

MINUTES
OF THE
NEW BRUNSWICK
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD AT
SPRINGFIELD,

IN
KINGS COUNTY,

On Monday and Tuesday, the Ninth and Tenth of July,

1838.

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
SPRINGFIELD, MONDAY, 9th July, 1838.

THE Baptist Association met at 10 o'clock, A. M. The introductory Sermon was preached by Elder DAVID J. CHASE, from John, 15th Chapter, and 9th verse, "*As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.*"

The Association was then formed by the choice of
Elder JOSEPH CRANDALL, Moderator,
R. E. BURPE, Clerk,
JOHN MANN, Assistant Clerk,
JOHN SMITH, Treasurer, and
GEORGE MILES, Assistant Treasurer.

The Letters were then read by Elder MILES.

Elder Theodore S. Harding, Messenger from Nova Scotia, Elder Coburn, Elder L. Austin and Brother Hall, visiting Brethren present, invited to take a seat with us. Also Brother John M'Connell, Licensed Preacher.

 In the following statement, the names of all the Ordained Ministers are in SMALL CAPITALS; Licensed Preachers in *Italics*; those marked thus (*), were not present; Churches which have no stated Pastor are distinguished by —; from Churches thus marked (†), no information was received this Session.—The numbers in the column headed "*Dismissed*," have been dismissed in order to join other Churches of the Baptist denomination in the Province, on account of local situation. Those in the column headed "*Removed*," have left the Province.

ACCOUNT OF THE CHURCHES.		ADDED.	Removed.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Total number of Communicants.	Monies received for printing Minutes.		
CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.	By Letter, Restored.	By Baptism.							
Fredericton,.....	F. W. MILES, John T. Smith, Jarvis Ring, S. B. Smith, <i>John M^cConnell.</i>	4	7	1	1		78	£1 0 0		
Canning,.....	Jarvis Estabrooks, George W. Curry. SAMUEL BANCROFT, John Smith, H. M ^c Kenzie, Joseph Read.						67	0 10 0		
1st Saint John,.....	THOMAS SAUNDERS. JAMES BLAKENEY, David Jones.	1	12	3	4	2	5	127	1 5 0	
Prince William,.....	JOSEPH CRANDALL, James Crandall, Robert Hopper.	3	2	20			2	114	0 10 0	
Norton,.....	SAMUEL ROBINSON. * WILLIAM SEARS.		3	2				17	0 5 0	
1st Salisbury,.....	Daniel Perry, John Keith, Gordon Corey. DAVID CRANDALL, Peter Sprague, W. F. Whetmore, Robert Noble.		14		51		2	102	0 10 0	
† Sackville,.....	JAMES BLAKENEY. DAVID CRANDALL, W. M. Snow.							88	0 0 0	
Saint George,.....	DAVID CRANDALL. H. Fowler, Jesse Tabor. J. C. SKINNER, E. Carpenter, William Clark, M. Cory.		3	97		69	1	2	323	1 3 8
Hillsborough,.....	Aaron Hartt, William Estey.	5	2				3	91	0 8 0	
New Cannan,.....	John Mann.		2	3				50	0 15 0	
1st Springfield,.....	THOMAS SAUNDERS. JAMES TOZER.		2	12		3	1	70	0 5 0	
† 2nd Springfield,.....	JOHN MASTERS. TITUS STONE.							8	0 0 0	
Hampton,.....	* GILBERT SPURR.									
Upham,.....	A. D. Thompson.			2	1	1		46	0 0 0	
Wickham,.....	* LOTHROP HAMMOND. JAMES BLAKENEY.		1	5		5		52	0 5 0	
Kingsclear,.....	_____							20	0 12 6	
Saint Davids,.....	_____							32	0 7 0	
Hopewell,.....	_____							18	0 0 0	
Keswick,.....	_____							76	0 0 0	
Northesk, Miramichi,..	_____							59	0 10 0	
† N. B. Oromocto,.....	_____	6		6	12		2	4	57	0 5 0
† Cardigan,.....	_____							27	0 0 0	
† Saint Martins,.....	_____							35	0 0 0	
† Sussex Vale,.....	_____							131	0 0 0	
† Buetouche,.....	_____							27	0 0 0	
† Moncton,.....	_____							35	0 0 0	
† Brighton,.....	_____							23	0 0 0	
† Jackson Town,.....	_____							23	0 0 0	
Saint Stephens,.....	_____							23	0 0 0	
† Grand Lake,.....	_____							93	0 0 0	
† Andover,.....	_____							50	0 0 0	
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Waterborough,.....	D. J. CHASE, H. Springer, James Young, John Colwell.	1	4				42	£0 10 0	
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Butternut Ridge,.....	James Herret.		2		1	1	24	0 0 0	
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§ 2nd Salisbury,.....	George Miles. JOSEPH CRANDALL, Kay, Smith.						9	0 0 0	
§ 2nd Saint John,.....	Joshua Bunling.						79	0 5 0	
§ Ludlow, Blissfield } and Blackville, }	Jacob Green.						6	0 0 0	
§ 2nd Saint Patrick,....	R. E. BURPE.						22	0 0 0	
§ 1st Saint Andrews,....	A. D. THOMSON.						77	0 0 0	
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§ The last seven Churches were received the present Session.

The neglect of so many of the Churches to correspond with the Association, regularly, can but be a source of deep regret, and probably a greater loss is sustained by those Churches, individually, and injury done to the whole Denomination by such neglect than is generally realised. It is very cheering to meet the Representatives of the Churches throughout the Province at an Association. Still when Churches cannot conveniently send Messengers, it is very pleasing to hear from them by letter.

The Minutes will be sent to all the Churches, with a request that a small sum be forwarded in future by all, to meet the expense of printing. Any overplus which may be received in this way, will be appropriated for the support of Missionaries in the Province.

Received from the Church at Northesk, in aid of Domestic Missions,	£0 10 0
Received from the Church at Hampton for Domestic Missions,	
Collections at the Association,	1 3 11
Donation from William Colwell,	9 17 6
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Total amount received in aid of Domestic Missions,	£13 13 ¼

MONDAY, July 9, 12 o'clock.

RESOLVED, That Brethren Robinson, Masters and John T. Smith, be a Committee to arrange the business of the Association.

RESOLVED, That Brethren S. Bancroft and A. D. Thomson, be a Committee to examine the Letters.

RESOLVED, That a Committee be appointed to ascertain if any of the Churches have failed to corresponded with the Association for the last three years, and that Brethren D. Crandall and D. J. Chase, be a Committee for that purpose.

RESOLVED, That Brethren J. Ring, A. Hartt, J. Crandall, J. Masters and S. Robinson, be a Committee, to whom all letters from Churches wishing to be received into the Association be referred.

RESOLVED, That Brethren Thomson, Blakeney, Bancroft, Stone, Skinner, D. Crandall and F. W. Miles, be a Committee, to whom any matters which may be introduced out of the ordinary business of the Association be referred; and that no such matters be noticed by the Association, unless recommended by said Committee.

The Committee of Arrangement submitted the following Report:—

“That after an adjournment of one hour the Missionary Report be presented, and the Missionary business attended to; after which the ordinary business of the Association will proceed.

“Preaching at 6 o'clock this evening.

“That the several Committees meet immediately after the sermon, this evening.

“That the Board of Directors and Committee of Management for the New Brunswick Baptist Education Society, meet to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

“That Elder Stone be requested to preach a short discourse at 10 o'clock. At the close of the sermon, the Education Society will meet, and attend to the business connected with that Society; after which the business of the Association will be resumed, and the Reports from the several Committees called for.

RESOLVED, That the report be accepted.

Adjourned for one hour.

Met pursuant to adjournment, at 4 o'clock.—Prayer by Elder Masters.

The Report of the general Missionary Board was presented, and accepted.

RESOLVED, That the five Local Boards be continued as before, which Boards, together, shall compose the General Board; and, that the regulations adopted by the Association last year, to guide the Boards in their proceedings, be still observed.

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RESOLVED, That the Members of the several Boards remain the same as last year, except that Samuel B. Smith be added to the Fredericton Board in the place of David Strickland.

RESOLVED, That the following persons, being one Member from each of the Churches here represented, be a Committee to take into consideration, the propriety of dividing the Association, and that they meet for that purpose, at 5 o'clock to-morrow morning, viz:—Brethern Miles, Saunders, Estabrooks, Bancroft, Jones, Robinson, Perry, D. Crandall, Snow, Fowler, Skinner, Hartt, Mann, Tozer, Thomson, Chace, Herrett, Coy, Bunting, Green, G. Miles, Harding, Coburn, Austin, Hall, Stone, Masters and Doyle.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

TUESDAY, July 10.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Preaching by Elder Stone, from the 35th chapter of Isaiah and 6th verse—“*Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing; for, in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert.*”

After the sermon the Education Society held a public meeting, when the subject of education was discussed, and its advantages very clearly set forth by several highly interesting addresses delivered by Elder Harding and — Hall, from Nova Scotia, Elder Robinson and others. (For report and proceedings of the Society, see Appendix.)

Association met at 4 o'clock.

The Circular Letter prepared by Elder Robinson was accepted.

The Committee appointed to take into consideration the propriety of dividing the Association, submitted the following Report:—

“That we do not think it for the general interest of the Denomination in the Province, or for the Glory of God, to divide the Association at present.”

RESOLVED. That the report be accepted.

The Committee appointed to examine the Letters to ascertain what Churches have requested to be received into the Association, report the following, viz:—

The Churches at Maugerville, 2d Salisbury, Blackville and Blissville, 2d Saint Patrick's, 2d Saint John, 1st and 2d Saint Andrews.

RESOLVED. That the Report be adopted, and those Churches received.

The Committee appointed to ascertain what Churches have failed to correspond with the Association for three years past, report the following, viz:—

The Churches at Cardigan, Sussex Vale, Buctouche, Jackson Town, Dumfries and Saint Martins; whereupon

The following persons requested that those Churches might be continued; and promised to visit them and report thereon, at the next meeting of the Association:—

Brethren Mann and M'Connell to visit the Church at Cardigan.

Elders D. J. Chase and D. Crandall, to visit the Church at Buctouche.

Elders Harding and Saunders, to visit the Churches at Dumfries and Jackson Town.

Elders Robertson and Bancroft, to visit the Church at Saint Martins.

Elder Saunders, from the Committee appointed at the last Association to enquire into the state of the Churches at Douglas and the Oromocto, reported, that in consequence of many of the Members of the Church at Douglas having removed from the place, that Church had become extinct, and the remaining Members had united with the Churches at Kingsclear and the Kiswick.

That the Church at the Oromocto still exists, but that its number had been lessened by the removal and death of several of the members.

RESOLVED, That Elders J. Crandall, Sears and Chace, be requested to visit the Church at Sackville,

RESOLVED, That Brethren F. W. Miles, W. B. Kinnear and John T. Smith, be a Committee to carry into effect the Resolution adopted by the Association last year, relative to the Indian Tribes within this Province.

The Association having taken into consideration the lamentable condition of the Heathen World, the consequent imperative duty of Christians to send them the word of life, the special command of the Saviour, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature;" it is therefore

RESOLVED, That this Association solemnly, and, as they trust, in the love and fear of God, in conjunction with the Christians in Nova Scotia, do agree to form a Society for the maintenance of foreign missions.

And inasmuch as Christians in these Provinces owe not only means but men to so holy and divine a cause, and since there may be some secretly desirous of devoting themselves to the blessed work, who are detained from want of suitable preparation and means; and inasmuch also as this Association is assured, that a Missionary proceeding from the bosom of the Churches in these

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Provinces would tend greatly to increase Christian sympathy and effort, as well as to revive and encourage other benevolent undertakings, in which the Churches are engaged; be it further

RESOLVED, That this Association join with that of Nova Scotia, agreeably to their request, in pledging themselves, and the Churches to the adequate education and maintenance of some one suitable person as a Missionary for some Foreign Field, so soon as one possessed of suitable character shall be found in the judgment of such Committee as the united Society may name for that purpose.

RESOLVED, That Elders F. W. Miles, J. Masters, S. Robinson and W. B. Kinnear, and C. D. Everitt, be a Committee to unite with the Committee appointed by the Nova Scotia Association, to accomplish this object.

Whereas this Association consider it an object of paramount importance, in order to the advancement of our Denomination in this Province, that a correspondence should be opened with the Baptist Denomination in England; therefore,

RESOLVED, That Elder F. W. Miles, and John T. Smith and W. B. Kinnear, be a Committee to correspond with some of our Brethren in England, and request them to assist in accomplishing this most desirable object.

RESOLVED, That a suitable book be provided, in which the constitution of our Association, as well as all the future proceedings of the same be entered, and that the Clerk be requested to attend to that duty for the present year.

RESOLVED, That the request of the Education Society to have their Report and proceedings published as an appendix to the Minutes, be complied with.

RESOLVED, That it be recommended to the Churches in the different sections of the Province to make arrangements for holding regular quarterly meetings, at which collections shall be taken up in aid of the Missionary funds.

RESOLVED, That this Association earnestly recommend to all the Churches the observance of the first day of January, 1839, as a day of Humiliation, Fasting and Prayer; and that the first Monday of every month be set apart as a season for special prayer to Almighty God, that his blessings may accompany the labours of Gospel Missionaries in Heathen lands.

RESOLVED, That the Association be held at Canning next year, on the third Monday after the 20th June, at 10 o'clock A. M., and that the general Missionary Board meet the same morning at 8 o'clock.

RESOLVED, That Elder A. D. Thompson, write the Circular Letter.

RESOLVED, That Elder Joseph Crandall preach the introductory Sermon, and in case of failure, Elder A. D. Thompson.

That Elder D. J. Chase be our Messenger to attend the Nova

Scotia Association, and in case of failure, Elder Doyle, and that the sum of six pounds be given to defray his expenses.

That John T. Smith, and John Mann be requested to superintend the printing of the Minutes, and that twelve hundred copies be printed.

RESOLVED, That a vote of thanks be given to the friends at Springfield for their kind hospitality during the present session.

P. S. The sum of £3 7s. 4d. mentioned in the Minutes of last year as being received, but the name of the person from whom it was received omitted, was, we have since learned, paid in by Elder David Crandall, as amount collected at Springfield in aid of the Missionary funds, and that the sum of £1 13s. 7d. was also paid in by Elder David Crandall on account of the Church at Upham, but was included in the general amount of donations, without naming the Church from which it was received. Such omissions do sometimes occur from the hurry of business at the time; the sums are, however, always included in the amount of monies received, and the omissions will in all cases be noticed in the Minutes for the subsequent year, provided satisfactory explanation be given.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

DEAR BRETHERN,

In this our annual Epistle we purpose to address you upon a subject of vast importance—the *duty of the Christian to direct his talents, energies and property, to send the Message of redeeming mercy to every creature.*

Our first argument is founded on the *command of Christ*, “*Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.*” It is customary with men, on the decease of any individual, however obscure, to give immediate information to relations and friends; and when great men die, the account of their death is published throughout the world. How astonishing is it, then, that though the Son of God lived in this world three and thirty years, and died on the cross for the salvation of mankind, those who claim relationship to Him have never given themselves the trouble to send the tidings of his death to all who are concerned in it! An Apostle has assured us, “that there is no other name whereby men can be saved but the name of Jesus,” and yet for eighteen centuries thousands of immortal souls have been daily departing from this world without even hearing of that Name! It is fearful to think of the guilt that rests somewhere in thus neglecting the Saviour’s *last* command. The thoughts of this should give new impulse to our exertions, and lead us to think on our great responsibility. Men generally attend with religious fidelity to the last injunctions of a beloved relative or friend, even though the things be trivial concerning

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which they are given. There is something solemn and hallowed in the last thoughts which the spirit of a good man conceives, and in the last words which the lips about to be fixed in death utter. With what veneration, then, ought Christians to regard the last injunctions of that Saviour to whom they owe all their hopes! It is in consequence of obedience to these that we ourselves have heard the "joyful sound"—and it is owing to the neglect of them that there are six hundred millions on the earth, that have never heard of redeeming love!

Our second argument is grounded on the *present state of the world*. Cast your eye over the Eastern Continent. Look at Great Britain, the glory of the earth. She is, it is true, putting forth her energies to evangelize the world, but yet there are more than seven millions of her subjects under the influence of papal superstition, who are forbidden by their Priests to read the word of God. Look over the other Nations of Europe. How few of them are awake to the spread of the Gospel! Do not many of them need Missionaries to publish the Gospel among themselves?—France, which for ages has been the strong hold of infidelity, has returned to all the absurdities of the mystery of iniquity. Switzerland with her picturesque and sequestered valleys, where, by the mercy of God, the Gospel was long preserved in much of its native simplicity and energy, while the surrounding Nations were sunk in the grossest ignorance and superstition, has been gradually sinking into a cold cheerless philosophy. Italy with Rome, long the Mistress of the world, longer still the seat of Papal domination, and spring head of that corruption which polluted the streams of Christianity, is to the present hour spell-bound in the chains of the man of sin. Spain, which shed the blood of Saints, is now visited in vengeance, and the blood of her sons is spilt upon the ground. Her Inquisition is no more; but her spiritual fornication and idolatry still remain.

And if you next direct your attention to Africa, and survey her ninety millions of inhabitants, and thence to Asia, containing a population nearly equal to that of all the rest of the Globe, you will find that over the whole of the vast multitude, with the exception of a few reclaimed from brutal idolatry by the Missionaries of the Cross, there broods a moral darkness. Let us now return to America, our own beloved Continent, and examine her forty millions of inhabitants, and we shall find that over a very large portion of them ignorance, superstition and idolatry still prevail.

Such, dear Brethern, in a word, is the melancholy condition of the world. And next to the positive command of Jehovah himself, can we require a more powerful argument to convince us that it is our imperative duty to do what we can to send the Gospel to those who are perishing for lack of knowledge?

Our third argument is founded on the *glorious prospect of the Church*. In pointing out these, we would not reason from the

speculations of a "vain philosophy," nor the visions of a heated imagination, but from the sure word of God. We have the prospect of the universal triumph of vital religion. In the prophetic parts of Scripture the future glory of the kingdom of Christ is displayed by the most beautiful imagery which nature can supply. "Enlarge the place of thy tents, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thy habitation; spare not, lengthen thy cords, strengthen thy stakes; for thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left, and thy seed shall inherit the Gentiles, and make the desolate cities to be inhabited. Thus saith the Lord God, behold I will lift up my hand to the Gentiles, and set up my standard to the people; and they shall bring thy sons in their arms, and thy daughters shall be carried on their shoulders. And Kings shall be thy nursing fathers, and Queens thy nursing mothers. Thy people shall be all righteous. The earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. As surely as I live saith the Lord, the whole earth shall be filled with my glory. None shall say unto his neighbour, know thou the Lord, for all shall know me from the least to the greatest. The seventh Angel sounded and there were great voices in Heaven, saying, The kingdoms of the world are become the kingdoms of our God and of his Christ, and he shall reign for ever and ever." Our expectations then of the universal triumph of the religion of the Cross, do not rest on doubtful revelations, but on the sure word of the Eternal. The palaces and thrones of Kings may crumble into the dust, and the proudest monuments of earthly grandeur sink into decay, "but the word of the Lord shall not fail." The Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world.

We have the prospect of a visible union of all the true people of God. "Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice, with the voice together shall they sing, for they shall see eye to eye when the Lord shall bring again Zion." We are assured that among all the inhabitants of the world shall be liberty and peace. "They shall beat their swords into plough shares, and their spears into pruning hooks: Nation shall not lift up sword against Nation, neither shall they learn war any more. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain; but thou shalt call thy walls salvation, and thy gates praise."

And now, dear Brethren, permit us to ask, are these things so, or are they not? Is the last command of Christ still sounding in the ears of the Ministers and Churches of the present generation? Is it indeed true that there are at the present time more than six hundred millions who have not heard of redeeming mercy through the atoning sacrifice of the Son of God? Are all these immortal beings? Are they candidates for an eternity of happiness or misery? Is the cross of Christ the only remedy for the miseries of the gall, the only scriptural grounds of a sinner's hope? How then shall they look to him for salvation in whom they have not believed? "And how

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shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent?" Sending teachers without the Bible was the error of the the Church of Rome; sending Bibles without men to preach the gospel is an error among many who call themselves Protestants in our age. It is, we are aware, objected by many, that the Churches composing this Association, are not able to do any thing for Foreign Missions—that Christians in this Country have nothing to spare. But we will not believe them until all their earrings and finger rings, their gold seals and silver plate are converted into coin, and cast into the treasury of the Lord—until their dress shall be divested of every useless appendage—until they indulge in no article of diet which is not necessary to healthful sustenance, and until not an hour shall be spent by them in idleness in which they might be usefully employed. It is objected by others, that God requires not our gold, or silver, or property, but our hearts, and the life of prayer. Such persons, however, forget that heart religion and covetousness are inconsistent with each other, and that prayer without effort by them who have it in their power to do any thing, is but solemn mockery of Him who accomplishes his purposes by human agents. And who, with the word of instruction in his hands, can avoid the conviction that God claims a part of what he has given us to support his cause, and that the treasures of the earth will one day be converted to his service? Almost as often as the Old Testament speaks of the Messiah's reign, the consecration of the world's wealth forms a part of the subject. "To him shall be given of the gold of Sheba. Surely the Isles shall wait for me, and the ships of Tarshiah first, to bring thy sons from afar, their silver and their gold with them, unto the name of the Lord thy God. Kings shall bring presents unto him—they shall bring gold and silver unto his kingdom. They shall bring the glory and the honor of the Nations." Wealth, which for ages has robbed God of his glory, and in so many idolatrous forms been erected in his stead, shall be brought to his altar, "an odour of sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable and well pleasing to God." How important is it for us, then, dear Brethren, to look on all our possessions as the property of Christ, and to do what we can for the promotion of his kingdom and the glory of his name! Time is short. Next year our tongues may be employed in celestial praises, and our substance in the hands of others. What remains, then, but that we dedicate ourselves and our all, to advance the cause of him, who loved us and washed us from our sins in his own precious blood? To whom be glory, honor and dominion for ever and ever, amen.

The Fredericton Baptist Missionary Board in account with William S. Estey, Treasurer.

DR.			
1837.			
July 10.	To balance due the Treasurer,		£4 16 7
	“ amount paid Z. G. Gable, money advanced by him to the Board,	0 17 9	
	“ amount paid W. S. Estey, advanced the Board,	2 0 0	
Nov. 10.	“ “ Elder E. Manning for 8 weeks Mission,	12 0 0	
	Paid Elder Manning's expenses, 5s.	0 5 0	
	To amount paid Elder Saunders, 2 weeks Mission in the County of York,	3 0 0	
	“ amount paid Elder Chace for 4 weeks Labor in Queen's County,	6 0 0	
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		£28 19 4	
	Balance in hand,	6 14 6	
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		£36 13 10	

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July 10.	By amount received from the Missionary Society, Canning, by Mr John Estabrooks, Sen ,	£3 0 0	
	“ amount received from the Treasurer of the General Board, share of money collected at the Association.	5 0 0	
Nov. 10.	“ amount collected by Elder Manning,	8 10 6	
	“ “ received from the Fredericton Missionary Society,	3 19 6	
	“ Elder Saunders' donation,	1 10 0	
	“ amount collected by Elder Saunders,	1 10 0	
	“ “ received from the Kingsclear Society,	1 10 0	
	“ “ collected by Elder Chace,	1 3 0	
	“ “ from the Waterbury Female Mite Society,	8 10 10	
	“ Widow Dykeman's donation,	1 0 0	
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		£35 13 10	

The Baptist Missionary Board in Saint John, in account with John Smith, Treasurer.

DR.			
1837.			
Aug. 1.	To amount paid Elder Samuel Bancroft on account of Missionary services at South Bay, Carleton, Mispeck and Musquash,	£12 15 0	
	2. “ amount paid Elder S. Bancroft, on account of services as above stated,	7 5 0	
Sept. 30.	“ amount paid ditto on account of ditto,	1 0 0	
Oct. 2.	“ “ “ “	3 10 0	
Dec. 3.	“ “ “ “	26 5 9	
1838.			
Jan. 6.	“ “ paid Elder J. Blakeney, 7 days Missionary Services at Salt Spring Settlement,	1 15 0	
	“ amount paid J. M'Connell for attending Elder Bancroft's appointments for six weeks,	6 0 0	
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	Amount carried forward	£58 10 9	

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July 8.	By balance on hand this date,	£0 18 10
10.	“ Josiah Webb’s subscription for 1836, received per Elder Blakeney,	0 10 0
11.	“ amount received at the Association,	8 12 6
18.	“ “ “ for Elder J. D. Casewell’s subscription,	1 10 0
Aug. 1.	“ amount received of Mrs. Ann Casewell, Treasurer of the penny a week Society,	2 7 4
	“ amount collected by John Smith, Treasurer, in Saint John,	5 2 6
30.	“ amount received of Mrs. Ann Casewell, Treasurer of the penny a week Society,	1 15 2
Sept. 2.	“ amount collected by John Smith, Treasurer,	3 0 0
Oct. 2.	“ “ received of Elder Bancroft as follows: From South Bay inhabitants, £1 5 0 “ Parish of Greenwich do. 1 0 0 For his own individual subscription for 1836,	1 5 0—3 10 0
Nov. 27.	“ amount of Mrs. Gerow, collector in the penny a week Society,	0 18 10½
	“ amount collected by John Smith, Treasurer,	5 10 0
	“ “ received of Miss C. Dunham, collector in the penny a week Society,	1 10 0
Dec. 2.	“ amount collected by John Smith, Treasurer,	1 0 0
1838.		
July 8.	“ “ received of Elder J. Blakeney, from Norton,	0 16 8
	“ amount received from Board Salt Spring,	0 8 0
	“ “ “ from Gondalo Point,	0 10 4
	“ “ “ C. D. Everitt’s subscription,	1 5 0
	“ “ “ John Smith’s ditto,	0 10 0
	“ “ “ Zeb. Estey’s ditto,	0 10 0
	“ “ “ Benjamin Gale’s ditto,	0 5 0
	“ “ “ Thos. Pettingell’s ditto,	0 10 0
	“ “ “ W. B. Kinnear’s ditto,	1 0 0
	“ “ “ J. M. Wilmot’s ditto,	
	for 1837,	1 5 0
	“ amount received from Mrs. Gerow,	0 5 0
	“ “ “ from C. D. Everitt’s for 1837,	3 15 0
	“ amount received of Miss C. Dunham, collector &c.	1 3 1½
July 6.	“ Balance due John Smith, Treasurer,	10 2 5

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July 6.	To balance due John Smith, Treasurer, brought down,	£10 2 5
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By Cash due from the Baptist Church, on loan, (exclusive of interest,) since July, 1835,	£21 18 10
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JOHN SMITH,
Secretary and Treasurer.

Saint John, July 6, 1838. Errors excepted.

The Charlotte County Missionary Board with the Treasurer.

Dr.				
1837.				
Oct. 7.	To amount paid Elder T. Magee, for Missionary Labor,		£2	10 0
10.	" " " S. Robinson, ditto,		1	5 0
Nov. 19.	" " " T. Magee, ditto,		1	2 6
1838.				
Feb. 11.	" " " T. Magee, ditto,		1	15 6
April 7.	" " " S. Robinson, ditto,		1	0 0
June 8.	" " " N. Vidito, ditto,		1	10 6
20.	" " " J. Mann, ditto,		3	0 0
				£12 2 6
July 9.	" amount on hand,		6	2 10
				18 5 4

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1837.				
July 11.	By balance brought forward from last years account,		£6	1 2
	" amount received from Association,		5	0 0
Oct. 13.	" " " Mite Society at Leteat,		0	9 4
Nov. 19.	" " of collection taken at the quarterly Conference, Second Falls,		1	2 6
Feb. 11.	" amount of collection taken at the quarterly Conference, Oak Bay,		1	15 6
May	" amount of collection taken at the quarterly Conference, Penfield.		1	1 11½
	" amount received from Mite Society, at Boakebeck,		1	4 4½
June 8	" amount received from 1st Falls by Elder Vidito,		1	2 2
	" amount received from 2d Falls by Elder Vidito,		0	8 4
				£18 5 4

R. E. BURPE, TREASURER.

The Westmorland County Missionary Board, in account with Warren Perrigo.

Dr.				
1838.				
April 16.	To amount paid Elder William Pulcifer for Missionary Labor,		£5	10 0
	" amount paid Elder Joseph Crandall for Missionary Labor, in Moncton and Moncton Mountain,		3	16 6
May 20.	" Cash paid Elder David Chase for Missionary Labor in this County,		4	15 0
June 30.	" balance in Treasurer's hands,		27	7 7
				£41 9 1

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June 8.	By balance in Treasurer's hands,		£25	1 6
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	<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	£25 1 6	£41 9 1
1837.			
June 8.	By Cash received by Elder Joseph Crandall, at the Association held at Fredericton, July 1837,	5 0 0	
	“ Cash collected by Elder Joseph Crandall, being amount of subscription in his hands,	4 3 0	
1838.			
April 16,	“ Cash collected by Elder William Pulcifer during his Missionary Tour in this County,	5 5 0	
	“ Cash paid by Elder Crandall to Elder Pulcifer,	0 5 0	
May 15.	“ Cash collected by Elder David J. Chase, during his Missionary Tour in this County,	1 14 7	
		<u>£41 9 1</u>	
June 30.	By balance in Treasurer's hands this date,	£27 7s. 7d.	
	Sent by Elder J. Crandall, £10 1s. 6d. to the Association, which will be carried to new account.		

WARREN PERRIGO, TREASURER.

Account of the proceedings of the Missionary Board, in and for the County of Northumberland, 1837-8.

DR.			
To	Cash paid to Elder Robert Coburn for eleven weeks Missionary Labor (ending June 8, 1838,) in the Parish of Northesk and vicinity,	£16 10 0	
“	Cash paid Elder D. J. Chase for eight weeks Missionary Labor (ending August 8, 1837,) in the Parish of Blissfield, Blackville and Ludlow,	15 7 8½	
“	Cash paid Elder J. Masters for three months Missionary Labor, (ending October, 1837,) in the Parish of Blissfield, Blackville, &c.	21 0 0	
		<u>£52 17 8½</u>	
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By	amount collected,	£52 17 8½	
	Signed on behalf of the Board,		
	JAMES TOZER.		

The N. B. Baptist General Missionary Board, in account with John T. Smith, Treasurer.

DR.			
1837.			
July 10.	To balance due the Treasurer, per account rendered,	£0 12 6	
	“ amount paid for blank Book,	£0 2 3	
	“ “ J. Smith, Treasurer of the Saint John Board, balance on printing Minutes for 1836, per receipt	3 12 6	
	“ amount paid J. Smith, Treasurer, of the Saint John Board, per receipt,	5 0 0	
		<u>£8 14 9</u>	
	<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	£0 12 6	
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	To amount paid Philo Seelye, Treasurer of the Charlotte Board, for that Board, receipt,	5 0 0	
	" amount paid J. Crandall for the Westmorland Board, per receipt	5 0 0	
	" amount paid W. S. Estey, Treasurer, on account of the Fredericton Board,	5 0 0	
Aug. 15.	" Cash paid Elder M. Doyle's expenses, as Messenger to the State of Maine,	10 0 0	
	" amount paid J. Simpson, Esq. for printing Minutes,	10 0 0	
1838.			
June	" amount paid Elder T. W. Saunders, Messenger to Nova Scotia,	6 0 0	
			49 14 9
	" amount expended by the Fredericton Missionary Board,	£24 2 9	
	" balance due Treasurer last year,	4 16 7	
	" balance on hand,	6 14 6	
			35 13 10
	" amount expended by the Saint John Missionary Board,	58 10 9	
	" amount expended by the Charlotte County Board,	£12 2 6	
	" balance in hand,	6 2 10	
			18 5 4
	" amount expended by the Westmorland Board,	£14 1 6	
	" balance in hand,	27 7 7	
			41 9 1
	" amount expended by the Miramichi Board,	52 17 8½	
			£257 3 11½
	To balance due the Treasurer, £1 19s. 9d.		
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1837.			
July	By Cash received from Treasurer of the Association, being amount collected during the Session,	£45 2 5½	
	12. " Miss Dunham's (of St. John,) donation,	0 10 0	
	" J. T. Smith's donation,	1 10 0	
1838.			
July 4.	" Mrs. M'Graw, ditto,	0 5 0	
	" Mrs. Barker's ditto,	0 10 0	
	" Mrs. Boies' ditto,	0 10 0	
			48 7 5½
	" amount collected by the Fredericton Missionary Board,	35 13 10	
	" amount collected by the St. John Board,	£48 8 4	
	" amount due the Treasurer,	10 2 5	
			58 10 9
	" " collected by the Charlotte County Board including balance in Treasurer's hands last year,	18 5 4	
	" amount collected by the Westmorland Board, including balance in hand last year,	41 9 1	
	" amount collected by the Miramichi Board,	52 17 8½	
	Balance due the Treasurer,	1 19 9½	
			£257 3 11½

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JOHN T. SMITH,
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APPENDIX.

REPORT OF THE EDUCATION SOCIETY.

At an annual meeting of the New Brunswick Baptist Education Society, held at Springfield, County of Kings, on the 10th July, 1838, the following Report was presented by the Committee of Management, and Resolutions adopted by the Society.

The Fourth Annual Report of the Committee of the Baptist Education Society of New Brunswick, addressed to the Society at Springfield, July 10, 1838.

The Committee of Management in approaching the Society and Board of Directors at the termination of another year, feel much pleasure in being able to report a good degree of prosperity and success in the important object of the Society since its last annual meeting.

There have been about 60 young persons from different parts of the Province in attendance at the Seminary, during the past year; whose parents, as has always been the case since the establishment of the Institution, are to be found among the different religious denominations in the Country; all of whom your Committee believe have been fully satisfied that the most unreserved and impartial attention has been paid to the improvement of the pupils without any regard to party views or sectarian influence.

An examination of the Classes took place on the 8th and 9th June which was respectably attended, and proved fully as interesting as any previous examination; and we believe the proficiency made by the pupils equalled the expectations of all who attended on the occasion.

The laborious and unceasing exertions of the Teachers in both Departments to advance the interest of the Institution, and to impart sound and useful instruction to the youth committed to their charge, demand the most unreserved acknowledgments from the Committee—have justly secured to themselves the approval of the public, and cannot be too highly appreciated by the Society. To their exertions is the Institution much indebted for its success, and the benefits which have already resulted from its operations.

Your Committee might advert to many circumstances connected with the Institution which could scarcely fail to prove interesting to the Society; but perhaps none would be more so than to be informed that no less than eight young persons of good moral character and habits, have already been qualified at the Seminary as Parish School Teachers—have passed the Board of examination as by Law instituted—obtained Licences, and are now teaching Schools in different parts of the Province, where heretofore no Schools were taught, or otherwise taught by strangers, who, in many instances, have proved altogether incompetent, both with respect to moral character and mental acquirements, to be entrusted with the instruction of youth.

The rate of Tuition will remain from £3 to £5 per annum, as before; and the charge for board, washing, &c. at 10s. per week—the same as last year.

Your Committee regret the resignation of MISS BROWN, as Principal of the Female Department. Miss B. was employed as Assistant Teacher in 1836; but on the resignation of MRS. MILES, a few months afterwards, was appointed Principal, and has ever since conducted the Classes in that Department with great attention and ability, and has given general satisfaction to the Parents of the young ladies committed to her charge. Such arrangements have, however, been made as your Committee confidently believe will ensure the continued operation and usefulness of the Female School.*

Your Committee are also called upon, with feelings of inexpressible sorrow, to record the death of MRS. MILES (formerly Principal of the Female Department in the Seminary), which occurred in December last. It was through the influence and assistance of MRS. MILES, that the Classes in that Department were first organized, and although she had resigned the charge for some time previous to her death, still she continued to manifest a deep solicitude for the prosperity of the Institution, and a lively interest in the welfare of all who were there receiving instruction. The memory of Mrs. M. must long be cherished with respect in the recollections of a great number of young Ladies in the Province, who received from her, during the short period that she had charge of the Female Classes, the most valuable religious, moral, literary and polite instructions.

Your Committee have not been able to give full effect to the resolution of the Society, adopted last year, with respect to employing a General Agent to travel through the Province on behalf of the Institution. As it could not be expected that any person would engage in that mission except a Minister of the Baptist Denomination, and the number of those being so very small, com-

* Arrangements have since been made with Miss Brown, to resume the charge of this Department.

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pared with the amount of Ministerial labour required of them in different sections of the Province, no one has been found willing to devote his whole time to this object. The Rev. D. J. Chase was employed by the Committee in November last, but owing to indisposition of body, and previous engagements from which Mr. C. could not be relieved, he has only been able to spend about eleven weeks in that capacity, and but little has been accomplished.

All the regularly ordained Baptist Ministers in the Province were requested by the Society, at its last annual meeting, to act as Agents, independently of the General Agent, or in conjunction with him as occasion might require, in promoting the views and advancing the interests of the Society throughout the Province, but especially in the districts where they severally resided; but as no reports have been received from any of those persons, the Committee cannot give an exact statement of the pecuniary affairs of the Society; but in the absence of such information, suppose the balance due on the Institution to be about the same as last year. The receipts since that time have not been more than sufficient for the payment of interest on the sum then due, and such incidental expenses as must necessarily occur.

Your Committee have confidently looked forward to this meeting of the Society, as the time when some general effort should be made to raise a sum sufficient to relieve the Institution from all pecuniary embarrassments; and trust that their expectations in this particular will be fully realized. Immediately after such an effort shall have been made, the Committee intend to publish a particular Report of the proceedings of the Society from its formation in 1833—shewing the exact amount of monies received and expended, and the amount subscribed and paid by each individual, or subscribed and remaining unpaid; they therefore most respectfully urge upon all persons whose donations may yet remain unpaid, to hand them over as soon as convenient, before the Report shall be made up.

It cannot be matter of surprise that the balance due at the completion of the Seminary, has not been since lessened, when it is recollected that no assistance has been received except from individual donations, and that no general effort has been made for the last three years to collect the sums subscribed and remaining unpaid, or to obtain assistance from those whose aid had not been previously solicited.

Your Committee feel confident that the amount due might have been entirely paid off ere this time, could the services of efficient Agents have been obtained. The public will, we believe, most cheerfully unite in the payment of the debt and support of the Institution, provided some systematic plan be adopted, and suitable Agents employed to make known the wants of the Society; but it would be unreasonable to expect the accomplishment of these objects by the liberality of a few individuals.

The Society have the means of sustaining the Institution, and rendering it very useful; but should they suffer it to fail, or its usefulness to be limited, for want of the timely application of those means, they will thereby deprive the Country of the advantages promised, which are just beginning to be realized, and treat the liberality by which the Institution has been established with great injustice.

Your Committee were encouraged to proceed in the erection of the Seminary, and in keeping the Institution in active operation since its establishment, by the pledges of the Society contained in their resolutions from year to year, since 1833, to furnish the necessary funds, and to sustain the Institution; and it has been peculiarly gratifying to the Committee to find on reference to those resolutions, that their proceeding in the expenditure of the funds—the selection of Teachers, and in carrying into effect the general views of the Society, have been approved of. We now beg to call the attention of the office bearers, Board of Directors, and every member of the Society to this subject, and to rest the Institution on those pledges for its future support.

Two important objects remain to be accomplished: the first is to raise a sum sufficient for the payment of the balance due by the Society; the second to increase the number of pupils, which alone will ensure to the public the advantages contemplated, and enable the Committee to meet the salaries of a sufficient number of Teachers. Your Committee would suggest that both of these objects might be accomplished, to considerable extent, by the exertions of individual members of the Society in their respective places of residence; and thereby materially lessen the expense which must arise from the employment of Agents.

Your Committee feel great pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of a liberal donation from His Excellency Sir John Harvey in aid of the funds of the Society, which, together with the interest manifested by His Excellency since his arrival in the Province, for the prosperity of this Institution, as well as all other institutions of learning in the Country, evinces the value which His Excellency puts upon sound and useful instruction; and his desire that the blessings thereof should be generally diffused among Her Majesty's subjects, under His administration, in this Colony.

Your Committee have again to regret the rejection, by the Legislative Council, of a grant made a fourth time by the Assembly in aid of the Seminary; and before closing their report beg to notice a few of the circumstances connected with that appropriation, during the four years in which it has been annually made by one branch of the Legislature and as often rejected by another. An application was made by the Committee in 1835 for Legislative assistance, which was warmly opposed by several members of the Assembly; a grant of £500 was however made by a large majority—but was,

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we believe, unanimously rejected in the Legislative Council. With the fate of the grant at that time, your Committee were not much surprised, as the Seminary was not then completed, and the establishment of such an institution in the Province being novel, its results could scarcely be anticipated.

Before the meeting of the Legislature in 1836, the building was completed, and the School opened. It then became apparent to those who availed themselves of the opportunities afforded of becoming acquainted with the principles upon which the Institution was to be conducted, that good must result from its operations. Application was again made for aid, and a grant of £500 passed a second time by the Assembly, with much less opposition than before, and met with *one solitary* but able advocate in the Council.

Your Committee were not very much disappointed by the second rejection of the grant, as the Institution had been in operation but a few weeks, and the Council had no *security* that its avowed principles would be acted upon except the credibility of the Committee and Society, which appears to be considered by members of that branch of the Legislature, quite an insufficient *guarantee*. The grant has been made for the last two years by the unanimous vote of the House of Assembly, and supported by able and increased advocacy in the Council, but has still been rejected by the votes of a majority of the members of that body.

While your Committee disavow all intention of any improper interference with political questions, they cannot avoid expressing their surprise, and in this expression it is believed the Inhabitants of the Province almost universally participate, that a small grant of money made by the unanimous vote of the Assembly, recommended as it has been by petitions from some thousands of the inhabitants of the Province, who belong to the different denominations of Christians in the Country, in aid of an Institution of learning; through whose operations valuable instruction has been imparted to a great number of youth throughout the Province, without any regard to party distinctions or religious creeds, should be resisted from year to year by a branch of the Legislature, merely because the Institution was principally established by the liberality and exertions of one denomination.

When your Committee recollect that very large sums of money from the funds of the Province, towards which all contribute, have been appropriated for the establishment and support of Institutions of learning in the Country, which are conducted under the exclusive control of a single denomination, the conclusion is unavoidable, that the claims of the Baptist Seminary have not been equitably disposed of, and that the repeated rejection of that grant has not been dictated by a sound and liberal policy.

Your Committee think it worthy of remark that the claims of the Institution to Legislative aid have not in any instance been

opposed in either Branch of the Legislature, by persons who had availed themselves of the opportunities afforded of obtaining a knowledge of the operations of the Institution, by attending the public examinations of the Classes, or by visiting the School at other times; but on the contrary, the warmest advocates of those claims have been persons who had availed themselves of those opportunities.

The following is a statement of the number of pupils from various sections of the Province, admitted into the Seminary since its commencement:—

	In the Male Department.	In the Female Department.
From Fredericton,	42	46
“ the County of York, not in Fredericton,	26	15
“ “ Sunbury,	15	18
“ “ Carleton,	6	1
“ “ Queen’s,	1	3
“ “ King’s,	2	—
“ “ Saint John,	2	1
“ City of Saint John,	6	7
“ County of Westmorland,	1	2
“ “ Northumberland,	3	—
“ “ Charlotte,	5	1
	109	94

Total number admitted, 203.

In conclusion, your Committee thank the public for the liberal assistance afforded both for the erection of the building and support of the School, and feel especially grateful to many persons, altogether unconnected with the Society and Institution, for the deep interest manifested by them for its prosperity and advancement, and most respectfully solicit a continuance of their patronage.

JOHN T. SMITH, *Secretary.*

RESOLVED, That the Report as read be adopted, and the Association requested to publish the same with the following Resolutions, as an appendix to the Minutes.

RESOLVED, That the Society regard with pleasing satisfaction, the benefits which have already resulted from the operation of the Seminary under the judicious and able management of the Committee and Teachers, and do hereby pledge ourselves to increased and united effort to sustain the same, and to furnish the Committee with sufficient funds to relieve the Institution from its present pecuniary embarrassments.

Could this Society be convinced that the claims of the Seminary to Legislative aid were not supported by justice, or were at variance with the views of any considerable portion of the inhabitants of the Province, we would not again repeat them, but as we believe

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this is not the case. And whereas that Institution has been established solely with a view to assist in diffusing the blessings of education generally through the Province, and has been conducted upon such principles as to admit all sects and denominations of persons to its privileges, and considering it as well entitled to support from the public funds as other Institutions of learning in the country, therefore

RESOLVED, That the Committee do present a respectful petition to the Legislature at its next sitting, praying that a grant may be made in aid of the funds of the Society to assist in liquidating the balance due on the Institution.

RESOLVED, That an efficient Agent be employed by the Committee to travel through the whole Province to make known the claims of the Institution to public support, and to invite all the friends of education to assist in sustaining an object of so much public utility.

Whereas it is considered very important in order to the advancement of the interests of the Institution, that a correspondence should be established in England with some persons, through whose influence suitable Teachers may be obtained whenever required—and other assistance received, therefore

RESOLVED, That the Committee adopt the best mode of accomplishing this object, either by an Agent or otherwise, as to them may seem most advisable.

RESOLVED, That all persons whose subscriptions remain unpaid are particularly requested to pay the same as soon as possible, to assist the Committee in liquidating the balance due by the Society.

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors and Committee of Management remain the same as last year.

After the foregoing Report and Resolutions were adopted, the sum of about £150 was subscribed in aid of the funds of the Society.

JOHN T. SMITH,
E. E. PACKARD,
Secretaries to the Society.