowing the meetings for worship to be almost if not entirely neglected.

The Committee received from the Treasurer of the General Union the sum of £20 9s. 1½d. as appears from the cash account; in accordance with suggestions often made by valuable friends of the cause, they appropriated £5 from the general fund for the purpose of enabling Brother Hughes to continue his studies at the Seminary.

It is expected that the usual legislative grant will be received this year as heretofore, but the accounts have been made up before the grant has actually been issued, in order that they might be in time presented at the Eastern Association. When the cash account is fully settled, it will appear that a reduction of more than £12 has been effected upon the debt of the Society since last year. The new arrangement for supplying the Steward's department has had no effect during the year, and the Committee desire to express their entire satisfaction with the manner in which Mr. and Mrs. [Name] have fulfilled the duties of that office, and they can with confidence invite Parents to make trial of the boarding establishment for their children in connexion with the School. The Committee cannot close without adverting to the favourable position occupied by the denomination in reference to education, and to continue united in their efforts to promote it, and but evince

as much zeal as the momentous nature of the subject demands them; it does appear as though the divine approbation had not been altogether withheld from the exertions they have hitherto made; this ought to be a ground of encouragement for the future and a powerful stimulus to renewed and more concentrated endeavours to redeem the pledge which the existence of the Society affords of the interest taken by the Denomination in the progress and improvement of the youth of the country.

The above Report having been submitted and adopted in connection with the Financial Report of the Seminary, it was unanimously

*Resolved*, That Rev. C. Spurden and S. Elder, Hon. W. Kinnear, Messrs. S. W. Babbit, J. P. A. Phillips, W. Sewell and W. S. Estey, be the managing Committee for the ensuing year.

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