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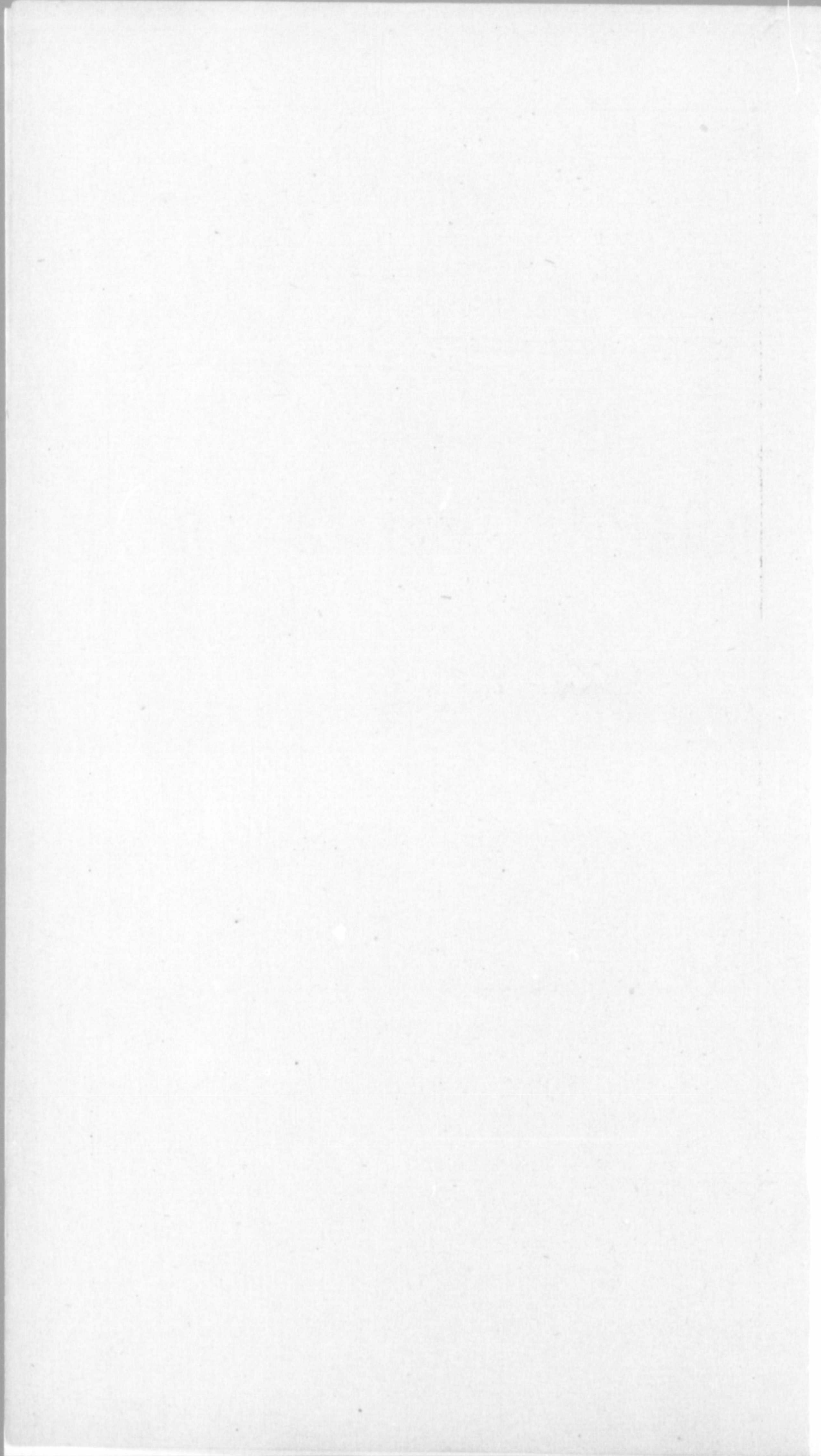
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“ T. Harley,	Hon. A. McL. Seely,
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CONSTITUTION.

1. This Convention shall be known as the Baptist Convention of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island.

2. The object of the Convention shall be to maintain Acadia College and other Educational Interests of the body; as also its Foreign Missionary operations; and to advance the general interests of the Denomination.

3. The Convention shall be composed as follows:—1st. Each of the Baptist Associations within the limits of the Convention shall be entitled to send to any meeting of the Convention five of its own Members as Delegates to represent it therein. 2nd. Every Church connected with either of the above-named Associations, and contributing toward the objects of the Convention, shall be entitled to send one of its Members to represent it at any meeting of the Convention, and an additional Delegate for every twenty dollars so contributed, provided that no Church be at liberty to send more than five Delegates. 3rd. Every ordained Baptist Minister connected with one of the above Churches shall be a Member. 4th. Any Member of one of these Churches, who shall contribute five dollars annually, or fifty dollars at one time, towards the objects of the Convention, shall be a Member.

4. The Officers of the Convention shall be chosen annually from its Members, and shall consist of a President, two or more Vice Presidents, a Treasurer, a Secretary residing in the Province in which the Convention is at the time in session, and an Assistant Secretary, chosen from one of the other Provinces.

5. The Convention shall meet on the first Saturday after the 19th of August annually, at such place as shall be agreed on by the body, when, in addition to the election of officers and the transaction of such other business as may be brought before the body in accordance with Art. 2 of this Constitution, a Board of Foreign Missions shall be chosen, consisting of fifteen members of the Convention; also, a Ministerial Education Board or Boards, of seven Members each. One third of the Members of each of these Boards shall form a quorum. The Convention shall also fill any vacancies that may have occurred in the Board of Governors of Acadia College, and shall, once in three years, appoint six new members of the Board in place of six who will then go out in rotation, in accordance with the Resolution passed by this Convention in September 1859, and in accordance with the Act 14 Vic., of the Legislature of Nova Scotia, chap. 37.

6. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any meeting of the Convention, by a vote of two-thirds of the Members present.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. Every sitting shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. Persons invited to a seat may speak on all subjects under debate, but vote on none.
3. No Member shall absent himself without leave of the body.
4. No person shall speak oftener than twice on any motion unless by permission of the body.
5. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded in the Minutes except so ordered at the time.
6. Immediately after the opening of the Convention these rules shall be distinctly read from the Chair.

Minutes.

YARMOUTH, Saturday, August 19th, 1871.

The Twenty-sixth Session of the Baptist Convention of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and P. E. Island, commenced this day in the Meeting-house of the 1st Yarmouth Baptist Church at 10 o'clock, A. M. Hon. Dr. Parker, the retiring President occupied the chair. The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. I. E. Bill.

The following is a list of members present :—

FROM NOVA SCOTIA.

1st. Yarmouth.—Rev. G. E. Day, M. D., Brethren W. H. Gridley, A. C. Robins, P. D. Kinney, and W. Churchill.

Argyle.—N. W. W. Hogg.

Amherst.—Rev. D. A. Steele.

Bridgewater.—Rev. S. March.

Bridgetown.—Rev. G. Armstrong, and Bro. Bancroft.

Chester.—Rev. I. J. Skinner.

Cornwallis 2nd.—Brother Isaiah Shaw.

Cornwallis 3rd.—Rev. Joseph F. Kempton.

Digby.—Rev. D. W. Crandall, and Brother E. Payson.

Freeport and Westport.—Rev. J. H. Hughes.

Halifax, Granville Str. et.—Rev. E. M. Saunders, Brethren S. Selden, A. Robinson, and E. D. King.

Hebron.—Brethren J. Rose, W. Doty, and W. Durkee.

Horton 1st.—Professors Jones and Higgins, and Dr. Barss.

Liverpool.—Rev. Joseph Jones, and Brother Thomas Dexter.

Little River.—Rev. E. C. Corey.

Lower Aylesford and Upper Wilmot.—J. R. Stubbert, Licentiate, J. P. Roach and S. G. Baker.

Milton.—Deacon Edward Kempton, and Edward Freeman.

Port Medway.—Rev. J. Melbourne Parker.

St. Mary's Bay.—Rev. A. Cogswell.

Sydney.—Rev. A. Chipman.

North Sydney.—W. F. Armstrong, Licentiate.

Temple Church, Yarmouth.—Brethren Samuel Brown, John Haley, Joseph Haley, James B. Kinney, and Nathan Utley.

Tusket.—Brother James A. Hatfield.

Acadia College.—Rev. Dr. Sawyer.

Foreign Missionary Board.—Rev. Dr. Tupper.

N. S. Western Association.—W. H. Balcom, Is. Harding, A. T. Baker.

N. S. Central Association.—Ed Parker, A. A. Pineo.

N. S. Eastern Association.—W. Faulkner, B. Douglas.

MEMBERS IN THEIR OWN RIGHT.—Revds W. G. Parker, Isa. Wallace, M. Normanday, D. M. Welton, G. Weathers, W. H. Porter, J. H. Saunders, Jas. Parker, W. E. Hall, J. Davis, J. McDonald, M. D., S. W. DeBlois, Dr. Crawley, Dr. Cramp, P. R. Foster, Jas. Stubbert, E. O. Read, John Chase, Jas. Spencer, Geo. Armstrong, Jos. Murray, J. Moore, S. T. Rand, J. Goucher, W. L. Parker, W. H. Richan, J. Rowe, A. Cogswell. Brethren John Steele, H. C. Creed, B. B. Moses, Hon. Dr. Parker, G. J. Creed, Nelson Corning, Eben Rose, Kelly Rose, A. T. Moore, T. H. Rand. — Morse.

INVITED BRETHREN.—J. H. Robins, Licentiate, G. N. Ballentine, Licentiate, H. Morrow, Licentiate, B. W. C. Manning, Robt. Brown, and James Elder.

FROM NEW BRUNSWICK.

Germain Street, St. John.—Rev. G. M. W. Carey, Bro. John Harding, Geo. A. Garrison.

Brussel Street.—Rev. Timothy Harley, Bro. Edward Everett.

Leinster Street.—Deacons A. W. Masters, and J. F. Masters; Bro. J. A. Durkee. (Lic.)

Carleton.—Rev. I. E. Bill.

Fredericton.—Rev. T. H. Porter.

Harvey.—Rev. T. A. Blackadar.

N. B. Eastern Association.—Revds. W. A. Corey, John Williams, J. C. Bleakney.

IN THEIR OWN RIGHT.—Revds. I. E. Bill, Jr., W. B. Boggs, James Spencer, E. Hickson.

VISITORS.—Revds. Alvah Hovey, D. D., President of Newton Theological Institution, Massachusetts; Henry G. Weston, D. D., President of Crozer Theological Seminary, Pennsylvania; O. S. Steans, D. D., Professor in Newton Theological Institute; Thomas Burditt, Pembrokeshire, Wales; Henry Angell, New York; John Combes, Massachusetts; Bro. N. P. Kempt, Massachusetts; Rev. Zachariah Morton, Maine U. S.

The following Committees were appointed:—

Arrangments.—Revds. G. E. Day, M. D., W. H. Porter, J. Rowe, Isa. Wallace, W. L. Parker and Bro. Samuel Brown.

Nominations.—Revds. G. Armstrong, S. March, D. A. Steele, J. McDonald, M. D., G. M. W. Carey and J. C. Blakeney.

State of the Denomination.—Revds. Dr. Cramp, Jno. Davis and I. E. Bill.

Obituaries.—Revds. Dr. Crawley, T. Harley, E. Hickson, W. A. Corey and Isa. Wallace.

Auditors of Foreign Mission Accounts.—Brethren W. Faulkner, H. C. Creed, and A. W. Masters, Esq.

The Committee on Nomination reported recommending officers for the ensuing year. Report adopted.

Resolved, That the next meeting of the Convention be he'd with the Church at St. Stephen, N. B.

Resolved, That 2000 copies of the Minutes be published and that Professor D. F. Higgins, Revds. E. M. Saunders, and J. E. Goucher, and Bro. S. Selden be a Committee to superintend the printing of the same.

The Committee on Arrangments reported, recommending that prayer meetings be held every morning at 6.30, A. M.; that the Convention meet for business each morning at 10 o'clock, and close

at 12½ P. M. Meeting for afternoon sitting at 2½ P. M., and close at 5½. Evening at 7½ P. M., and that the services of the Lord's Day be as follows:—

Yarmouth, Central,	at 10 o'clock,	A. M.,	by Rev. A. Hovey.
"	" 3	P. M.,	" H. G. Weston.
"	" 6	"	" T. Burditt.
" Temple,	" 10.30	A. M.,	" D. M. Welton.
"	" 3	P. M.,	" T. Harley.
"	" 6	"	" T. H. Porter.
" (Methodist),	" 10.30	A. M.,	" I. E. Bill, Senr.
"	" 6	P. M.,	" G. M. W. Carey.
" (Congregational)	" 10.30	A. M.,	" O. S. Stearns.
"	" 6	P. M.,	" E. A. Crawley.
" (Presbyterian)	" 10.30	A. M.,	" J. M. Cramp.
"	" 6	P. M.,	" C. Tupper.
Milton,	" 10.30	A. M.,	" J. E. Goucher.
"	" 3	P. M.,	" J. Davis.
"	" 6	"	" W. A. Corey.
" (Methodist)	" 10.30	A. M.,	" D. A. Steele.
Hebron,	" 10.30	A. M.,	" W. G. Parker.
"	" 3	P. M.,	" E. Hickson.
"	" 7	"	" J. Coombes.
" (Schoolhouse)	" 7	"	" E. C. Corey.
Brooklyn,	" 10.30	A. M.,	" G. Wethers.
"	" 3	P. M.,	" J. Chase.
Arcadia,	" 10.30	A. M.,	" J. C. Bleakney.
" (Methodist)	" 10.30	"	" W. B. Boggs.
"	" 6	P. M.,	" J. Spencer.
Little River,	" 10.30	A. M.,	" I. E. Bill, Jr.
"	" 3	P. M.,	" D. W. Crandall.
Chebogue,	" 10.30	A. M.,	" E. O. Read.
"	" 6	P. M.,	" George Armstrong.
" (Congregational)	" 10.30	A. M.,	" I. J. Skinner.
"	" 7	P. M.,	" W. E. Hall.
" (Presbyterian)	" 2	"	" J. Jones.
Pembroke,	" 3	"	" J. M. Parker.
Cheggoggin,	" 10.30	A. M.,	" James Parker.
"	" 7	P. M.,	" E. O. Read.
Bethel,	" 3	"	" J. B. McDonald.
Sand Cove,	" 3	"	" J. H. Hughes.
Ohio,	" 10.30	A. M.,	" J. Murray.
"	" 3	P. M.,	" T. Blackadar.
Deerfield,	" 10.30	A. M.,	" A. Chipman.
"	" 3	P. M.,	" L. B. Gates.
Tusket,	" 10.30	A. M.,	" S. W. DeBlois.
"	" 6	P. M.,	" W. F. Armstrong.
Argyle,	" 10.30	A. M.,	" J. R. Stubbart.
Beaver River,	" 10.30	"	" Z. Morton.
"	" 3	P. M.,	" H. Morrow.
"	" 7	"	" J. Williams.
Session Hill, (Free B.)	" 3	"	" W. H. Richan.
Sandford, (Free Bap.)	" 3	"	" S. T. Rand.

Report adopted.

Resolved. That Bro. J. F. Masters, Revds. I. E. Bill, Jr., T. H. Porter, J. B. McDonald, M. D., D. A. Steele, J. E. Goucher, and Geo. Armstrong be a Committee to nominate Governors of Acadia College.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. Dr. Tupper.

Afternoon Session, Aug. 19th.

Meeting opened with prayer by Rev. E. Hickson. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

The Committee appointed last year to revise the Constitution reported suggesting various changes. Report received. After a lengthy discussion the revision prepared by the Committee was slightly amended and adopted clause by clause. (See page 3)

Resolved, That Revds. I. E. Bill, Senr., T. H. Porter, J. Davis, W. G. Parker and Dr. Cramp, be a Committee to revise the list of ordained ministers and report to the Secretaries before the Convention closes.

The Committee to Nominate Governors reported recommending Judge McCully, Mark Curry and W. Faulkner, Esqs., for N. S. and A. W. Masters, Esq., David V. Roberts, Esq., and Rev. T. H. Porter for N. B.

Revds. J. E. Balcom, D. Freeman, Jas. Parker, Ed. Hickson and G. E. Day, M. D., were nominated by different members of the body in amendment to those recommended by the Committee.

Resolved, That ministering brethren be requested to come to the Convention in future as representatives of the churches over which they preside.

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. J. Rowe.

Monday Morning Session, Aug. 21st.

Meeting opened with prayer by Rev. Jas. Spencer.

Resolved, That Rev. Dr. Crawley preach the sermon next year, and that Rev. Dr. Cramp be his alternate,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the managers of Railways, Steamboats, etc., for the accommodation afforded in passing delegates at a reduced fare.

Resolved, That Revds. J. E. Hopper, W. B. Boggs, J. B. McDonald, M.D., and Brother S. Selden, be a committee to make application to the proper authorities for the usual reduction of fare by Railway, Steamboats, and Stage Coaches, to those attending the Convention to be held in St. Stephens N. B., next year.

At 10'clock, the Annual Sermon was preached by Rev. H. G. Weston, D. D., from Exodus xiv. 15.

The reports of the Secretary and Treasurer of Acadia College were read and laid on the table for discussion in the afternoon.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. F. Kempton.

Afternoon Session, August 21st.

Meeting opened with prayer by Rev. J. Blakeney.

After some discussion it was resolved to proceed to the election of Governors of Acadia College, by ballot. The ballot being taken issued in the election of Hon. Judge McCully, Wm. Faulkner, Esq., and Rev. James E. Balcom, for Nova Scotia; and A. W. Masters, Esq., J. H. Harding, Esq., and Rev. T. H. Porter, for New Brunswick.

Revds. J. C. Blakeney, E. C. Corey, W. A. Corey, J. Williams, Dr. Crawley, J. F. Masters, E. Hickson, and J. H. Harding, were allowed leave of absence.

Resolved, That the Committee on Obituaries have leave to prepare their report after the adjournment of the Convention, and to print it in the Minutes.

The report of the Secretary and Treasurer of the Board of Governors of Acadia College were taken up and discussed. Speeches were made by Rev. D. M. Welton, J. H. Harding, Esq., Rev. J. Davis, W. Faulkner, Esq., Revds. G. M. W. Carey, E. M. Saunders, J. McDonald, M. D., after which the reports were adopted. (See Appendix.)

The following resolutions were moved by Rev. J. Davis, seconded by Rev. Dr. Cramp, and passed :

Resolved,—1. That this Convention heartily rejoices in the cessation of the temporal power of the Bishop of Rome, regarding that event as the precursor of desirable changes in the ecclesiastical affairs of the European commonwealth, involving the separation of Church and State in all countries, and the complete establishment of that kingdom which is not of this world.

2 That the success of evangelic efforts in Italy and Spain, and other parts of Europe is greatly encouraging, and invites the benevolent co-operation of the friends of truth and spiritual worship in all protestant communities.

3. That the prospect of the restoration of harmony between Great Britain and the United States cannot but be hailed by all christians with unmingled satisfaction.

The Committee on the State of the Denomination reported.

Resolved, That the Report be adopted with the understanding that the Statistics of the Western Associations of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick for the present year, shall be incorporated in it. (See Appendix.)

Resolved, That this Convention recommend the churches to set apart the 1st Thursday in December, as a Day of Humiliation and Prayer.

Closed with prayer by Brother A. W. Masters.

Evening Session, Aug. 21st.

Rev. G. M. W. Carey, Vice-President, in the chair.

Meeting opened at 7 ½ o'clock, with singing, and prayer by Rev. Dr. Tupper.

An able and interesting paper on Female Education was read by Dr. Hovey, after which speeches on the general subject of Education were made by Rev. Dr. Sawyer, T. H. Rand, Esq., Revds. John Davis, Thomas Burditt, and George Armstrong.

Closed with Doxology, and Benediction by Rev. Dr. Tupper.

Tuesday Morning, Aug. 22nd.

Opened with prayer by Rev. S. March.

Hon Dr. Parker presented his report as Treasurer of the Nova Scotia Ministerial Education Board. Report adopted. (See Ap.)

The Report of the Board of Foreign Mission was read by the Secretary Rev. Dr Tupper, and ordered to lie on the table.

The Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions was also read and received.

Dr. Parker requested to be relieved of the charge of certain Dominion debentures belonging to the Foreign Mission Board, that had been placed in his hands for safe keeping.

Resolved. That Brother S. Selden be requested to take charge of said debentures.

The Committee appointed last year to enquire into the feasibility of establishing an independent Foreign Missions, and to consider the propriety of transferring the Board to some more central location reported. The report was received and ordered to lie on the table.

After some discussion of a general character, it was voted to take up the report of the Committee. Remarks were made by Revds. W. H. Porter, Dr. Tupper, Dr. Hovey, J. Davis, and George Armstrong and A. W. Masters, Esq.

The following resolution was moved by Rev. W. H. Porter, and seconded by Rev. Dr. Tupper,

Whereas in the opinion of this Convention the time is come for the establishment of an Independent Foreign Mission

Therefore Resolved, That we do now proceed to take such steps as may be necessary for the inauguration of the same.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. T. Harley.

Afternoon Session, Aug. 22nd.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Cramp. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. The resolution respecting an Independent Foreign Mission was taken up, and after a lengthy discussion in which W. Faulkner, Esq., Rev. J. Davis, T. H. Rand, Esq., Revds. C. Tupper, J. B. McDonald, M. D., W. E. Hall, James Parker, E. M. Saunders, Dr. Cramp, J. Chase, I. E. Bill, Senr., J. H. Hughes, and T. H. Porter, and A. W. Masters, Esq., took part, the resolution was adopted.

Resolved, That the Board be instructed to obtain additional information respecting the Toungoo District and the Kingdom of Siam, and that they take into serious consideration the alterations which it will be desirable to make in our present arrangements in order to establish an independent Mission. Reports on these points to be presented at the next session of this Convention.

Resolved, That the Foreign Mission Board be located in St. John, N. B.

Revds. I. E. Bill, Senr., and T. Harley, were added to the Committee on Nomination, in place of two members who had been obliged to leave.

The Report of the Committee appointed to enquire into the feasibility of establishing an independent Foreign Mission, etc., was then adopted as a whole, and ordered to be printed in the Minutes. (See Appendix.)

Resolved, That the thanks of the Convention be given to the said committee for their excellent report.

Resolved, That Messrs. A. C. Robbins and J. R. Kinney be a Committee to wait upon the merchants of Yarmouth to solicit aid towards liquidating the debt of Acadia College due to the Professors.

The Reports of the Secretary and Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Mission were then taken up and adopted.

The Committee of Nomination reported, nominating persons to form the Foreign Mission Board, and the Officers of the same. Report adopted. (See page 4.)

Resolved, That the best thanks of this Convention be given to the retiring Foreign Missionary Board, and especially to the Rev. C. Tupper, D. D., and A. T. Baker, Esq., for their indefatigable service which they have rendered the Society for many years.

The Committee of Nomination reported again, nominating a Ministerial Education Board for Nova Scotia. Report adopted. (See p.4.)

Resolved, That the sum of \$800 be paid to the American Baptist Missionary Union—salary of Rev. W. George, Missionary in Burmah, for the ensuing year.

Adjourned with Benediction by the Vice President.

Evening Session, Aug. 22nd.

Convention met at 7.30 o'clock. Rev. G. M. W. Carey, Vice President in the chair.

Hymn 854th was sung, and the 72nd Psalm read. Prayer by Rev. J. Davis.

A collection was take for Foreign Missions. The subject of Foreign Missions was taken up, and addresses were delivered by Revds. I. E. Bill, Senr., Dr. Hovey, Dr. Cramp, T. Harley, Dr. Sawyer, J. Davis, and D. W. Crandall, and Bro. W. F. Armstrong.

Resolved. That the thanks of this Convention be given to the brethren and friends in Yarmouth and vicinity for their hospitality and kindness in entertaining the members of the Convention during the present session.

Resolved, That a meeting of the Board of Governors of Acadia College be held at St. Stephens next year on the day preceding the opening of the Convention.

Minutes of this meeting read and approved.

Resolved, That we do now adjourn to meet at St. Stephen, N. B., at 10 o'clock, A. M., on the first Saturday after the 19th of August, 1872.

J. H. HARDING, *President*.
D. F. HIGGINS, }
W. B. BOGGS, } *Secretaries*.

Appendix.

REPORT ON INDEPENDENT MISSION.

At the last meeting of the Convention the following resolution was passed:—

“Resolved, That a Committee be appointed by this Convention, to enquire into the feasibility of establishing an Independent Foreign Mission; to collect all needed information respecting a field of operations; and to ascertain whether an individual competent to lead such an enterprise is available; and to give their serious consideration to the question whether it can be right to withdraw support from Missionaries, native or otherwise, already in the field, in order to commence such mission:—and also that the Committee be further instructed to take into special consideration the propriety of transferring the Foreign Mission Board to some more central location: to report on these propositions at the next Anniversary of the Convention.”

It was further resolved, “That the Revds. J. M. Cramp, D. D., D. A. Seele, A. M., John Davis, A. M., W. S. Mackenzie, A. M., and I. E. Bill constitute the Committee.”

The resolution of the Convention spreads itself out into five branches, each of which requires separate consideration.

I. THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING AN INDEPENDENT FOREIGN MISSION.

This topic is divisible into two parts.

1. *Is an Independent Mission desirable.*

There are various ways in which the work of Missions may be carried on.

We may remit funds for the support of labourers in the foreign field, who may either be sent out by ourselves, or adopted by us from among brethren already employed, Americans or natives. The funds may be entrusted to the American Baptist Missionary Union, and expended by that society for the support of our Missionaries. The Missionaries will report their proceedings to the Missionary Union, while they may individually correspond with their friends in these Provinces, and thus communicate information from time to time, adapted to stimulate and encourage more liberal efforts.

This plan has been substantially adopted by our brethren, in Ontario. They find men and money, and the brethren of the Union find stations and management; for it is their's to control, allot, locate, and govern. The Missionaries are in fact their Missionaries, and have received their appointments from them.

This, too, is our own plan with respect to brother George and his wife. At the Anniversary of the Convention in 1869 it was resolved: “That brother George be sent out as our Foreign Missionary,

under the auspices of the American Baptist Missionary Union, for the present." In order to carry out this arrangement, Brother George was appointed to the Burman Mission by the American Board.

A special advantage connected with this plan is its economy. Salaries and necessary expenses only, in addition to outfit and passage, have to be provided. Lands and buildings are furnished by the Union, and are its property.

There is an anomalous state of things, however, in our existing arrangements, which will require to be rectified in some way, whether we establish an Independent Mission or not.

For several years past a number of Native Preachers have been supported by us in Burmah; some, by our general missionary fund, some by churches, some by individuals. Their labours are superintended by brother Crawley and other Missionaries, by whom they were selected for the purpose. Those Missionaries are thus provided with Assistants, without cost to the Union, while the Assistants themselves are neither under the control or direction of this Convention, nor of the Union, but are superintended by the Missionaries, on their own account, and are responsible to them.

The position of sisters DeWolf and Norris is also peculiar. They were sent out by us and are sustained by our contributions; but whatever labour they perform is applied to the benefit of the missionary stations where they reside, and is at their own disposal. A fresh adjustment appears to be desirable.

It may not be practicable to effect such an adjustment otherwise than by the establishment of an Independent Mission, by which the resources of these provinces may be concentrated upon one object, and employed under our own management. There is much to be said, it is true, in favour of the mode of operation preferred by our brethren of Ontario; but the current of feeling in these provinces, it is believed, runs strongly in favour of separate and independent action, and it may be safely taken for granted that the desirableness of such action is admitted on all hands.

2. We now proceed to inquire, *Whether we are able to support an Independent Mission.*

It will not be wise to make provision for less than three families; two being intended for direct missionary work, and one for education. The expense of outfit and passage will be at least a thousand dollars for each family, and the annual expenditure for each family, including salary, travelling, and incidental charges will be from a thousand to twelve hundred dollars more.

In addition, mission premises must be bought, which will probably involve an outlay of two or three thousand dollars. This will have to be incurred within two or three years after the arrival of the Missionaries in the country. And the possession of premises will necessitate an annual expenditure for repairs.

It follows, that the establishment of a Mission on a respectable and efficient scale will require, in the first place, the sum of three

thousand dollars for outfit and passage; the further sum of two thousand dollars, at least, for premises; and an annual income of three thousand dollars, or thereabouts. Part of the above outlay, however may be saved if any portion of the missionary staff can be engaged in Burmah.

The question then is, on what amount of funds we may safely reckon?

Last year, the sum of 4032 dollars was contributed by the Churches forming this Convention. But of this sum, 1663 dollars consisted of special contributions by churches or individuals for native preachers, leaving 2369 dollars to the credit of the general fund, and that sum, subject to the deduction of 635 dollars—the proceeds of legacies, which always form a precarious source of income. These deductions being made, the net balance remaining is, 1734 dollars, to meet an annual expenditure of at least three thousand.

The Committee observe, that in settling this question much will depend on the action that may be taken respecting the native preachers. If an Independent Mission be established, it will probably be concluded that our energies must be concentrated on that Mission; and as it is not likely that it will be located in the districts in which the native preachers who are now employed, reside, the continuance of their employment will have to be decided on. Should the churches or individuals, whose liberality sustains them be willing to transfer to the general fund, the sums which they have contributed for this object, the support of the Mission may be reckoned on without any reason for misgiving or fear; but if they should be unwilling to take that step, it will be necessary to appeal to the Churches for enlarged contributions, without which, under such circumstances, independent action will be impossible.

If, therefore, it shall satisfactorily appear to this Convention that the sum of three thousand dollars can be annually raised for the support of an Independent Mission (expenditure for outfit and passage of Missionaries, and for the purchase of premises, being separately provided for,) steps should be taken at once towards such establishment, by selecting the country or district, and commencing the collection of funds to meet the first demands.

If, on the other hand, there should be reason to think that such separate action would be too burdensome, it may be wiser and safer for this Convention to assume the support of some Missionary Station, by special arrangement with the Missionary Union, remitting to the Treasurer of the Union, from time to time, the necessary funds, and corresponding, through the Secretary of our Missionary Board, with the Missionaries in charge of that Station.

But, whether the decision shall be to establish an Independent Mission, or to undertake the support of a Station, it will be desirable that the money required shall be raised in due proportion by the Churches comprised in the Convention, and that no Province shall be responsible for a larger amount than shall be allotted to it. Assuming that three thousand dollars (or probably a larger sum)

will be called for yearly, the Committee suggest that two-thirds of the amount shall be raised in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, conjointly, and one-third in New Brunswick.

Reviewing the whole case, the Committee record their deliberate judgment, that the establishment of an Independent Mission is feasible and practicable that the resources of our denomination in these Lower Provinces are abundantly adequate to its support; that the example of our Presbyterian brethren, who have for some years sustained a mission in the South Seas, should instruct and encourage us; and that if the Churches act in the spirit of Carey's world-renowned motto—"Attempt great things for God, and expect great things from God"—they may look for blessing and success. Still, it must be borne in mind, that it is an enterprise which will require vigorous, and united, and persistent effort.

II. The Committee were directed to "COLLECT ALL NEEDED INFORMATION RESPECTING A FIELD OF OPERATIONS."

The attention of the Foreign Missionary Board having been particularly directed to the Sgau Karens, the Committee deemed it advisable to restrict their inquiries to that people, although, in their judgment, the Burman field of labour presents greater necessity, and ought not to be neglected on account of the comparative unproductiveness of the soil.

The Missionaries labouring in Burmah state, in an Address recently issued by them, that there is a large district, "South and West of Toungoo," thickly inhabited by Karens, in which there is no Missionary station. A settlement there would be advantageous in this respect, that our brethren would be within reach of the Missionaries of the Union, and would doubtless enjoy the benefit of their advice and co-operation.

Siam adjoins Burmah on the East, and contains a numerous population of Karens. Should that country be fixed on as the scene of our missionary effort, there are various districts which would be eligible for the purpose. Dr. Dean says,—“A station might be established at *Kanburee*, three days West of Bangkok, or at *Moung Ootar*, six days North of Bangkok, each near the Karens. These towns are each places of trade, on the river banks, and of easy access. the former is two days East of Tavoy, and might be reached from that station. The latter is in the direction, and one-fourth of the distance to *Chiang Mai*, where our Presbyterian friends have started a mission among the Laos people. “Mr. Carpenter of Bassein thinks that there is” no better field for us “than the Karen field of Siam, and in addition to the places mentioned by Dr. Dean he suggests *Raking*, as a more central place than either, and “only a week's journey over the mountains East from Maulmain.”

III. The third point of enquiry is, “WHETHER AN INDIVIDUAL COMPETENT TO LEAD SUCH AN ENTERPRISE IS AVAILABLE?”

This question may be soon answered. We have no such individual.

In the early periods of Missions there was little or no choice of agents. God himself raised up men for the work to which he had called them, and the Churches were bound to accept and employ the instrumentality which was placed in their hands. The first Missionaries had to pioneer their way as they best could, without examples, without experience, learning wisdom by mistakes, and conquering success by failures. The history of fifty years and upwards is on record for our instruction. With that history before us, we are not likely to commit the blunder of entrusting a new mission to an untried man. The leader in such an enterprise must be as distinguished for wisdom as for force of character, and be well prepared to grapple with the difficulties which will be sure to spring up in a heathen and partially civilized country. It is confessed that we have not such a man among us. But he will not be wanted for some time to come. According to the united judgment of Missionaries now in the field, the Missionaries whom we may send should be directed to spend two or three years at Tavoy or Maulmain, in order to learn the language, and be initiated into the methods of operation which have been found best adapted to the state of society in that part of the world. From either of the places just named occasional excursions may be made into the Siamese territory, and thus the proposed field of labour (should Siam be selected for our Mission) may be surveyed beforehand. Then, when the time is come to enter the country, some brother, it is hoped, will be found, whose qualifications fit him for leadership, and who may be placed at the head of the Missionary band. It will be an additional advantage if the Karen Churches in Burmah should supply a number of preachers from among themselves, to join the party, as Mr. Carpenter encourages us to believe the Church at Bassien will be prepared to do, at its own expense.

IV. The Committee are directed "TO GIVE THEIR SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO THE QUESTION, WHETHER IT CAN BE RIGHT TO WITHDRAW SUPPORT FROM MISSIONARIES, NATIVE OR OTHERWISE, ALREADY IN THE FIELD, IN ORDER TO COMMENCE SUCH MISSION."

The Committee are not aware that there is any "right" or "wrong" involved in this discussion, unless, in any case, a specific contract has been made, binding the parties to time and place, which contract, if made, must of course be fulfilled. But generally, all arrangements are terminable, depending for their continuance on the course of events, or the indications of providential leading.

The native preachers employed at the expense of the Board are partly connected with Burmese, partly with Karen churches. Brother George is connected with the Burmese Mission.

If it shall be decided to establish an Independent Mission among the Karens, either in the Toungoo district or in Siam, the Karen preachers now under employment, or some of them, may possibly accompany the Missionaries to the new Station, if they should be found suitable.

With regard to brother George and the Burmese preachers, it will

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be for the Convention to consider whether we are strong enough, as a denomination, to support an Independent Mission, and at the same time to continue to sustain those brethren. It may perhaps be deemed necessary to give or whole strength to our own Mission. If so, brother George is already in the service of the Union, and the department of labour in which he and the Burmese preachers are engaged is one with which we shall not propose to interfere. There can be no difficulty, therefore, in modifying the arrangements accordingly, unless the individuals or churches by whom the preachers are supported wish to continue their connection with them, in which case their funds may be remitted, through our Treasurer, to the Missionaries by whom the labours of those preachers are superintended. But it is important to observe, that there will be no need of any alteration, in either of the cases now referred to, for several years to come, as a large amount of preparatory work must be first performed. And if the churches shall rise to the level of Apostolic liberality—every man giving “as God hath prospered him”—it may not be necessary to make any change whatever, but only to add the care of an Independent Mission to our other engagements, retaining the whole till such adjustments are made as may be agreeable to all concerned.

V. In the last place, the Committee are directed to “TAKE INTO SPECIAL CONSIDERATION THE PROPRIETY OF TRANSFERRING THE FOREIGN MISSION BOARD TO SOME MORE CENTRAL LOCATION.”

The Committee have learned that the desirableness of a transfer of the Foreign Missionary Board to a more central location is very generally admitted. Connected with this is the impression on the minds of many brethren that a more equal division of the management of our denominational efforts would be proper and fair, and tend to the fuller development of benevolent energy. The objects of this Convention are especially two, viz., Acadia College and Foreign Missions. Acadia College is necessarily managed in Nova Scotia. Would it not be a suitable arrangement, to transfer the Foreign Mission Board to New Brunswick, and to locate it at St. John? There are abundant materials in that city for the formation of a judicious and active Board, and the change, it is believed, would be beneficial to the interests of the Mission. The Committee recommend, therefore, that this change be made. If their recommendation should be adopted, they are prepared to submit to the Convention a plan for the construction of the Board, by which its members may be fairly drawn from the Associations comprised in this Convention.

Reviewing the whole, the Committee beg to submit the following observations:—

1. It is desirable that the question of an Independent Mission be decided at this meeting; and that if the decision be in the affirmative, the country or district be now chosen, in order that there may

be a proper understanding between this Convention and the American Baptist Missionary Union, in regard to the location of the Mission.

2. As no change will be required at present, existing operations may continue to be carried on without interruption; but it may be advisable to take immediate steps towards raising a fund for the outfit and passage of Missionaries.

3. It is earnestly recommended that the Missionaries sent out by this Convention receive the best culture, general and theological, which can be furnished, that they may be fully prepared, "by sound doctrine, both to exhort and convince the gainsayers."

4. In addition to ministerial education, strictly so called, the Committee suggest that the Missionaries sent by this Convention, or one of them at least, be thoroughly indoctrinated in sound modern science, and practically versed in scientific manipulations.

5. Although it cannot be doubted that the future Board will cherish the most cordial feelings towards the American Baptist Missionary Union, and the Missionaries employed by that Society, the Committee deem it befitting to place on record their special conviction of the necessity and advantages of such good fellowship, and of the duty of cultivating it to the utmost extent. Our American brethren have laboured in the field more than fifty years, and have acquired large experience. Their views and opinions must always be treated with deference, and the most respectful consideration given to their advice.

6. It is essential that systematic arrangements be made for the development of the resources of the denomination, and the regular diffusion of missionary intelligence: and that collecting agencies be everywhere instituted, and kept in continual employment. If we undertake an Independent Mission, we shall be engaged in a great work. Our plans should present such a happy combination of skill and vigour as to secure that measure of success which God is accustomed to grant to devout and faithful workers. Above all, we must be determined, by God's help, to persevere in unflinching labour, sustained by believing prayer. "Let not the brethren of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island" (the words of an esteemed Missionary are quoted) "leave an unfinished tower in the Karen jungle for the heathen to mock at, saying, 'These men began to build, and where not able to finish!'"

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. CRAMP.
D. A. STEELE.
JOHN DAVIS.
W. S. MACKENZIE.
I. E. BILL.

REPORT OF THE FOREIGN MISSIONARY BOARD.

The safe and speedy conveyance of our beloved Sister Norris to the scene of her chosen life-work, has undoubtedly afforded sincere pleasure to her numerous friends, and to the friends of Foreign Missions in general. The favor of Providence in her arduous undertaking may well excite gratitude, and minister encouragement.

Your Board approve the course adopted by her, in accordance with the advice of valued and experienced Brethren in Burmah, to remain in Henthada for the present, and devote her time and attention to the acquisition of a thorough knowledge of the Sgau Karen language. By this means she will be better prepared, if life and health be graciously continued to her, for future usefulness. She is already able to read so as to be distinctly understood by the Karens, and to offer prayer publicly in their language.

It is highly pleasing to your Board to be able to report very favorably respecting our dear sister DeWolfe; who, with extraordinary fortitude and decision of character, went out at first as our only Missionary from these Provinces, and, by Divine assistance, overcame immense obstacles, under which a strong man might have been expected to succumb. Her zealous and faithful labors, at first on the passage to India, and subsequently in schools, and in the jungles, have evidently been highly serviceable.

It is delightful to find these worthy sisters, DeWolfe and Norris, as stated in their letters, going out together into the jungles to visit the Sgau Karen Churches and to instruct the members, especially the females, in the truths and duties of the Christian religion, and to teach poor blinded heathens the way of salvation by Jesus Christ. In this needful and beneficial labor of love the former must, of course, having learned the language, take the lead; but the latter could afford her material assistance, and be, at the same time, acquiring the requisite knowledge of Sgau Karen.

The liberality, zeal, and energy evinced by our sisters in these Provinces, in the formation and enlargement of Woman's Missionary Aid Societies, auspiciously commenced by the indefatigable efforts of Sister Norris, are worthy of high commendation; and they afford much encouragement. It has been proposed in different quarters, that these Societies should support both our valued female Missionaries, who are laboring in conjunction. Undoubtedly this might be easily done, and the number of these highly useful laborers be subsequently increased. As this is highly desirable, it is ardently hoped that it may be carried into effect.

The benefits resulting from the means thus employed, by the institution and christianizing of heathen females, will be morally certain to be of incalculable value. Those who would otherwise, as mothers imbue the minds of their offspring with "abominable idolatries," to their present and final ruin, will be thus led to transmit to posterity the blessings of Christianity, of infinite worth for time and eternity.

The encouraging Report of the "Central Board" of Women's Mission Aid Societies for Nova Scotia may be appropriately introduced here.

REPORT ON WOMEN'S MISSION AID SOCIETIES FOR NOVA SCOTIA.

The Central Board of the Women's Mission Aid Societies for Nova Scotia, who have acted in this capacity at the request of the "Foreign Mission Board" during the past year, now beg leave to report as follows;—

The Treasurer has received and forwarded to A. T. Baker, Esq., Treasurer of the Board, the sum of \$962,09½ up to June 30th, there is also on hand for the present quarter \$152,11 including \$45,75 credited to Rev. Dr. Tupper, making a total of \$1114,20½ up to the present date.

The Secretary has received communications from thirty one Societies during the past year; and all report progress, with unceasing interest in the cause for which they were organized.

In April last, the Central Board, through the columns of the "Christian Messenger," proposed to the Societies the feasibility and propriety of assuming Miss DeWolfe's support in addition to that of Miss Norris; and requested an expression of opinion on the subject from the Societies in Nova Scotia. Up to the present time, but a small proportion of the number have reported at all, but these (with two exceptions) are favorable to the suggestion, provided the funds in hand are sufficient for the purpose, and there be no present prospect of any other sister being sent out to the Mission field.

A few of the Societies favour the idea of applying the surplus funds to the use of Schools under the care of Missionaries at present labouring in Burmah.

In view of the rapid growth of similar Societies to our own among other Denominations, the Central Board would respectfully request the Ministers of the various churches to place the subject before the sisters in their several localities, so that those already engaged in the work may be encouraged, by learning that Societies are being formed where at present none exist.

On behalf of the Central Board.

MARIA R. SELDEN, *Secretary.*

Halifax, August 14th, 1871.

It affords your Board much pleasure to be able to report, that, besides the two faithful and useful female laborers sent from these Provinces, the number of native preachers and Bible women, employed and supported by Churches, Sabbath Schools, individuals, or parties combined, is now greater than it ever was before. This will appear from the following List, obligingly furnished by Rev. A. R. R. Crawley.

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TABULAR VIEW OF THE NATIVE PREACHERS IN BURMAH

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Ko Aing.....1	Henthada.....	Granville St.Ch.Halifax	A.R.R. Crawley
Ko Yau-gin.....	Zaloon.....	Truro Church.....	Do.
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Moung At.....	Mengyee.....3	Do. Bap. Sab. School.	Do.
Moung Pyoo.....	Rangoon.....	Burman.....	Friend in Charlottet'wn	Dr. Stevens.
Ko Long.....	Henthada.....	Sydney Church.....	A.R.R. Crawley
Moung Loogalay..	Bassein.....	L. Granv. & Bridget'wn	M. Jameson.
Ma Waing.....4	Henthada.....	{ Friend in Colch..... }	A.R.R. Crawley
Ko Aw.....5	Do.....	{ Thy Kingdom Come.... }	Do.
Moung Wike....6	Paing Zoung Nan.	1st. Ch. S. S. Cornwallis	M. Jameson.
Ko At.....	Bassein.....	Karen.	T.M.King,N.H.Dobson.	D. A. W.Smith.
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Too Aw Kyaw.. }	Do. Jungle.....	Do.	{ Germany Church. }	Do.
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Shway Too..... }	Do. do.....	Do.	{ Friend in King's Co.... }	A.R.R. Crawley
MoungTha Dway.7	Henthada....	Burm.,	Sister in Truro Church.	Do.
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Moung Tha Doon.	Rangoon.....	Burm.,	Nictaux and Pine Grove	J. N. Cushing.
Moung Pee Tee...	Toungoo.....	Shan..	Wolfville Church.....	E. O. Stevens.
Moung Chin.....8	Prome.....	Burm.,	Juv. Soc., Bridgewater.	Do.
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Pah Soo.....	Saingk'lah.....	{ Up. Stewiacke and }	Do.
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Ng' Pay..... }	Pyeenyah.....	Karen.....	J. H. Haley.....	Do.
Maw Shway..... }	Yoma Mounts....	{ Acadia College Mis- }	Do.
Ng' Yah..... }	Letpangong.....	{ sionary Society. }	Do.
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	SUMMARY.	
1.—Ordained Pastor Henthada Burman Church..	Burman Assistants.....	16
2.—Ordination contemplated.....	Karen Do.....	14
3.—New Outstation, established 1870.....	Shan Do.....	2
4.—Bible Woman.....	Stations.....	20
5.—Colporteur.....		
6.—Teacher and Preacher.....		
7.—Primary School Teacher.....		
8.—Ordained Pastor.....		

The above List is that forwarded December 20th, 1870, revised and amended.
Henthada, March 8th, 1871. A. R. R. CRAWLEY.

These thirty native preachers and two Bible women, laboring diligently under the careful supervision of Missionaries able and ready to guide them, are undoubtedly diffusing much light in the dark regions of heathendom. Rev. D. A. W. Smith, speaking in terms of high commendation of several lately added to the list, says of one, Ng-yah. "He has been enduring hardness during the past six months in a new place, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. Away from his wife and family, with only the general promise that he would be looked after by his brethren to sustain him, he has plodded on, intent of winning souls. Nor have his labors been in vain. It was my privilege to assist recently in the examination and baptism of fourteen recent converts—all heads of families—the fruits of his and an associate's labors" Bro Smith justly speaks of the intelligence of money sent from these Provinces for the support of such zealous and successful laborers—"this timely aid"—as "most welcome news."

It is obviously proper that native converts should be trained to contribute for the support of their pastors. Indeed they seem generally disposed to do this to the full extent of their limited ability. But it is perfectly evident, that means are required to be furnished from Christian lands to enable poor men, constrained by the love of Christ, and ardent desire for the salvation of souls, to carry the gospel to the regions as also to aid feeble Churches in supporting pastors beyond, and publish it among the heathen; the sincerity of numbers of these preachers has been clearly evinced by their relinquishment of much more lucrative situations, in order that they might devote themselves to the work of winning souls to Christ.

Your Board, in giving on account of their stewardship, have, indeed, to regret that the success attending their labors has not been greater and more manifest than it has. They have, however, the consolations arising from approving conscience, that they have faithfully endeavored to adopt the best measures in their power for the furtherance of the Foreign Missionary cause; as also from the knowledge that their labor has not been in vain in the Lord.

Their prevalent view has been, as it still is, that in order to call forth more fully the energies of the Baptist Body in these Provinces, it is requisite to have a Foreign Mission of *our own*. But hinderances beyond their control have hitherto retarded the accomplishment of this desirable object. There have been Brethren who were willing to go forth as *our* Missionaries; but some have not appeared to possess the requisite qualifications, and others, who were quite acceptable, have been prevented from going through the want of a suitable physical constitution.

While your Board were thus without a Missionary to send from home, at the suggestion, and earnest solicitation, of Rev. A. R. R. Crawley, with the concurrence of the American Baptist Missionary Union, it was resolved, in 1857, and approved by the Convention, to employ and support native preachers in Burmah, whom the Union, for want of funds, could not employ and support. Brother Crawley expressed a readiness to superintend these preachers, with the aid of other Missionaries, in whose fields of labor they might be located. In addition to sums granted from the general Fund, numbers of these faithful and useful laborers have been subsequently supported by Churches, Sabbath Schools, or Juvenile Societies, and individuals, separately or combined. Various instances have been reported in which the labors of these servants of Christ—commencing with three, and now numbering thirty, besides two Bible women—have been known to be attended with special blessings. Unquestionably an incalculable amount of good has been effected by the means thus employed.

At the urgent request of Brother Crawley, and with the approval of the Convention, your Board established, and supported for a number of years, a Female School in Henthada. A considerable proportion of the pupils have professed faith in Christ, and exerted a salutary influence. Let one known instance suffice. The Baptist

Sabbath School in Windsor—now supporting a native preacher—provided means for sustaining *Ma O Za* in the School. Early in life she gave decisive evidence of a gracious change, and was baptized. She subsequently became the wife of one of the native preachers—"a help-meet for him." Bro. Crawley gave the Secretary of your Board a very satisfactory account of her perseverance in piety and usefulness.

In a variety of ways, by the Divine blessing much good has evidently been effected.

Your Board, having no male Missionary sent from these Provinces in a foreign field and believing that the Union is not agreeable to our establishing a Mission in any part of Burmah, upon advisement, selected a portion of Siam as the site of a Mission. Two promising young Brethren, Messrs. William F. Armstrong and Rufus Sanford, who appear to have their hearts set upon the work, and to be well adapted to it, have been accepted by the Board; and they are again commended to the approval of the Convention.

In conclusion, your Board, aware of the deplorable condition of the perishing heathen, of the obligation to fulfil the Divine command to preach the gospel to every creature, and of the encouragement afforded by the recent successes attending the means employed, affectionately recommend to all the putting forth of strenuous and persevering efforts for the universal diffusion of "the glorious gospel of the blessed God."

CHARLES TUPPER, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

TO THE BAPTIST CONVENTION OF NOVA SCOTIA, NEW BRUNSWICK AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND:

Brethren,—

My Report of this year, in some respects, is not so encouraging as that of the last year, owing to the receipts for the general Missions not being as great as during the year previous.

Yet it is a source of encouragement to know that the sisters who compose the Woman's Missionary Aid Societies have done as they generally do that part of Christian labour assigned them with earnestness, zeal, and christian fortitude, having largely increased our funds by their manifest determination to support our sister Norris now in the foreign field.

Over \$1700 has been contributed for that object during the year nearly all of which has been forwarded to me by the Treasurers of the Central Boards of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

Considering the infant state of this department of christian labour how much have we to hope for in future.

The greater proportion of money given has been for the support

of native preachers and teachers, as last year, which has been forwarded forthwith to aid those who are devoting their lives to save their fellow-countrymen from a state of heathenism.

Brethren, while God has designed that through the foolishness of preaching men are to be saved, and men cannot preach except they be sent, let us not relax our energies until men of God be stationed there who shall be as beacon-lights to conduct the poor degraded heathen to our desired haven.

There have been expended during the year \$4,760.57. Received from the general Mission during the year \$3,420.39. For Miss Norris \$1,738.10½. For Miss DeWolf \$25.62½. To support and teach Karen Girls \$64.00. Total receipts during the year \$5,248.12. Balance in hand of Treasurer as reported last year \$1,319.96. together making \$6,558.08. Deducting \$4,760.58 expended, leaves a balance in hands of Treasurer of \$1,797.51.

Respectfully submitted,

A. T. BAKER, *Treasurer.*

Foreign Missionary Board in account with **A. T. Baker**, Treasurer.

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Oct.	5.	Remitted to Hon. D. McN. Parker, Halifax.....	50 00
Nov.	4.	" Rev. A. R. R. Crawley.....	577 97
"	24.	Paid Professor D. F. Higgins for postage on Minutes.....	7 35
Dec.	14.	Remitted Rev. A. R. R. Crawley.....	276 77
"	17.	Paid by order of Executors of the late E. Gates.....	40 00
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Jan.	13.	Remitted F. A. Smith, Boston.....	400 00
April	11.	Do. Rev. A. R. R. Crawley.....	628 55
May	12.	Paid W. F. Armstrong for services and expenses.....	29 75
July	27.	Remitted Rev. A. R. R. Crawley.....	525 05
"	"	Do. F. A. Smith.....	411 37
Aug.	3.	Do. Do. balance on former remit.....	11 06
"	5.	Do. Rev. A. R. R. Crawley.....	433 25
"	"	Paid Secretary Postage and Stationery.....	4 00
			\$4,760 57
		Balance in hands of Treasurer.....	1,797 51
			\$6,558 08
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Aug.	22.	By amount in hand, as per account rendered.....	\$1,319 96
"	"	North Sydney Baptist Church, to support a Native preacher.....	100 00
"	"	Amherst Church, for Do. Do.	20 00
"	"	Rev. David Crandall.....	1 00
"	"	Bridgewater Juvenile Missionary Society to support Nat. preacher.	50 00
"	"	North River Church, P. E. I.....	£7 1 3
"	"	West and Clyde Rivers Church.....	2 4 6
"	"	Bedeque Church.....	3 10 0
"	"	Summerside Church.....	2 10 0
"	"	Cavendish Church.....	8 18 6
"	"	Uigg and Belfast Church.....	5 17 5
"	"	Charlottetown Church.....	4 1 3
"	"	Collections at Association at East Point for the support } of Rev. William George..... }	5 7 2
"	"	Total in P. E. I. Currency.....	£39 10 1
"	"	The above was forwarded by Rev. J. Davis in Dollars.....	131 68
"	"	New Brunswick Missionary Union.....	102 50
"	"	Rev. Dr. Spurden to support a Native preacher.....	50 00
"	"	Rev. I. E. Bill towards an Independent Mission.....	5 00
"	"	Collections at Convention.....	75 78
"	"	Pine Grove Church to support a Native preacher.....	12 00

	"	29.	Sab. Schools of 1st. Cornwallis Baptist Ch. to sup. Nat. preacher...	100 00
	Sept.	1.	Collections at St. John, by Rev. T. Harley.....	20 00
	"	9.	1st. and 2nd. St. Mary's and Indian Harbour Churches.....	5 88
	"	14.	A friend of Missions for Native preachers.....	5 00
	"	"	Do. for support of Rev. W. George.....	1 25
	"	15.	Nictaux Church for Native preacher.....	8 00
	"	"	Miss Lizzie DeWolf, Aylesford, to support Native preacher.....	60 00
	"	20.	Miss M. Condon to support native preacher	21 73
	"	"	George Frail.....	3 00
	"	27.	Nova Scotia Western Association.....	*556 91
	"	29.	Annapolis and Upper Granville to support Native preacher.....	50 00
	"	"	A. T. H. H., and J. L. Morse for do. do.	100 00
	"	"	Upper Stewiacke and Musquodoboit Churches for Native preachers.	25 00
	"	"	Miss Rachel Downing, New Annan.....	3 00
	Oct.	3.	Acadia College Missionary Society for Karen preacher.....	25 00
	"	14.	Wolfville Baptist Church for Native preacher.....	50 00
	"	16.	A friend for Do.	2 00
	"	"	N. H. Dobson for Do.	25 00
	Nov.	14.	New Ross Church.....	3 12
	"	18.	Miss M. Condon for Karen preacher.....	4 00
	"	22.	Mrs. Roland Marshall for Native preacher.....	1 00
	"	"	Mrs. Thomas McNair Do.	0 25
	Dec.	3.	Friend of Missions.....	10 00
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	Jan.	2.	Friend to Missions for Native preacher.....	2 00
	"	4.	Bequest of Miss Sabra Dimock, Newport.....	48 00
	"	13.	Truro Church for Native preacher.....	50 00
	"	"	New Germany Church for Karen preacher.....	15 00
	"	"	Miss Rachel Downing, New Annan.....	3 00
	Feb.	2.	"Thy Kingdom Come" for Native preacher.....	54 00
	"	8.	A friend by Rev. J. F. McKenne for Native preacher.....	20 00
	"	"	Sister in Truro Church for Do.	50 00
	"	9.	Acadia College Missionary Society for Karen preacher.....	25 00
	"	23.	Mrs. Helen Lent.....	1 50
	"	"	N. H. Dobson with T. M. King for Native preacher.....	25 00
	"	24.	Miss Rachel Downing.....	5 00
	"	29.	Friend in Colchester for Native preacher.....	100 00
	"	"	New Germany for Karen preacher.....	10 00
	April	1.	Mrs. M. Marshall, Springfield, for Native preachers	4 00
	"	7.	Deacon J. Denton.....	5 00
	"	10.	Capt. D. Masters, Kempt. Hants Co.....	5 00
	"	"	Baptist Sabbath School, Wolfville, to purchase maps, drawings. } for school in Burmah..... }	25 00
	"	12.	A. A. Pineo, Esq., Cambridge.....	5 00
	"	15.	1st. Yarmouth Baptist Sabbath School for Native preacher.....	50 00
	"	"	Miss M. Condon and friends for Karen preacher.....	24 27
	"	15.	Member of 2nd. Cornwallis Church.....	0 62
	"	25.	Interest on Debentures.....	60 00
	May	12.	Nictaux Church by Deacon C. Felch.....	9 10
	"	"	Collections by W. F. Armstrong.....	159 75
	"	"	Miss A. Clark, Missionary Box, Cavendish, P. E. I.....	1 00
	"	13.	Pine Grove Church for Native preacher.....	50 00
	June	24.	Collections by W. F. Armstrong.....	25 00
	July	5.	From Newport by W. F. Armstrong.....	9 75
	"	"	Granville Church and Congregation	†69 44
	"	"	Do. Children of Sabbath School.....	†51 32
	"	"	Mrs. Joseph Shaw for Native preacher.....	10 00
	"	"	New Brunswick Baptist Foreign Missionary Society.....	141 78
	"	"	Nictaux Church to support Native preacher.....	16 00
	"	11.	Nova Scotia Central Association.....	†513 75
	"	"	Wolfville Baptist Church for Native preacher.....	50 00
	"	28.	Interest on Debentures.....	60 00
	"	29.	H. C. Creed, Yarmouth.....	20 00
	"	"	Amos Fails, Senr., Wilmot.....	8 00

Total Receipts.....\$4,730 35
 Amount received for Miss Norris..... 1,738 10
 " " Miss DeWolfe..... 25 62
 " " " teaching Karen girls..... 64 00

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*Of this sum from Lower Aylesford for Miss DeWolf \$10. Lower Granville for Native preacher \$50. 1st. Yarmouth Church to support Native preacher \$100. For Miss DeWolf \$20. From Salem Sabbath School for Miss Norris \$20.50. From John W. Haley to support Native preacher \$50. Annapolis and Upper Granville to support a Native preacher \$50, and \$11 for Miss Norris.

†Of these sums \$100 to support a Native preacher.

‡Of this sum \$100 is from Windsor Baptist Sabbath School to support a Native preacher, and also \$25 from the Church at New Germany to support Native preacher.

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RECEIVED FOR MISS NORRIS AND WOMEN'S MISSIONARY AID SOCIETIES.

1870.				
Aug.	30.	From Rev. Dr. Tupper.....		\$335 50
Oct.	8.	" Cape Canso Society.....		232 09
"	"	" Treasurer of Central Board, Halifax, N. S.....		136 38
"	31.	" Roman.....		2 50
Dec.	2.	" Treasurer of Central Board, St. John, N. B.....		102 25
"	30.	" Widow of Rev. George Dimock.....		3 00
1871.				
Jan.	20.	" Treasurer of Central Board, Halifax, N. S.....		90 50
Feb.	8.	" Two friends.....		6 00
Mar.	15.	" Treasurer of Central Board, St. John, N. B.....		143 15
"	"	" Mrs. Ambros Charlton.....		0 25
"	"	" Friend D.....		2 50
April	7.	" Bequest of Miss Eliza H. Sharp, of Maccan.....		12 00
"	15.	" Mrs. Isaiah Shaw.....		1 00
May	11.	" Treasurer of Central Board, Halifax, N. S.....		348 95
"	26.	" Treasurer of Central Board St. John.....		102 25
June	3.	" Friend in Newport.....		10 00
July	22.	" Treasurer of Central Board, Halifax, N. S.....		154 03
"	19.	" A friend by Rev. J. F. McKenne.....		10 00
"	"	" Treas. of Cent. Board, Halifax, N. S., by Rev. Dr. Tupper.....		45 75
Total Receipts for Miss Norris.....				\$1,738 10

RECEIVED FOR MISS DEWOLFE.

1870.				
Aug.	9.	From Mrs. Samuel Spinney.....		\$ 2 00
Oct.	31.	" Roman.....		2 50
Dec.	19.	" Christopher Rainsforth.....		4 00
"	31.	" Widow of Rev. George Dimock.....		1 00
1871.				
Jan.	7.	" Mrs. H. J. Patillo.....		5 00
Mar.	8.	" Friend D.....		2 50
"	29.	" Mrs. W. E. Hall, New Germany.....		4 00
April	15.	" Member of 2nd. Cornwallis Church.....		0 62
June	9.	" Mrs. S. Freeman, Milton, Queen's Co.....		4 00
Total Receipts.....				\$25 62

RECEIVED TO BE ENTRUSTED TO MISS DEWOLF AND MISS NORRIS TO SUPPORT AND TEACH KAREN GIRLS.

1871.				
June	7.	Bequest of the late Miss Elizabeth T. Higgins, of Onslow.....		\$50 00
"	20.	Mrs. J. G. Harding.....		6 00
July	1.	Miss Wealthy Tupper.....		1 00
"	"	Mrs. J. G. Harding.....		6 00
"	"	Mrs. Calvin Baker.....		1 00
Total.....				\$64 00

We, the undersigned, appointed to Audit the accounts of the Treasurer of the Foreign Mission Board, have attended to the duty assigned us, and find the accounts entirely correct.

A. W. MASTERS. }
H. CLIFFORD CREED. } Auditing
WM. FAULKNER. } Committee.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF ACADIA COLLEGE.

The Anniversary was held in the Baptist Meeting House, Wolfville, on Thursday, June 8th, in the following order:—

Music.

Prayer by Rev. D. Freeman, A. M.

Music..... Sanctus.

ESSAYS BY THE GRADUATING CLASS.

Our young men.....A. Cohoon, Port Medway.
Books. (Excused.).....J. R. Stubbert, Little Dras d'Or, C. B.
The Teacher.....J. B. Oakes, New Albany.

Music.

- The Divinity of Science.....J. Neiley, Wilmot.
- Human Nature.....C. Masters, St. John, N. B.
- What is truth ? (Excused).. W. H. Warren, P. E. I.

Music.

- Earnestness.....H. Morrow, St. Peters Bay, P. E. I.
- Principles of Inquiry.....J. W. Bancroft, Round Hill.
- Copernicus.....W. Spinney, Wilmot.
- The Sphere of Silence.....J. B. Mills, Granville Ferry.
- The Age we live in.....W. B. Bradshaw, Centreville, P. E. I.
- Acadia College.....J. W. Longley, Paradise, Annapolis.

Music.....Farewell, Acadia.

DEGREES CONFERRED.

The following gentlemen, having completed the regular course of study, and having sustained satisfactory examinations thereon, were respectively admitted to the Degree of Bachelor in Arts:—William H. Warren, Atwood Cohoon, John R. Mills, James W. Bancroft, William H. Spinney, Johnson Neiley, William B. Bradshaw, J. Wilberforce Longley, Ingram B. Oakes, John R. Stubbert, Charles H. Masters, Horatio E. Morrow.

HONOR CERTIFICATES.

Honor Certificates were granted as follows:—

- To the Members of the Senior Class respectively, in the Natural Sciences.
- Also, A. Cohoon, Intellectual Philosophy.
- J. W. Longley, Moral Philosophy.
- C. Masters and J. B. Mills, Ancient Classics.
- W. M. McVicar of the Junior Class, in the Natural Sciences and Classics.
- Henry Rand of the Sophomore Class, in Rhetoric.

Of the Freshman Class, I. M. Longley in the Natural Sciences, and W. G. Parsons in the Natural Sciences and History.

Messrs. Cohoon, J. W. Longley, Masters, Mills, Morrow, Smith, Oakes and Spinney, constituted an extra Class in French through the year, and the work was acknowledged in the Honor Certificates.

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES.

The Alumni Essay Prize. Awarded to J. B. Oakes.

The H. N. Paint Prize, for the best series of Monthly Essays. Awarded to G. F. Currie.

SCHOLARSHIP PRIZES.

- Junior Class—Awarded to W. M. McVicar.
- Sophomore Class—Awarded to G. O. Gates.
- Freshman Class—Awarded to W. G. Parsons.

The Avar Longley Prize, for excellence in Elocution, was awarded to Johnston Neiley.

The Lewis Payzant Prize, to the best player in Cricket, was awarded to Theodore H. Thomas.

The Edward Young Gold Medal, for proficiency in the Higher Mathematics, was awarded to G. O. Gates of the Sophomore Class.

Forty-three students have been in attendance during the past year, viz. :—Senior Class 12. Junior Class 7. Sophomore Class 13. Freshmen Class 5, together with 6 students in general studies.

The Curriculum, as published in the Catalogue, has been faithfully carried out during the year. The report of the Examining Committee, appointed by your Board, as here presented, shews the manner in which both Professors and Students have attended to the work assigned them in the various Departments of the College.

REPORT OF EXAMINING COMMITTEE OF ACADIA COLLEGE.

To the Governors of Acadia College:

The undersigned Examining Committee beg to report that they have, to the best of their ability, performed the work entrusted to them. They devoted an entire day to the examination papers handed in by the students at the close of the last term. These papers, while varying somewhat in their merit, showed on the whole, a thorough and discriminative scholarship. The questions to which they were a reply, were pertinent and exhaustive, and admirably suited both to interest and advance the young men in the branches studied.

Your Committee are gratified to learn that the Associated Alumni have appointed two other Examiners to act with them; and would suggest that the work be divided among the whole, each having his own department, so that he may specially qualify himself for it.

W. S. MCKENZIE, } *Ex. Committee.*
D. M. WELTON, }

Wolfville, June 1871.

THEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT.

The Theological class, continuing various exercises in the College proper, during the year now closing, have at the same time, made satisfactory progress, in the several studies of this department. Besides Exegesis, and the Greek Testament, under the President, and Ecclesiastical History under the Rev. Dr. Cramp, a Hebrew Class numbering eight members under the Principal, have reviewed a part of Genesis previously read, and have advanced as far as the sixth Chapter. They have also read seven Psalms, from the 1st inclusive, and have reviewed a considerable portion of them. These exercises, have been accompanied with careful parsing, and with recitations in the Hebrew grammar.

Rudimental instruction, has also from time to time been given, on the mental peculiarities of the Hebrews, as suggested by the text, and on the character of their Theological belief, and the Divine truths thereby revealed in the Old Testament.

COLLEGE LIBRARY.

PURCHASED—

Beside the unbound Reviews and Periodicals.

Annals of the American Pulpit, vol. 9.....	1
Clark's Harmony of the Gospels.....	1
Parkman's discovery of the Great West	1
Pressense's Life of Christ and Early years of Christianity.....	2
Christianity and Positivism, by Dr. McCosh	1
Shedd's Homiletics.....	1
Bowen's Political Economy.....	1
Science and the Bible.....	1
McAlpine's Directory.....	1
Autobiography of John B. Gough.....	1
The Human Intellect, by Noah Porter, D. D.....	1
Life and Correspondence of Spinoza.....	1
Herbert Spencer on Education.....	1
Memoir of Dr. Stow.....	1
Argyll's Reign of Law.....	1
Ganot's Physics	1
Dana's Manual of Geology.....	1
Loomis's Meteorology	1
Annual of Scientific Discovery.....	1
Taylor's Classical Studies.....	1

PRESENTED—

<i>By Messrs. Nelson & Sons, Edinburgh</i> ,—The Psalms, by Dr. Binnie. The Diary of Brother Bartholomew. Wanderings over Bible Lands. Laws from Heaven, by Rev. W. Arnot. Bishop Hall's Contemplations. The Land and the Book, by Rev. W. M. Thomson, D.D. Extracts from the Writings of Luther. The Atonement, by Rev. A. A. Hodge. Work in the Wynds, by Rev. D. Maccoll. Outlines of Theology, by Rev. A. A. Hodge. The Days of Knox. The Martyrs of Spain. History of Scotland, by Rev. James MacKenzie. The Parables of our Lord, by Rev. W. Arnot. Great Missionaries, by Andrew Thomson, D.D. The Christian Leaders of the last century, by Rev. J. C. Ryle. The Plants of the Bible, by Professor Balfour. A Pastor's Sketches, by Rev. I. S. Spencer, D. D. 18	
<i>By R. Ingham, of England</i> ,—His work on Christian Baptism; Its Subjects. 1	
<i>By Johnston Neiley, Acadia College</i> ,—Crocker's Dictionary 3	
<i>By Edward Young, Ph. D., Washington, D. C.</i> —Report on United States Mining Statistics, and Report of U. S. Commissioner of Education, 1870. 2	
<i>By G. T. Kingston, Toronto</i> ,—Meteorological Reports 3	
<i>By the Dominion Government</i> ,—Sessional Papers, 12 vols. Statutes of Canada, 2 vols. Journal of Senate. Journal of House of Commons, 2 vols. 17	
<i>By the United States Government</i> ,—Report of Department of Agriculture. Smithsonian Report, 1869. Smithsonian Contributions to knowledge, vol. 17. 3	
<i>By the Hon. Provincial Secretary</i> ,—Journal of House of Assembly 1	
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The following additions have been made to the Museum during the past year:—

COLLECTED.

Zoological,—*Loligo Vulgaris*, in alcohol, very fine.

Mineralogical—Zeolites and Quartz Minerals from Blomidon, Scot's Bay, Margaretville, Port William, Partridge Island.

Economical,—Iron Ores from New Canaan, North Mountain, and Nictaux.

Geological,—Fossils of the Carboniferous Period from Mill Brook, Currie's Brook, Windsor Limestone; of the Devonian from Nictaux.

PROCURED BY EXCHANGE.

From Professor How, Kings College, Windsor.—*Mineralogical*,—Silicoborocalcite, Natroborocalcite, Aragonite, Stellarite, Torbanite.

Economical,—Cannel Coal; Marble from Cape Breton, Pyrolusite, Balt, Manganite, Wad, &c., in all 85 specimens.

Geological,—Fossils mostly from foreign localities, representing 110 species, in all 134 specimens.

FROM DR. DAWSON, M'GILL COLLEGE, MONTREAL.

Mineralogical,—Stalactites, Rutile, Calciferous spar, Calciferous sandstone.

Geological,—A set of Devonian fossils (plants), set of Silurian fossils, in all 125 specimens.

PRESENTED.

Mineralogical,—*J. R. Stubbert*, Stilbite. *J. R. Willis*, Chalcedony.

Economical,—*Rev. M. P. Freeman*, Magnetic Iron Ore, Specular Iron Ore, Red Hematite; *Mrs. Gaston*, Limonite; *D. J. Harris*, Gold-bearing quartz; *Albert Nason*, Galena; *Miss Elder*, Gold-bearing quartz, very fine; *J. R. Willis*, Cinnabar; *Mrs. Jos. Kempton*, Galena; *Chas. F. Eaton*, Specular Iron Ore; *Messrs. Page and Stearns*, Specular Iron Ore, Prescott, Me., Bog Ore, Red Hematite, Magnetic Ore.

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Geological,—*Prof. N. S. Shaler Harvard*, Fossils from foreign localities, representing 103 species, in all 200 specimens.

J. R. Willis, Fossils from English Chalk; *Chas. F. Eaton*, Fossil Corals and Shells from Carboniferous.

Archæological,—*Mrs. Dr. Tupper*, an Indian stone axe; *Obadiah Taylor*, an Indian implement; *Dr. Shaw*, an Indian knife, (stone.)

Curiosities,—*Dr. Dawson*, a fragment from Plymouth Rock; *Rev. S. W. DeBlois*, a natural curiosity; *Edw. E. Armstrong*, a freak of nature.

The following sums have been received for the Museum during the past year:—

Contributed by Students.....	\$10 00
Do.	20 12
“ “ Rev. J. E. Hopper.....	10 00
“ “ Dr. Woodbury.....	4 00
Micellaneous contributions.....	30 10
	\$74 12

There have been labelled and Catalogued since last September about six hundred specimens.

PRESIDENTS REPORT.

The following extracts, from the Report of the President of the College, to your Board in June last should be seriously considered by this Convention.

STATISTICS.

“The published list of students, who matriculated before 1869—has 271 names. Of these, 28 came from New Brunswick, and the same number from Prince Edward Island and Cape Breton. From the Nova Scotia Associations, 243 had matriculated at that time. Of this number 40 had resided in Cornwallis, and 30 in Horton. If we deduct these numbers, (as the attendance from these townships is affected by local causes,) we have left on the list, 173 coming from other parts of the Nova Scotia Associations. 109 of this number came from the East of us, and 64 from the West. But the greater part of the Denomination and of its wealth, lies to the westward. If students had come from that section in proportion to its numbers, it would be represented by 150 names on the list, instead of 64. Why this disproportion in attendance, has existed I cannot explain. But it seems to indicate, that a sense of the importance of advanced education, has not pervaded the mass of our people as it ought. Something should be done, to change this condition of things if possible.

STUDIES.

It has been thought by some, that a wider sphere of elective studies, in the undergraduate Department, should be afforded. This might be done, if we had professors enough to work so many different Departments at the same time. We propose to modify the Honor Course, so as to allow students who are able to do extra work, to advance continuously in some special Department. This is all that at present it is possible to do we think reasonable persons should be satisfied with it.

Modern Languages. As no provision is made by the Board, for instruction in the Modern Languages, some of the students have been allowed to make arrangements with Mr. Frederic Crawley, for instruction in French, and he has met a French Class twice a week, through the year. The arrangement so far as I can judge, has given satisfaction. It probably would be well to encourage a continuance of the plan, as otherwise nothing would be done in that Department.

RENTS AND GROUNDS.

A suggestion was made by the Treasurer last year that one half the rents

should be reserved for repairs. It is very important that this suggestion be carried into effect. Repairs and changes are constantly needed, and it is very important that there should be some constant source of income, to meet this expense.

By means of a donation made to us, by Mr. Cummings of Truro, with some funds from other friends, a road was opened last summer, on the west side of the College premises. But all our funds and more, were spent on the road fences, and we have not been able to make other changes. The students have set out a large number of trees on the west line, and in a few years a decided improvement will make itself visible.

RELIGIOUS PROGRESS.

Within the year, the students have formed a Missionary Society, for the purpose of increasing their knowledge of various mission fields, and their interest in Mission work. The exercises of the Society have been sustained with considerable interest, and I have no doubt we shall see beneficial results from the organization.

The various classes have, for the last half year, met once a week for exercises in the Greek Testament. As attendance at these exercises is optional with the students, it was thought they would not compromise the Institution as unsectarian in its required course, and yet would allow opportunity for distinctively christian teaching.

During the last term, the people in this section have been specially interested in religious concerns. Meetings were held for several weeks nearly every night and it is believed that great good has been accomplished by these efforts. The students were allowed to attend these meetings, as constantly as they pleased. Several of them labored faithfully, and received much benefit. Some who had joined the church years ago, but had of late manifested indifference to such interests, returned and renewed their vows. A majority of the students were church members; of the others only one, so far as I know professed conversion. We feel that the college has been blessed in various ways, and perhaps we ought to make special mention of the fact, that in several instances, lurking unbelief was banished and the power of christian faith became more manifest."

The able and comprehensive Report, from which the above extracts have been taken, contains also some references to financial matters, which your Board have taken into grave and serious consideration.

Rev. James E. Balcom has been employed in the Agency during the past year. As his services were rendered gratuitously, and some other pressing matters called for his attention, only a portion of his time could be given to the work. The sum of \$4400 chiefly in pledges and available notes, has been added to the Endowment, and material assistance has been rendered in the collection of former pledges.

The appeals to the Churches, though more successful than in previous years, have not been responded to in the spirit that might have been expected.

Your Board believe that the time has fully come to make a vigorous effort and place our College beyond the fluctuating probabilities of these yearly calls. To do this, we need the sum of at least seventy thousand dollars. Our sister Institutions in the neighboring Republic have set us noble examples in this behalf. Waterville (now Colby) University, Newton Theological Institution, Rochester University, and other Colleges, by the liberality of the Baptist Denomination, have been munificently endowed within the past few years. Your Board are convinced that the Baptists of these Lower Provinces are abundantly able to raise the required sum, and in this confidence would make the appeal.

In accordance with the provisions of the Act of Incorporation, the Convention will be called upon at its present session to elect six Governors, in place of the like number who retire, subject to re-election or otherwise as the case may be.

One of those, whose period of service thus expired, has been removed from us by death;—Mayhew Beckwith, Esq., of Cornwallis, departed this life on the 7th day of April, 1871. A public-spirited man, a firm Baptist,

he was deeply interested in the prosperity of the College. Generally in his place at the meetings of the Board, his shrewd business tact rendered valuable assistance to its deliberations. He was highly esteemed as a Christian and Church member, and his loss will not easily be replaced.

Thus one by one the veterans are falling. While we mourn their loss, we rejoice that the succession remains inviolate, and that while the work multiplies God multiplies the laborers also.

All which is respectfully submitted.

STEPHEN W. DEBLOIS, *Secretary.*

Yarmouth, August 21, 1871.

N. B.—After the above Report was accepted by the Board, the accompanying Report of a Committee of the Governors was ordered to be appended and presented to this Convention :—

The Committee appointed to prepare a plan for endowing a College, beg leave to recommend that an effort to raise \$50,000 for endowment and building purposes for the College be immediately made, according to the plan annexed ; and that, if possible, the services of T. H. Rand, Esq., be secured as agent in raising the money.

The following is the plan recommended :—

2 × \$4000 =	\$8000
4 × 2000 =	8000
6 × 1000 =	6000
6 × 800 =	4800
6 × 600 =	3600
8 × 500 =	4000
10 × 400 =	4000
20 × 200 =	4000
40 × 100 =	4000
50 × 50 =	2500
100 × 20 =	2000
50 × 10 =	500
500 × 1 =	500
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402 persons.	\$52,400

D. M. WELTON, *Chairman.*

Acadia College Endowment Fund in Account with **A. D. W. Barss**, Treasurer.

1871.		Dr.	
August 1.	To Balance from 1870.....	\$ 167 24	
	“ Invested in two Mortgages.....	2400 00	
	“ Donation carried to General Account.....	40 00	
	“ Balance carried to New Account.....	218 16	\$2825 40

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August 1.	By one Mortgage paid in.....	\$1200 00	
	“ Received for Brush on College Lands.....	75 00	
	“ Collected from Notes and Pledges.....	1550 40	\$2825 40

1871.	August 1.	By Balance in hand.....	\$ 218 16
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Wolfville, August 1, 1871. A. D. W. BARSS, Treasurer.
Audited and found correct.—JAS. S. MORSE.

Acadia College in General Account with **A. D. W. Barss**, Treasurer.

1871.		Dr.	
August 1.	To paid Salaries to Professors.....	\$3888 00	
	“ “ Repairs on Buildings, Fences, &c.....	255 33	
	“ “ Premiums on Insurance.....	40 00	
	“ “ Incidentals (librarian, fuel, postage, stationery, printing, cleaning rooms, &c.).....	109 23	
	“ “ Treasurer.....	100 00	
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		\$4392 56	\$4392 56

1871.		Cr.		
August 1.	By	Balance from 1870.....	\$ 5 13	
	"	Received from Churches on Appeal.....	*940 28	
	"	Donations from Individuals.....	87 00	
	"	Received for Rent of Rooms, Lands, &c.....	447 48	
	"	" " Diplomas.....	60 00	
	"	Provincial Grant.....	400 00	
	"	Subscription to Chair of Natural Science.....	495 19	
	"	Interest on Notes of Hand and Investments.....	1897 02	
		Balance due Treasurer.....	60 46	
				\$4392 56 \$4392 56

1871.
 August 1. To Balance due Treasurer.....\$ 60 46
 *\$71.47 of this item belongs to Appeal of 1870.
 Wolfville, August 1, 1871. A. D. W. BARSS, Treasurer.
 Audited and found correct.—JAMES S. MORSE.

Dewolf Legacy Fund in Account with *A. D. W. Barss*, Treasurer.

1871.		Dr.		
August 1.	To paid	Dr. Sawyer for Library.....	\$ 62 50	
	"	" Messrs. Cohoon, Stubbert, Morrow, Armstrong, Robbins, Gates, Durkee, Currie, Skinner, \$8 ea.....	80 00	
	"	" to complete Investment of Principal Theological Fund.....	\$ 34 17	
		Library Fund.....	65 83	100 00
	Balance due	Theological Fund.....	5 00	
	"	" Library Fund.....	29 44	34 44
				\$276 94

1871.		Cr.		
August 1.	By	Balance from old Account Theological Fund.....	\$ 60 01	
	"	Interest received.....	59 16	119 17
	"	Balance from old Account Library Fund.....	98 61	
	"	Interest received.....	59 16	157 77
				\$276 94

1871.
 August 1. By Balance due Theological Fund.....\$ 5 00
 " " " Library Fund..... 29 44 \$ 34 44
 Wolfville, August 1, 1871. A. D. W. BARSS, Treasurer.
 Audited and found correct.—JAMES S. MORSE.

Contributions Received for Chair of Nat. Science, Acadia College.

Received from	Rev. J. Davis.....	\$ 20 00
"	" Rev. D. A. Steele.....	27 00
"	" Rev. T. Harley.....	40 00
"	" Rev. S. March.....	5 00
"	" Rev. S. B. Kempton.....	40 00
"	" Rev. E. M. Saunders.....	40 00
"	" Rev. M. P. Freeman.....	20 00
"	" Rev. E. C. Spinney.....	8 00
"	" Rev. T. H. Porter.....	8 00
"	" D. M. Welton.....	41 09
"	" Z. G. Gabel, Esq.....	40 00
"	" J. F. Marsters, Esq.....	46 10
"	" J. W. Barss, Esq.....	40 00
"	" R. M. King, Esq.....	30 00
	Balance from old Account.....	90 00
	Carried to General Account.....	\$ 495 19

Wolfville, August 1, 1871. A. D. W. BARSS, Treasurer.
 Audited and found correct.—JAMES S. MORSE.

List of Churches Contributing to Current Expenses, 1871.

N. S. WESTERN ASSOCIATION.		N. S. EASTERN ASSOCIATION.	
Yarmouth 1st.....	\$40 00	Canso.....	\$10 65
Up. Wilmot and Lower Aylesford...	35 00	Antigonishe.....	6 00
Digby.....	8 00	Margaree.....	5 00
Hillsburg 1st.....	10 00	Mira, C. B.....	15 00
Hillsburg 2nd.....	6 00	Cow Bay.....	8 00
Hill Grove.....	5 00	Truro.....	30 00
Westport.....	18 00	Portapique.....	9 00
Freeport.....	10 00	North Sydney.....	10 00
Ragged Islands 2nd.....	4 00	Brookfield (Colchester Co.).....	1 37
Argyle.....	4 75	Centreville and Mount Pleasant.....	1 00
Tusket.....	10 00	Five Islands and Economy.....	4 00
Wilmot.....	10 00	Glenville and River Philip.....	3 25
Bridgewater.....	9 50	Great Village.....	8 12
Nictaux.....	9 75	Lower Stewiacke.....	0 25
		Mira Bay, C. B.....	7 00
	\$180 00	South Bar, C. B.....	3 25
		St. Ann's.....	2 00
		Sydney, C. B.....	7 00
		Upper Londonderry.....	6 34
		West Bay, C. B.....	4 00
		Jacob Layton, Great Village.....	2 00
			\$143 24
N. S. CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.			
Upper Aylesford.....	\$15 00		
Chester.....	10 50		
Chelsea.....	5 00		
Cornwallis 1st.....	15 00		
Cornwallis 2nd.....	12 00		
Cornwallis 3rd.....	10 37		
Cornwallis 5th.....	7 50		
Cornwallis 6th.....	10 52		
Halifax 1st.....	20 50		
Halifax 2nd.....	40 00		
Hammonds Plains.....	2 00		
Horton 1st.....	111 26		
Horton 2nd.....	10 41		
Kempton.....	5 37		
LaHave.....	4 00		
Lunenburg.....	15 00		
Maitland.....	3 00		
New Germany.....	7 62		
Newport East.....	8 03		
Rawdon.....	3 25		
Sackville.....	8 16		
Tancook.....	4 00		
Windsor.....	40 00		
Jeddore.....	8 00		
New Ross.....	5 00		
Dartmouth.....	15 00		
From Association per Rev. D. W. DeBlois.....	8 00		
Windsor Plains.....	2 00		
	\$406 49		
P. E. ISLAND.			
Bedeque.....	\$10 00		
Summerside.....	5 00		
West and Clyde Rivers.....	10 00		
North River.....	10 00		
	\$35 00		
NEW BRUNSWICK.			
Woodstock.....	\$4 00		
Fredericton.....	25 58		
Portland (St. John).....	21 50		
Brussels St., ".....	20 00		
Leinster St., ".....	33 00		
	\$104 08		
RECAPITULATION.			
N.S. Western Association.....	\$180 00		
" Central Association.....	406 49		
" Eastern Association.....	143 24		
P. E. Island.....	35 00		
New Brunswick.....	104 08		
	\$868 81		
Total.....	\$868 81		
Received on Appeal of 1870, after Printing Minutes of Convention:—			
2nd Hillsborough.....	\$52 50		
Kempton (Queen's Co.).....	100 00		
Western Association.....	38 22		
	\$190 72		
	\$53 47		
A. D. W. BARSS, Treasurer.			
Wolfville, August 1, 1871.			

Treasurer's Statement.

ACADIA COLLEGE ENDOWMENT FUND CONSISTS OF

Mortgages.....	\$25412 00		
Provincial Bonds.....	7000 00		
King's County Bonds.....	1100 00		
	\$33512 00	\$33512 00	
Notes of Hand (probably good), bearing interest.....	\$6374 }	8274 00	
Do. bearing no interest.....	1900 }		
		\$41786 00	

ACADIA COLLEGE OWES:

Salaries to Professors, Sept. 1869-70.....	\$680 00		
Do. do. Sept. 1870-71.....	700 00		
	\$1380 00		

Wolfville, August 1, 1871.

A. D. W. BARSS, Treasurer.

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Addenda.

Received by Treasurer after making up Accounts.

FOR CHAIR OF NATURAL SCIENCE—

Rev. S. March.....	\$ 10 00
Rev. D. A. Steele.....	40 00
Rev. I. Wallace.....	20 00
Rev. J. Davis.....	20 00
B. H. Eaton, Esq.....	30 00
	\$ 120 00

FOR CURRENT EXPENSES IN RESPONSE TO APPEAL 1871.

Bridgetown Church.....	\$ 9 00
Germain Street Church, St. John.....	20 00
St. Mary's Bay.....	10 00
Springfield, Annapolis Co.....	3 25
Bedeque, P. E. Island.....	5 00
Belfast.....	2 25
Charlottetown, P. E. I.....	10 00
St. Peter's Road, ".....	3 75
Cavendish, ".....	2 45
John McLean, ".....	3 38
1st Halifax Church, per late S. N. Binney.....	20 00
	\$ 89 08

Wolfville, September 1, 1871.

A. D. W. BARSS, Treasurer.

N. S. Ministerial Education Fund in Acct. with **D. McNeil Parker,**
Treasurer.

1870.

March 3. To Western Association.....	\$36 33
" 7. " Granville Street Church, Halifax.....	34 17
July 11. " Central Association \$55, less \$25, sent for College, by Windsor Church, and placed in wrong column, and afterwards returned to Treasurer of College, per B. H. E.....	30 00
October 21. To Western Association, \$39.87, less \$1.23 disc. on American silver.....	38 65

1871.

February 15. To Granville Street Church, Halifax.....	26 75
	\$155 90 Dom. Cur'y. \$151.75

1871.

February 18. Paid Students per B. H. Eaton.....	\$144 00
Canada Currency.....	\$140 16
By balance in hand.....	11 59
	\$151 75

Amounts from the Eastern Association paid to new Treasurer, Rev. D. Freeman.

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THE ASSOCIATIONS.

The Baptist Convention embraces the following six Associations :

The Nova Scotia Central Baptist Association, was held at Pereaux, Cornwallis, on Saturday, June 24th, 1871, and following days. The officers were—

Rev. E. O. Read, *Moderator.*
Rev. S. March, *Secretary.*
Rev. W. S. Hall, *Assistant Secretary.*
W. C. Bill, *Treasurer.*
Edwin Rand, *Assistant Treasurer.*

The Associational Sermon was preached by Rev. J. E. Goucher, of Halifax, from 1 Thess. iii., 8. Subject: The steadfastness of the Church the evidence and support of a living Ministry.

The Circular Letter was prepared by Rev. S. W. DeBlois. Subject: The Lord's Supper.

Adjourned to meet next year at Berwick on the 1st Saturday after the 20th of June.

The Annual Meeting of the N. S. Home Missionary Society was held this year with this Association.

The Nova Scotia Eastern Baptist Association, was held at North Sydney, C. B., on Saturday, July 1st, and following days. The officers elected were—

Rev. D. A. Steele, *Moderator.*
Rev. E. C. Spinney, *Clerk.*
W. F. Armstrong (Lic.), *Assistant Clerk.*
N. H. Dobson, *Treasurer.*
William Faulkner, *Assistant Treasurer.*

The Associational Sermon was preached by Rev. David McKeen, from Psalm ii. 6.

The Circular Letter was prepared by Rev. W. B. Boggs. Subject: The Care of Converts.

Adjourned to meet next year at Truro on the first Saturday in July.

The Nova Scotia Western Baptist Association, was held at Nictaux, Annapolis county, on Saturday, Sept. 30th, and following days. The officers chosen were—

Rev. G. E. Day, M. D., *Moderator.*
Rev. Isaiah Wallace, *Clerk.*
Rev. Joseph H. Saunders, *Assistant Clerk.*
B. H. Parker, *Treasurer.*
Samuel Freeman, *Assistant Treasurer.*

The Associational Sermon was preached by Rev. G. Armstrong, from Revelation ii. 10. Theme: Fidelity to Christ.

The Circular Letter was prepared by Rev. Joseph Jones. Subject: Indoctrination.

Adjourned to meet next year on the third Saturday in June.

The Eastern New Brunswick Baptist Association was held with the 1st Sackville Church on Thursday, the 13th of July, and following days. The officers elected were—

Rev. W. A. Coleman, *Moderator*.
 Rev. W. A. Corey, *Clerk*.
 Rev. I. E. Bill, Junr., *Assistant Clerk*.
 Deacon John Cahill, *Treasurer*.
 Deacon John Tingley, *Assistant Treasurer*.

The Associational Sermon was preached by Rev. W. T. Corey, from Matthew xxviii. 18, 19: "Bring him hither to me."

The Circular Letter was prepared by Rev. Thomas Todd. Subject: Combined Effort.

Adjourned to meet next year on the second Thursday in July.

The Annual Meeting of the Home Mission Society was held on the 14th of July with this Association.

The Western New Brunswick Baptist Association was held in the Brussels Street Church, St. John, on the 21st of September, and following days. The officers chosen were—

Rev. T. Harley, *Moderator*.
 Rev. W. B. Boggs, *Secretary*.
 Rev. J. W. Titus, *Assistant Secretary*.
 Z. G. Gabel, *Treasurer*.
 W. S. Estey, *Assistant Treasurer*.

The Associational Sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. Cramp, from 3 John, 8: "Fellow-helpers to the truth."

The Circular Letter was prepared by Rev. W. S. McKenzie. Subject: Christian Benevolence.

Adjourned to meet next year at Fredericton, on the fourth Thursday in June.

The Annual Meeting of the N. B. Baptist Education Society was held on Saturday with this Association.

The Prince Edward Island Baptist Association, was held in Tryon on Saturday, July 8th, and following days. The officers were—

Rev. J. B. McDonald, M. D., *Moderator*.
 W. B. Bradshaw (Lic.), *Clerk*.
 W. McVane, *Assistant Clerk*.
 James Desbrisay, *Treasurer*.

The Associational Sermon was preached by Rev. Malcom Ross, from Isaiah xxxii. 15.

The Circular Letter was prepared by Rev. Dr. McDonald. Subject: Christian Activity.

Adjourned to meet next year at Bedeque, on Saturday, July 10.

THE STATE OF THE DENOMINATION.

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The Statistics of the Associations present the following results:—

NOVA SCOTIA.				
Central Association,	44	Churches,	284	Baptisms, 5,567 Members.
Eastern “	55	“	96	“ 3,766 “
Western “	62	“	378	“ 8,161 “
	—161		—758	—17,494
NEW BRUNSWICK.				
Eastern Association,	67	Churches,	256	Baptisms, 5,249 Members.
Western “	69	“	153	“ 4,905 “
	—136		—409	—10,154
PRINCE ED. ISLAND,	14	Churches,	47	Baptisms, 768 Members.
	—14		—47	—768
Total,	311		1214	28,316

The statistics of last year were not correct, as the Minutes of the Nova Scotia Western Association had not been received. The membership of the Nova Scotia Churches should have been reported as 17,185, and the total membership as 27,905. The statistics of this year are complete, that is, if the records of the churches are correct.

The baptisms reported in Nova Scotia this year average nearly five to each church:—in New Brunswick, three:—in Prince Edward Island, nearly three and a half:—general average, nearly four. The net increase is 411, being less than 1½ per cent.

Three brethren have been ordained, viz:—

Nov. 13. 1870. J. B. McQuillan, Port Hawkesbury, C. B.

Dec. 13. “ Frank Beattie, Shediac, N. B.

March 2. 1871. Solomon Smith, Second Elgin, N. B.

Six Churches have been constituted:—in Nova Scotia, the Temple Church, Yarmouth—and Arcadia, Yarmouth Co:—in New Brunswick, Third Richmond—Avondale—Upper Newcastle and Northfield—and Sussex.

New meeting-houses have been erected at Oxford, Cumberland Co., and Cow Bay, C. B., Nova Scotia:—and at Prosser Brock—Mill Cove—Elgin Corner (Albert Co.)—and Long Reach (Kingston), New Brunswick.

The attention of your Committee has been called to the desirability of embodying in one document the statistics of the denomination, as represented in this Convention. They beg to suggest that it be recommended to the Associations to forward to the Secretaries the Minutes of their proceedings, in MS. form, in order that arrangements may be made, if possible, at the next meeting, for the publication of a Baptist Manual for the Lower Provinces, at the joint expense of the Associations.

Reviewing the history of the Denomination during the year, and contemplating its present state, the Committee beg leave to offer the following remarks:—

1. For any amount of success vouchsafed to our labors, we are bound to render thanks to the Lord, by whose power and blessing the word reaches the hearts of men. He grants us "times of refreshing," notwithstanding our dulness and sloth, which might righteously bring upon us prolonged withdrawal of divine influence. But our usefulness, as appears to your Committee, would be much greater, and much more continuously enjoyed, if we heartily believed God's promises, and expected Him to be faithful. When the Lord restored sight to the blind, and performed other wondrous works, the exercise of his power was conditioned on the faith of the applicant. "The Lord's hand is not shortened that it cannot save," but it may be that the Church does not enter into her possession, "because of unbelief."

2. God "giveth us all things richly to enjoy." He is always giving. His hand is continually open. He condescends also to receive our gifts. Can it be affirmed of us that we are in this respect "followers of God, as dear children?" Is the Church's bounty proportioned to her means? Are we doing and giving all that we are able to do and to give? Jesus is still sitting over against the treasury. Does he say, as the givers pass along, "They have done what they could?" Is not Christendom able to do vastly more than she has yet attempted? Is it not her slowness that keeps back the millenium?

3. The giving requires to be more general. Too frequently the duty of this department of Christian effort is discharged by the few. It ought not to be so. No one should be deprived of the privilege. Every member of a church should be applied to for contributions, however small they may be. The widow's mite should not be neglected, nor should the child's offering be refused. These principles are operating fruitfully in many of our churches. When the operation becomes universal, Christianity will be strong and healthy.

4. The insufficiency of the supply of candidates for the ministry is still lamented. Very many churches are destitute of pastors. How is this to be accounted for? If any young men who are gifted for God's service prefer to enter into mercantile life, because the pecuniary prospects are better, they may find out their mistake even before "the Lord cometh and reckoneth with them." But are the churches wholly free from blame? Do they encourage those who appear to possess talents for usefulness? Do they help them in their endeavours to obtain education? Do they "pray the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth labourers into his harvest?" And are they prepared for the effort or the sacrifice which their prayers may involve?

5. A due consideration of the state of the world and of the state of the church will lead thoughtful christians to the conclusion that prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit was never more necessary. Let us all "pray without ceasing," and let us unite, as in former years, in observing one day, as churches, as a Day of Prayer for the highest and best blessing that God can bestow.

J. M. CRAMP, *Chairman.*

After the adoption of the above Report the Convention passed the following Resolution,

Resolved, That the Convention recommend the Churches to set apart the 1st Thursday in December, as a Day of Humiliation and Prayer.



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STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

NOVA SCOTIA EASTERN ASSOCIATION.			NOVA SCOTIA EASTERN ASSOCIATION.		
	Baptized.	Members.		Baptized.	Members.
1 Advocate Harbor.....		50	29 Merigomish.....		22
2 Amherst.....	1	262	30 Mt. Pleasant and Centreville.....		88
3 Amherst Shore.....		34	31 New Harbor.....		31
4 Antigonish.....	3	52	32 North Sydney, C. B.....	3	152
5 Brookfield.....	36	80	33 Onslow East.....		90
6 Cape Canso.....	2	117	34 Onslow West.....		79
7 Coddle Harbor.....		23	35 Parrsboro'.....	2	59
8 Cow Bay, C. B.....	2	40	36 Pictou.....		13
9 Crow Harbor.....		33	37 Portapique and Economy.....	2	88
10 Diligent River.....		17	38 Pugwash.....	6	69
11 Earltown.....		20	39 River John.....		15
12 Five Islands & Low Economy.....	2	56	40 St. Ann's.....	4	12
13 Glenville and River Philip.....	4	97	41 Sand Point.....		22
14 Goose River.....		51	42 St. Mary's 1st.....		28
15 Goshen.....	3	32	43 St. Mary's 2nd.....		32
16 Grand Mira, C. B.....		20	44 Sydney, C. B.....	2	56
17 Great Village.....		115	45 South Bar, C. B.....	2	23
18 Greenville.....	7	63	46 Tatamagouche.....		30
19 Guysboro and Manchester.....		253	47 Tracadie.....		110
20 Hawkesbury, C. B.....	5	41	48 Truro.....	2	185
21 Indian Harbor.....		53	49 Upper Londonderry.....		89
22 Isaac's Harbor.....		81	50 Upper Stewiacke.....		29
23 Little River.....	1	140	51 Wallace River.....		146
24 Lower Stewiacke.....		84	52 Wentworth.....		43
25 Mabou, C. B.....		24	53 West Bay, C. B.....		32
26 Maccan.....		107	54 Westbrooke.....		41
27 Margaree, C. B.....		152	55 Westchester.....		16
28 Mira Bay, C. B.....	9	109			
				96	3766
NOVA SCOTIA WESTERN ASSOCIATION.			NOVA SCOTIA WESTERN ASSOCIATION.		
	Baptized.	Members.		Baptized.	Members.
1 Acadian French Mission.....	6	41	32 Mill Village.....		71
2 Annapolis & Upper Granville.....		171	33 Middlefield.....	2	30
3 Argyle.....	7	89	34 Nictaux.....	1	358
4 Arcadia.....	2	49	35 New Albany.....		62
5 Brookfield.....		103	36 New Tusket.....		118
6 Beaver River.....		208	37 Ohio.....		143
7 Barrington.....		36	38 Port Medway.....		95
8 Clements.....	9	334	39 Pine Grove.....		276
9 Caledonia.....		29	40 Pubnico.....		39
10 Dalhousie West.....	5	31	41 Parker's Cove.....		58
11 Digby.....	18	71	42 Ragged Island, 1st.....		131
12 Digby Neck, 1st.....	18	125	43 Ragged Island, 2nd.....		20
13 Digby Neck, 2nd.....	10	129	44 Shelburne.....		9
14 Freeport.....	1	238	45 Sissiboo.....	35	169
15 Greenfield.....	1	89	46 Springfield.....	4	59
16 Greywood & Milford.....		57	47 St. Mary's Bay.....	30	211
17 Hampton.....		97	48 Sable River.....		60
18 Hebron.....		278	49 Sherbrooke West.....		33
19 Hill Grove.....	21	88	50 Tusket.....		91
20 Hillsburg, 1st.....	72	251	51 Tusket Lakes.....		73
21 Hillsburg, 2nd.....	31	107	52 Wilmot.....		361
22 Jordan Bay.....		62	53 Wilmot Mountain.....		217
23 Jordan River.....		138	54 Wood's Harbor.....		51
24 Kempt.....		140	55 Westport.....		143
25 Liverpool.....	4	241	56 Yarmouth, 1st.....	22	466
26 Lake George.....		111	57 Yarmouth, 3rd.....	1	193
27 L. Aylesford & Up. Wilmot.....	20	526	58 Yarmouth South.....	1	190
28 Lower Granville.....		278	59 Yarmouth West.....	7	166
29 Litchfield.....		30	60 Lower Sable River.....		16
30 Lewis Head.....		49	61 Temple, (New).....	1	41
31 Milton.....	9	223			
					8161

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.—(Continued.)

NOVA SCOTIA CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.		Baptized.	Members.	NOVA SCOTIA CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.		Baptized.	Members.
1	Aylesford Upper.....	4	181	23	Indian Harbor.....	1	83
2	Bridgewater.....	7	133	24	Jeddore.....	5	91
3	Burton.....	...	31	25	Kempt.....	1	136
4	Canning.....	2	37	26	LaHave.....	...	32
5	Chelsea.....	...	97	27	Lunenburg.....	4	127
6	Chester.....	5	263	28	Maitland.....	2	21
7	Cornwallis 1st, Canard.....	11	374	29	Musquodoboit.....	1	16
8	Cornwallis 2nd, Berwick.....	4	442	30	New Cornwall.....	18	40
9	Cornwallis 3rd, Billtown.....	32	401	31	New Germany.....	6	175
10	Cornwallis 4th, Long Point..	...	117	32	Newport East.....	...	76
11	Cornwallis 5th, Pereaux.....	19	161	33	Newport West.....	...	120
12	Dartmouth.....	...	44	34	New Ross.....	...	45
13	Falmouth.....	15	93	35	Preston 1st.....	...	42
14	Fall River.....	...	20	36	Preston 2nd.....	...	12
15	Halifax 1st, Granville Street.	8	197	37	Rawdon.....	4	132
16	Halifax 2nd, North.....	12	390	38	Sackville.....	...	20
17	Hammonds Plains, 1st.....	10	47	39	St Margaret's Bay.....	...	100
18	Hammonds Plains, 2nd.....	...	63	40	Tancook.....	...	111
19	Hantsport.....	16	278	41	Walton.....	...	16
20	Horton 1st, Wolfville.....	45	257	42	Waterville.....	...	12
21	Horton 2nd, Gaspereaux.....	2	288	43	Windsor.....	18	191
22	Horton 3rd, New Minas.....	32	169	44	Windsor Plains.....	...	19
						284	5712
NEW BRUNSWICK EASTERN ASSOCIATION.		Baptized	Members.	NEW BRUNSWICK EASTERN ASSOCIATION.		Baptized	Members.
1	Alma.....	...	34	35	Jemseg.....	...	117
2	Albert.....	10	22	36	Johnson 1st.....	...	51
3	Alma 2nd.....	8	8	37	Johnson 2nd.....	...	46
4	Bayside.....	...	60	38	Kars.....	...	70
5	Buctouche.....	...	18	39	Moncton 1st.....	5	217
6	Butternut Ridge.....	10	228	40	Moncton 2nd.....	17	101
7	Cocaigne.....	...	12	41	Mill Cove.....	2	69
8	Caledonia.....	5	56	42	New Canaan.....	1	100
9	Cambridge 1st.....	...	87	43	Norton.....	31	81
10	Cambridge 2nd.....	1	80	44	North River.....	1	35
11	Cambridge, L.....	...	48	45	Point DeBute.....	...	84
12	Coverdale 1st.....	13	77	46	Point Migic.....	...	21
13	Coverdale 2nd.....	...	64	47	Pollet River.....	19	42
14	Coverdale 3rd.....	12	81	48	Peitcodiac.....	...	12
15	Dorchester.....	...	67	49	Rockport.....	...	14
16	Elgin 1st.....	1	163	50	Sackville 1st.....	...	87
17	Elgin 2nd.....	7	84	51	Sackville 2nd.....	1	207
18	Elgin 3rd.....	9	93	52	Salisbury 1st.....	39	242
19	Fairfield.....	...	28	53	Salisbury 2nd.....	...	72
20	Flatland.....	...	17	54	Salisbury 3rd.....	...	48
21	Grand Lake 1st.....	...	62	55	Springfield 1st.....	3	168
22	Grand Lake 2nd.....	5	140	56	Springfield 2nd.....	1	85
23	Germantown.....	...	61	57	Studholm 1st.....	...	67
24	Glenville.....	...	38	58	St. Martin's 1st.....	...	357
25	Hampton.....	2	44	59	St. Martin's 2nd.....	6	48
26	Hampton Ferry.....	...	20	60	Shediac.....	1	26
27	Hammond Vale.....	2	68	61	Sussex, Upper.....	...	37
28	Harvey 1st.....	14	140	62	Sussex.....	3	14
29	Harvey 2nd.....	5	32	63	Upham.....	...	51
30	Hillsborough 1st.....	...	383	64	Wickham, Upper.....	...	59
31	Hillsborough 2nd.....	...	65	65	Wickham, Lower.....	...	45
32	Hillsborough 3rd.....	...	30	66	Wellington.....	...	25
33	Hillsborough 4th.....	3	75	67	Willow Grove.....	...	24
34	Hopewell.....	23	203			256	5249

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.—(Continued.)

NEW BRUNSWICK WESTERN ASSOCIATION.		Baptized	Members	NEW BRUNSWICK WESTERN ASSOCIATION.		Baptized	Members
1	83	1	13	36	Portland.....	...	455
5	91	2	...	37	Pennfield.....	...	46
1	139	3	84	38	Prince William.....	10	44
...	32	4	41	39	Rushagornish.....	3	29
4	127	5	102	40	Richmond, South.....	...	25
2	21	6	...	41	Richmond, Third.....	2	11
1	16	7	10	42	Rolling Dam.....	9	23
18	49	8	82	43	Simonds, Middle.....	2	36
6	175	9	67	44	Salmon Creek.....	...	48
...	76	10	...	45	Scotchtown.....	...	20
...	120	11	74	46	Southampton.....	...	33
...	45	12	16	47	S. Musquash & Dipper Har.....	...	19
...	42	13	30	48	Springfield, Y. C.....	9	21
...	12	14	5	49	St. Andrews, Bayside.....	...	61
4	132	15	187	50	St. Andrews, 2nd.....	...	40
...	20	16	15	51	St. David.....	8	26
...	100	17	9	52	St. George, 1st.....	2	114
...	111	18	22	53	St. George, 2nd.....	...	80
...	16	19	42	54	St. George, 2nd Falls.....	...	50
...	12	20	45	55	St. James.....	3	24
18	191	21	102	56	St. John, Brussels Street..	3	521
...	19	22	7	57	do. Germain Street..	1	319
284	5712	23	52	58	do. Leinster Street...	...	252
Baptized	Members	24	35	59	do. Pitt Street.....	2	53
...	...	25	3	60	do. Carleton.....	12	168
...	...	26	95	61	St. Patrick.....	...	56
...	...	27	39	62	St. Stephen.....	2	50
...	117	28	13	63	Temperance Vale.....	...	20
...	51	29	53	64	Tower Hill.....	...	23
...	46	30	...	65	Upper Gagetown.....[field	...	109
...	70	31	2	66	Up. Newcastle and North...	...	50
5	217	32	51	67	Upper Queensbury.....	...	13
17	101	33	79	68	Woodstock.....	47	157
2	69	34	50	69	Woodstock, Lower.....	...	56
1	100	35	102			153	4905
31	81		55				
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PRINCE EDW. ISLAND ASSOCIATION.		Baptized	Members	PRINCE EDW. ISLAND ASSOCIATION.		Baptized	Members
Alexandra.....	...	22	...	North River.....	3	95	
Bedeque.....	3	130	...	St. Peter's Road.....	...	11	
Cape Wolfe.....	...	26	...	Simmerside.....	3	31	
Gavendish.....	2	27	...	Three Rivers.....	...	22	
Charlottetown.....	...	47	...	Tryon.....	15	63	
Dundas.....	10	50	...	Uigg and Belfast.....	1	97	
East Point.....	3	75	...	West and Clyde River.....	7	72	
					47	768	

List of Ordained Ministers.

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Bancroft, J., Walton. Cramp, J. M. (D.D.) Wolfville. Crawley, E. A. (D.D.) Wolfville. Chase, John, Wolfville. Clay Edwin (M.D.) Halifax. DeBlois, S. W. (A.M.) Wolfville. DeLong, T. C., Margarets Bay. Freeman, D. (A.M.) Canning. Goucher, J. E., Halifax. Higgins, T. A. (A.M.) Wolfville. Hunt, A. S. (A.M.) Dartmouth. Hall, W. E. (A.M.) New Germany. Kempton, J. F., (A.B.) Billtown. Kempton, S. B. (A.M.) Canard. March, S., Bridgewater. Meadows, James, Jeddore. Murray, Jos. (A.B.) Hantsport.	Miller, John, Halifax. Newcomb, Jas., Wolfville. Parker, Jas., New Minas. Pineo, D., Long Point. Philp, R. R. (B.A.) Maitland, Hants Co. Rand, S. T. Hantsport. Read, E. O. Berwick. Read, J. L., Upper Aylesford. Sawyer, A. W. (D.D.) Wolfville. Saunders, E. M. (A.M.) Halifax. Skinner, I. J. (B.A.) Chester. Stevens, J., Gaspereaux. Shields, A., Mahone Bay. Shaw, D. G., Falmouth. Vaughan, B., Kempt. Welton, D. M. (A.M.) Windsor. Weathers, George, Kempt, Hants Co.
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LICENTIATES.

W. F. Armstrong.....	North Sydney.
Chipman Archibald.....	Upper Stewiacke.
Charles Martell.....	Mira Bay, C. B.
James Morrison.....	Onslow West.
William McKenzie.....	West Bay, C. B.
Daniel McLeod.....	St. Ann's, C. B.
C. Y. Snell.....	Parrsboro'.
D. Spencer.....	Mira Bay, C. B.

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Bancroft, S., Butternut Ridge.	Herritt, James, Havelock.
Blackadar, T. A. (A.B.) Harvey, A.C.	Harris, H., Cambridge.
Bleakney, David, Elgin.	Irving, James, Baltimore.
Bleakney, W. A. J., Petitcodiac.	Keirstead, Elias, Collina Corner.
Bleakney, J. C., Moncton.	McPhail, Donald, Buctouche.
Crandall, D., Springfield, K. C.	Mutch, Alexander, Fairfield.
Crandall, W. A., Elgin.	McDonald, A. B., Narrows.
Coleman, W. A., Hopewell.	Shaw, John L., Mill Cove.
Corey, W. A., Springfield, K. C.	Smith, J. A., St. Martins.
Corey, W. T., Hillsboro'.	Spragg, Peter, Springfield, K. C.
Carpenter, D. C., Bayside, Port Elgin, W. C.	Springer, G. W. Jemseg.
Carpenter, J. W., Bayside, Albert Co.	Steadman, J. C., Elgin, Little River.
Charlton, H. A., Range, Grand Lake.	Todd, Thomas, Sackville.
Duffy, Patrick, Hillsboro'.	Troop, W. A. Springfield, K. C.
Fillamore, J. E., Lower Turtle Creek, Coverdale.	Washburn, Abel, St. Martins.
	Williams, John, Havelock

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Bill, I. E. jr., Hampton.	Manzer, W. D., Nashwaak.
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Bleakney, Thomas, Woodstock.	Munro, T. M., Florenceville.
Boggs, W. B. (A.B.) Portland.	Porter, T. H., Fredericton.
Beckwith, W. H., Upper Gagetown.	Reece, P. O., "
Campbell, G. R., Eel River.	Rideout, W. C., St. David's.
Carey, G. M. W. (A.M.) St. John.	Rigby, George, Kingsclear.
Edwards, W. M., Blissfield.	Saunders, T. W., Prince William.
Estabrooks, G., Simonds.	Seeley, George, St. Andrews.
Estabrooks, Alexander, Fredericton.	Spencer, James, St. John.
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Harvey, J. G., Upper Woodstock.	Tozer, James, Doaktown.
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Hopkins, W. L., Pennfield.	Trimble, James, Newcastle G. L.
Hopper, J. E. (A.M.) St. Stephen.	Walker, James, Mascareen.
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McDonald, J. B. (M. D.) Bedeque.	Warren, W. H. (Lic.) Cavendish.

IN MEMORIAM.

REPORT OF THE OBITUARY COMMITTEE.

In reviewing the past year the Committee find that New Brunswick has suffered the loss of many valuable brethren in the ministry. The following statement respecting them is condensed chiefly from particulars that have already appeared in public print :—

The REV. JAMES WALLACE, of Coverdale, the oldest Baptist minister of the Eastern Association of New Brunswick, died last winter; his funeral took place on the 10th of March.

Bro. Wallace was set apart to the ministerial office in 1826, and laboured zealously for a considerable length of time; but in a later period of his life he retired from active labor in the gospel as a minister. This, he afterwards deeply regretted, and again resumed the work of the ministry, and laboured successfully in Hillsborough, Hopewell, Harvey, Butternut Ridge, New Canaan, Caledonia and Coverdale. In 1859, 140 converts were baptized by him in the churches of Butternut Ridge and New Canaan. Three of these converts have since become ordained ministers, and others are said to have the ministry in view. During many years of his life, Bro. Wallace occupied various public stations with credit.

The REV. J. R. STRANG, died in May of this year, a native of P. E. Island, he was there converted and ordained. He afterwards spent some time in the United States, where he married and subsequently labored in the gospel in various places in New Brunswick, in all which he was highly esteemed, "as a devoted christian, an affectionate pastor, and a successful minister of the Lord Jesus." In his last field of labor, Upper Kingsclear, and Macnaquack, his ministry was signally blessed. The kind-hearted people of these places nobly resolved, when brother Strang was laid aside by sickness, that whether he lived or died, his family should be comfortably provided for. His early death has left a vacancy in the denomination which cannot be easily filled.

REV. WILLIAM PULSIFER, who also died during the current year, was born at Chester, N. S., in 1793, and "experienced and professed" religion when quite young. He was licensed to preach by the church at Cornwallis, and eventually moved to St. Martin's, N. B., where he frequently did the work of the ministry, laboring at other times at his trade, for the support of his family. He was publicly ordained at Upham, King's Co., N. B., and afterwards preached extensively both in New Brunswick and Maine, with great devotedness and zeal.

During 10 years or more he resided in Albert County, N. B., in feeble health, the people administering to his wants and those of his family, as faithfully as to those of their own pastor. His last illness was lingering, and his sufferings often very great, but the gospel abundantly supported him. "He fell" at last, "but felt no fear." He was the instrument of leading many to Christ.

REV. A. D. THOMPSON so extensively and favorably known in both Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, "fell asleep in Jesus," Sept. 10th, 1870. He was "born again," while residing at St. Andrew's, when about 25 years of age. He was at this time engaged in teaching a successful school, and was instrumental in the conversion of several of his pupils. The late Rev. Thomas Ansley, baptized Bro. Thompson during a remarkable work of Grace in Charlotte Co. Ordination he afterwards received at the hands of Rev. T. H. Harding, assisted by several other ministers. He then itinerated largely in Maine, and many sections of these provinces, and was eminently successful in the conversion of souls. Some five hundred persons were, at different times, baptized by him. His ministry partook largely of the missionary spirit, and he was never more in his element than when engaged in pleading for Home and Foreign Missions. He was a friend to Education, and some of the latter years of his life were mainly devoted to the collection of funds for Acadia College, and for the Seminary at Fredericton. Of the Board of Governors of Acadia College, he was a member for many years and until the time of his death.

Brother Thompson's last sermon was preached in the spring of 1868. His closing illness was protracted and severe, but he was blessedly sustained by the promises of the gospel. This lamented minister "ranked among those whom we term the Fathers. He partook largely of their spirit;" "his sermons, exhortations, and prayers are remembered by thousands."

The REV. THOMAS LOCKEY has also been removed from among us. He was a native of Gloucester, England, and was brought up in the English Church, but when brought to feel sensibly the influence of redeeming grace, prayerfully investigated the Word of God for guidance, and obtained a deep conviction that it was his duty to be baptized and join a Baptist Church, which conviction he accordingly obeyed. Having emigrated to this country, he became a member of Germain St. Church in St. John. The church shewed their appreciation of his christian usefulness by electing him one of their deacons. Subsequently he was called to the ministry of the Word, and for about fifteen years he rendered valuable service in gospel labor. He performed successfully the duties of the pastorate at New Jerusalem, Chipman, Scotch Town and Cambridge. "The great passion of his soul was to lead sinners to Christ." Nearly fourscore years passed over him in this world of conflict ere he departed to be with Christ.

In Nova Scotia, though the year's record bears no notice of the death of any of our ministers, the committee deem it their duty not to close this Report without reference to the loss sustained this year by the death of Mayhew Beckwith, Esq., of Cornwallis. He was for many years a member of the Board of Governors of Acadia College, and rarely out his place at their business meetings, where he always shewed a warm interest in the proceedings, and was especially faithful in counselling economy in the use of the funds. Bro. Beckwith was also very constant in attendance on his duties as a church member in the first Cornwallis Church to which he had belonged for many years. He likewise had held various public offices with credit, and was highly respected in the church and in social life. The Church and community where he lived as well as many in other places deeply regret his departure.

All which is respectfully submitted,

E. A. CRAWLEY, *Chairman.*
