

MINUTES
OF THE
TWENTY-EIGHTH SESSION
OF THE
EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
OF
NOVA SCOTIA,
HELD WITH THE
*Baptist Church at Amherst, Cumberland Co., Saturday,
Monday, and Tuesday, July 13th, 15th, and 16th.*
WITH THE
CIRCULAR LETTER, &c.

HALIFAX, N. S.,
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MINUTES.

AMHERST, CUMBERLAND COUNTY,
Saturday Morning, July 13th, 1878.

The N. S. Eastern Association assembled in its Twenty-eighth Annual Session at 10 a. m. The Moderator, Rev. M. P. Freeman, in the chair. Rev. Dr. Tupper opened the meeting with prayer.

The Secretaries retired to prepare a list of Delegates, during which a social service was conducted by the Moderator.

The following list of Delegates was read :

DELEGATES.

Williamsdale and Millvale—Rev. Samuel Thompson, and Bro. Wm. Rogers.

Lower Economy and Five Islands—Rev. A. E. Ingram, Deacon Josiah Soley, and Brother E. Fales.

Antigonish—Rev. F. O. Weeks.

West Onslow—Deacon J. B. McNutt, Brethren Daniel Blair, and John Dixon.

Truro—Rev. J. E. Goucher, Deacon R. Upham, Brethren William Cummings, David Eaton, W. C. Goucher, and W. Faulkner, Jr.

Upper Stewiacke—R. H. Bishop, (Lic.), and Deacon W. Bentley.

Upper Londonderry—Rev. M. P. Freeman, and Bro. Jas. Campbell.

Great Village—Revds. M. P. Freeman, T. B. Layton, and Deacon Israel Layton.

Brookfield—Deacon J. W. Stevens.

Sydney—Brother I. L. Hill.

Pugwash—Revds. G. F. Miles, E. Clay, Deacons W. H. Seaman, and A. McDonnell.

River John—Rev. D. W. Crandall.

River Hebert—Rev. H. Bool, Deacon Thomas Shipley, and Brother John Wood.

New Annan—Rev. D. W. Crandall.

Talamagouche.—Rev. D. W. Crandall.

Glenville and River Philip—Rev. S. Thompson.

Diligent River—Rev. J. F. Kempton, Deacon D. H. Jenks, and Brother Thomas Bentley.

Centreville and Mount Pleasant—Rev. E. B. Corey, Deacon Harris McCormick, and Brother John Bigelow.

Goose River—Rev. E. B. Corey, Brethren Sherwood Mills, and John Mills.

Lower Stewiacke—Brother R. N. Sibley.

Wallace—Rev. G. F. Miles, Brother Ephraim Howard.

Portauipique.—Rev. A. E. Ingram, Deacons Thomas Fulton, John Robinson, Brethren Robert Blair and David F. Crowe.

Amherst—Rev. D. A. Steele, Deacons Thomas Lusby, Moses Lowe, J. M. Layton, Torry Bent, and Brother Hugh Logan.

Oxford—Rev. J. J. Armstrong, and Deacon W. R. Smith.

Greenville—Rev. J. J. Armstrong, and Brother Henry Purdy.

Westbrook—Deacon Stephen Roscoe, and Brother Hans Mills.

Maccan—Deacon W. Blinkhorn, and Brother E. Atkinson.

Amherst Shore—Rev. E. B. Corey, and Brother Charles D. Rockwell.

Acadia Mines—Rev. G. F. Miles, and Deacon David Nelson.

Beulah—Rev. G. F. Miles, Deacons William Cove, James Embree, Charles H. Traves, Brethren James T. Crandall and James Parsons.

Onslow East—C. H. Martell, (Lic.)

N. S. Western Association—Rev. Charles Tupper, D. D.

N. S. Central Association—Revds. James Meadows, S. McBlack, and Deacon S. Selden.

P. E. Island Association—Rev. J. B. Woodland.

Invited to a seat—Revds. C. F. Myers, Isaac Skinner, Thomas A. Blackadar, D. W. C. Dimock, Trueman Bishop, J. E. P. Hopper, G. Good, T. H. Porter, Elisha Corey, Brethren M. L. Fields, William Ayer, and John March.

The ballot having been taken, Rev. J. E. Goucher was declared Moderator for the ensuing year. Rev. H. Bool was re-appointed Secretary. Rev. M. P. Freeman was appointed Assistant Secretary. Deas. Richard Upham and David Eaton were appointed Treasurers. Rev. C. F. Myers engaged in prayer.

The following brethren were appointed the Committee on

NOMINATION AND ARRANGEMENTS.—Revds. D. A. Steele, G. F. Miles, Deacons Torry Bent, J. M. Layton, Angus McDonald, Brethren W. Cummings and John Mills.

TO EXAMINE AND READ LETTERS.—Revds. F. O. Weeks, J. F. Kempton, and Brother Trueman Bishop.

ON QUESTIONS IN LETTERS.—Rev. Samuel Thompson, T. B. Layton, and Brother James W. Stevens.

The Committee on Nomination and Arrangement reported in part as follows :—

That morning services commence at 10 o'clock, and close at 12. Afternoon session begin at 3 o'clock, and close at 5 o'clock, and the evening service commence at 7.30 o'clock; that there be a prayer-meeting every morning at 6.30 o'clock; that the reading of Letters be proceeded with in the afternoon, and that the subject of Missions be presented in the evening, and a collection taken for Home Missions; that the following be the appointments for Lord's day :—

Amherst Baptist Meeting House—11. A. M., Rev. C. H. Myers.

7. P. M., Rev. F. O. Weeks.

" *Methodist* "

11. A. M., Rev. J. E. Goucher.

7. P. M., Rev. H. Bool.

St. Stephens—7 P. M., Rev. D. W. C. Dimock.

Warren—11 A. M., Rev. James Meadows.

3 P. M., Rev. M. P. Freeman.

Amherst Point—11 A. M., Rev. J. F. Kempton.

7 P. M., Rev. W. B. Boggs.

Maccan—11 A. M., Rev. A. E. Ingram.

Salem—3 P. M., Rev. J. J. Armstrong.

Port Lawrence—3 P. M., Rev. S. Thompson.

Point de Bute—11 A. M., Rev. R. H. Bishop.
7 P. M., Rev. E. B. Corey.

SATURDAY—Afternoon Session.

The afternoon session opened by prayer by Rev. J. F. Kempton.

The Committee appointed at last Association to consider what modifications in the order of business could be made, presented their report, which was laid on the table.

The reading of the Letters from the churches was commenced.

The Committee on arrangements further reported as follows:—

That at 2 o'clock a Sabbath School meeting will be held at Amherst Point, Rev. T. B. Layton to conduct the service, and Bro. Cummings and others to take part.

A special service for the young to be held at Amherst at 3.30 P. M., Rev. J. E. Goucher to conduct the service, and Brethren Bool and others to deliver addresses.

Your Committee recommend the appointment of the following

COMMITTEES.

MISSIONS.—Revds. J. F. Kempton, W. B. Boggs, E. B. Corey, and Brother W. Cummings.

EDUCATION.—Revds. D. W. C. Dimock, A. E. Ingram, Brethren Josiah Soley and Harris Jenks.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.—Rev. F. O. Weeks, Brethren W. Stevens, W. Faulkner, R. N. Sibley.

TEMPERANCE.—Revds. J. B. Woodland, T. B. Layton, Deacons W. Bentley, John Biglow, E. Howard.

DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE.—Revds. D. W. Crandall, S. Thompson, Deacon W. H. Seaman, John Robinsor, and Bro. I. L. Hill.

Your Committee beg to suggest that Brethren, Boggs and Meadows make the opening addresses this evening.

The reading of Letters was resumed.

The time having arrived for closing the session it was resolved to extend the time fifteen minutes for the purpose of completing the reading of the letters.

Two letters having been presented from Rev. D. Freeman with reference to the cause at New Glasgow, Pictou, Barney's River and places adjacent, it was resolved that the letters be read.

Session closed by prayer by Rev. D. A. Steele.

SATURDAY—Evening Session.

The Missionary Meeting was opened with prayer by Deacon S. Selden.

After singing, Psalms ii. and lxii. were read by the Moderator, who followed in a short speech, and called upon Rev. W. B. Boggs to address the meeting. Another hymn was sung and Rev. J. Meadows gave an address, which was followed by Bro. W. Cummings, and Rev. D. A. Steele.

Committee on Nomination and Arrangement further reported as follows :

1st. That collections be made at the Sabbath services in aid of our Home Missions.

2nd. That the Associational Sermon, be preached on Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

3rd. That a Special Committee be appointed to consider the Circular received from the Foreign Mission Board and report on the advisability of sending Bro. Boggs again to India. The following brethren were appointed the committee for this purpose—Rev. D. A. Steele, Bro. W. Cummings, Dea. A. McDonald, Revds. J. F. Kempton, and J. E. Goucher. Closed with benediction by the Moderator.

MONDAY MORNING, July 15th.

Public Service was held at 10 o'clock, at which Rev. Dr. Tupper read the Scriptures, and Rev. J. F. Kempton preached the Associational Sermon from Matt. xiv. 16.

Committee on Circular Letter reported that they had examined the Letter and recommended that it be read. The letter was read by the writer, Rev. A. E. Ingram.

On motion it was agreed that the Circular Letter be adopted and printed with the Minutes and in the *Christian Messenger*. It was also agreed on motion that Rev. J. F. Kempton be requested to send his sermon to the Editor of the *Christian Messenger* for publication.

Committee on Nomination and Arrangement further reported that the Committee on Education report this evening, and that the remainder of the evening be devoted to a Public Meeting, Brethren Dimock, Weeks, Martell, and March to deliver addresses.

Committee on Questions in Letters reported that they had read the letters from the Beulah Church, and recommended that that church be received into the Association. The right hand of fellowship was given to one of the delegates.

Committee on re-appointment of Rev. W. B. Boggs, reported as follows :

Your Committee beg to report that they recommend that the delegates of the Association resolve themselves into a committee of

the whole to consider the appointment of Bro. Boggs, and that invited brethren be requested to take a seat with us, said committee to hold their session this afternoon. The report was adopted.

Session closed with prayer by Rev. F. O. Weeks.

MONDAY—Afternoon Session.

Session opened with prayer by Rev. T. B. Layton.

Resolved, on motion, that 1250 copies of the Minutes be published.

Committee on Denominational Literature presented their report which was laid on the table.

The Association resolved itself into committee of the whole.

Rev. J. E. Goucher was appointed Chairman, and the Secretaries of the Association were requested to act as Secretaries of this meeting.

The Committee opened its proceedings by prayer by a number of the brethren.

Bro. Boggs by request gave his own views respecting his health and its probabilities in case he returned to India.

After remarks by various brethren, Rev. G. F. Miles presented the following:

Whereas, The Foreign Missionary Board has submitted for the consideration of this Association the question of the re-appointment of Bro. Boggs to the Foreign field:

Therefore resolved, That in the opinion of this Association it would be inexpedient to re-appoint Bro. Boggs to the Foreign Field. But they would most respectfully recommend that he be employed in connection with the Foreign Missionary work in these provinces.

This was spoken to by Brethren D. A. Steele, D. W. Crandall, Dr. Clay, Wm. Cummings, I. L. Hill, M. P. Freeman, S. Selden, J. F. Kempton, T. H. Porter, J. Meadows, F. O. Weeks, and John March. The resolution was adopted.

It was resolved that the above action of this Committee be reported to the Association.

The meeting then adjourned.

MONDAY—Evening Session.

The session opened with prayer by Rev. G. Good.

A number of Letters from the churches were read.

Committee on Education presented their report, which was spoken to by Revs. D. W. C. Dimock, F. O. Weeks, Brethren C. H. Martel, John March, and Rev. J. E. Hopper. The report was adopted. (See Appendix A.)

Committee on Arrangement again reported, recommending that to-morrow morning the report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools be taken up. The Rev. T. H. Porter to preach a short sermon on the subject, afterwards miscellaneous business.

Session closed with prayer by Rev. T. A. Blackader.

TUESDAY MORNING, July 16th.

Session opened with prayer by Bro. C. H. Martell.

It was resolved that money not designated sent from Pugwash be appropriated to Home Missions; and that from Mira Bay be divided between Home and Foreign Missions.

Resolved, on motion That the Treasurer be requested to hand over the money sent by the churches to the respective Treasurers.

Committee on Missions presented their report, which was adopted. (See Appendix B.)

Report on Sabbath Schools was presented and laid on the table.

After singing, Bro. Boggs read the Scriptures, and offered prayer. Rev. T. H. Porter preached on, Christ our peace, Eph. ii. 14, followed with prayer by Rev. J. J. Skinner.

Report on Sabbath Schools was adopted. (See Appendix C.)

On motion resolved that Bro. Boggs write an Obituary notice of our deceased brother, Rev. George Richardson, and send for publication with the Minutes. (See Appendix D.)

The Report on Denominational Literature was taken from the table; after addresses by Brethren Freeman, Boggs, Kempton, Hill, and Woodland, it was adopted. (See Appendix E.)

Resolved, That there be an extension of time to finish the business of the session.

The report of the Treasurer of the Infirm Ministers' Fund was presented and adopted. (See Appendix F.)

The Treasurer of the fund tendered his resignation, which was accepted.

Committee on Nomination reported as follows:

That the Board of Infirm Ministers Fund be reappointed as follows: Revds. G. F. Miles, J. E. Goucher, J. F. Kempton, D. A. Steele, Brethren W. Read and Moses Lowe. That Brother W. Read be the Treasurer of said Board. Further that all moneys accruing to said Board be deposited in the Dominion Savings' Bank, to be drawn upon by order of the Chairman of the Board.

Resolved, That Revds. D. W. C. Dimock, D. A. Steele, F. O. Weeks, be appointed to report on a better method of making the Infirm Ministers' Fund more permanent.

Notice was given that a Temperance Meeting would be held in the evening, and brethren were requested to stay and give addresses.

The following brethren were appointed Delegates to the Convention: Wm. Faulkner, H. Mills, G. F. Miles, D. W. C. Dimock, William Bentley.

Delegates to the Western Association:—Revds. J. E. Goucher, J. F. Kempton and M. P. Freeman.

Delegates to the Central Association:—Revds. C. H. Martell, D. A. Steele and H. Bool.

Delegates to the P. E. Island Association:—Rev. G. F. Miles, M. P. Freeman, and Dr. Clay.

Report on Temperance was presented, and after discussion was adopted. (See Appendix G.)

Resolved, That Revds. H. Bool and D. A. Steele revise the List of Ministers.

Committee on Nominations and Arrangements finally reported, recommending that the next Association meet with the Church at Goose River; that Bro. C. H. Martell preach the Annual Sermon; Bro. F. O. Weeks be his alternate; that Bro. T. B. Layton write the Circular Letter.

Resolved, That we adjourn to meet with the church at Goose River on the second Saturday in July, 1879.

Closed by singing the doxology, prayer and benediction by Rev. Dr. Tupper.

J. E. GOUCHER, *Moderator*.

H. BOOL, *Secretary*.

Statistics of the Churches in the N. S. Eastern Association, held in Amherst, July, 1878.

NAME OF CHURCH.	Date of Organization.	PASTOR'S NAME.	Year of Settlement.	CLERK, AND P. O. ADDRESS.	INCREASE.			DECREASE.			Resident Members.	Non-resident M'brs.	Total Membership.
					By Baptism.	By Letter.	By Statement.	By Dismission.	By Exclusion.	By Death.			
1 Amherst.....	1810	D. A. Steele	1867	James Moffat, Amherst.	8	6	1	1	1	1	27	10	37
2 Amherst Shore.....	1843	E. B. Corey	1843	C. D. Rockwell, Amherst Shore	2	1	1	1	1	1	27	10	37
3 Advocate Harbor.....	1840	J. F. Kempton	1840	A. McLellan, Advocate.	11	4	1	1	1	2	58	16	74
4 Antigonish.....	1828	F. O. Weeks	1877	J. Albert Walker, Antigonish	8	4	1	1	1	1	35	35	70
5 Acadia Mines.....	1876	G. F. Miles	1877	Ell'ah Schurman, Acadia Mines	11	6	1	1	1	1	44	14	58
6 Amherst, Beulah.....	1878	G. F. Miles	1878	Chas. H. Travis, Hastings	21	3	1	1	1	1	70	8	78
7 Barneys River**.....	1862			William Carter, Brookfield	3	1	1	1	1	1	133	133	266
8 Brookfield.....	1870			Jno. Bigelow, Centreville	9	1	1	1	1	1	71	21	92
9 Cape Canso.....	1870			R. D. Rice, Cow Bay, C. B.	1	1	1	1	1	1	27	20	47
10 Centreville and Mount Pleasant.	1870			Elias Hensley, Crow Harbor	1	1	1	1	1	1	61	61	122
11 Cow Bay, C. B.....	1876			1857 D. H. Jenks, Delight River	1	1	1	1	1	1	30	30	60
12 Crow Harbor.....	1857	J. F. Kempton	1878	David P. Soley, Lower Economy	24	4	1	4	3	2	107	6	113
13 Diligent River.....	1828	A. E. Ingram		1877 John McCormack, Glenville, River Philip	1	1	1	1	1	1	30	14	44
14 Five Islands and Lower Economy	1865	S. Thompson	1877	John M. Hunter, Goose River	2	1	1	1	1	1	33	14	47
15 Folly Lake**.....	1847	E. B. Corey	1876	John R. Sutherland, Guysboro.	1	1	1	1	1	1	115	10	125
16 Glenville and River Philip.....	1862	J. B. McQuillin	1859	C. Huntington, Great Mira, C. B.	4	1	1	1	1	1	112	28	140
17 Goose River.....	1859		1873	Amos Fountain, Great Village	1	1	1	1	1	1	54	10	64
18 Goheen.....	1856	M. P. Freeman	1874	Samuel Webb, Greenville	1	1	1	1	1	1	37	4	41
19 Grand Mira.....	1868	J. J. Armstrong		H. R. Cunningham, Guysboro	2	1	1	4	1	1	83	4	87
20 Great Village.....	1868	A. W. Bars		William Holmes, Cow Bay	1	1	1	1	1	1	101	101	202
21 Greenville.....	1866		1846	James McConnell, Indian Harbor	1	1	1	1	1	1	192	192	384
22 Guysboro and Manchester	1847	J. B. McQuillin	1847	A. McMillan, Isaacs Harbor	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	4	8
23 Hawkesbury*.....													
24 Homeville, C. B.....													
25 Indian Harbor.....													
26 Isaac's Harbor.....													
27 Little Glace Bay**.....													

28 Little River	1849	Thomas M. Johnson, Little River.	9					2	1	2	71	44	115
29 Lower Stewiacke	1852	R. N. Sibley									..	81	22
30 Mahon	1859	1877 Nathan Pushee	8								23	72	22
31 Maclean	1844	Amos Atkinson									..	73	23
32 Margaret**	1844										..	74	24
33 Mira Bay	1838	A. J. Spencer, Mira Gut.	4					1	1		47	4	51
34 Montgomeriah***	1838										..	20	27
35 New Annan	1849	Daniel Fields, New Annan.	5								1	27	40
36 North Sydney*	1862	James Nickerson, New Harbor.	1								1	..	173
37 New Glasgow	1875	Howard Fullerton, New Glasgow.	5								29	5	34
38 New Glasgow	1809	E. Douglas, Truro.	15					3			95	2	97
39 Onslow East	1809	C. M. Deas, Cumberland, Onslow.	1								73	22	95
40 Onslow West	1876	J. R. Reed, Oxford.	6					2			1	..	45
41 Oxford	1876	Elijah Spencer, Parrsboro.	10					1			1	..	102
42 Parrsboro	1859										..	43	..
43 Pictou**	1848	Thos. D. Davison, Portapique Mountain.	6					2			1	88	20
44 Portapique & Upper Economy.	1827	William Dickie, Pugwash.	1					4			2	55	75
45 Pugwash	1827	Robert Allard, River John.	1					2			30	30	30
46 River John	1848	John Barnes, River Hebert.	1					1			1	27	97
47 River Hebert	1873										..	12	12
48 St. Ann's*	1846	Zebah Howitt, St. Mary's.									..	22	22
49 Sandy Point	1846										..	60	60
50 St. Mary's 1st	1846	Charles R. King									..	51	51
51 St. Mary's 2nd*	1848	Frederick Bowden, Tracadie East.						3			2	54	26
52 Sydney	1822	1877 George Slade, Tatamagouche.									..	51	51
53 Tatamagouche	1822										..	99	99
54 Tracadie	1858	A. J. Walker, Box 102, Truro.	15					11	1	5	210	75	285
55 Truro	1851	Richard McCully, Delbert River.	11					1	1	1	22	1	111
56 Upper Londonderry	1846	E. N. Bentley, Upper Stawicke.									..	21	21
57 Upper Stewiacke											..	93	93
58 Wentworth*		Stephen Roscoe, West Brook.	8								..	13	13
59 West Bay, C. B.**		Samuel Rushton, 2nd, Westchester.	30					1	3		41	9	50
60 West Brook	1849	Patrick Woodland, Wallace Bridge.	30					1	2	2	..	45	45
61 Westchester	1878	Ralph W. Filmore, Millvale.	1					5	4	1	..	89	89
62 Wallace	1877		1					1	1	1	53	8	61
63 Williamsdale											..	..	..
			226	61	9	66	39	47	1923	397	4468		

*No letter for 1 year. **No letter for 2 years. ***No letter for 3 years, &c.

Ministers in the N. S. Eastern Association.

NAME.	Place of residence.	Date of Ordination.	Place of Ordination.
Rev. J. J. Armstrong.....	Great Village.....	1874	Greenville.
" A. W. Barss.....	Guysborough.....	1855	Lunenburg.
" Henry Bool.....	River Hebert.....	1869	Coatbridge, Scot., G. B.
" E. B. Corry.....	Oxford.....	1868	Point DeBute, N. B.
" D. W. Crandal.....	River John.....	1864	Carridock, Ont.
" E. T. Carbonnel.....	Margaree.....	1876	River John.
" Edwin W. Clay, D. D.....	Pugwash.....	1851	Pugwash.
" D. W. C. Dimock.....	Truro.....	1841	Chester.
" Henry Eagles.....	St. Mary's.....	1842	Kempt, Hants.
" M. P. Freeman.....	Great Village.....	1863	Bedeque, P. E. I.
" J. E. Goucher.....	Truro.....	1859	Gagetown, N. B.
" A. E. Ingram.....	Upper Economy.....	1874	N. W. Lunenburg.
" J. F. Kempton.....	Parrsboro.....	1864	Mira, C. B.
" T. B. Layton.....	Great Village.....	1872	Musquash, N. B.
" David McKeen.....	Athol.....	1854	River Hebert.
" Daniel McLeod.....	St. Ann's, C. B.....	1873	North Sydney.
" J. B. McQuillin.....	Antigonish.....	1870	Hawkesbury.
" James Meadows.....	St. Andrew s.....	1868	Jeddore.
" G. F. Miles.....	Amherst.....	1846	Newcastle, N. B.
" D. A. Steele.....	Amherst.....	1865	Wolfville.
" Samuel Thompson.....	Little River, Cumb'd.....	1852	Westbrook.
" F. O. Weeks.....	Antigonish.....	1876	Caledonia, Queens Co.

LICENTIATES.

I. Chipman Archibald, Upper Stewiacke.
 James Morrison, Onslow West.
 Edward Grant, North Sydney.
 Caleb Huntingdon, Grand Mira, C. B.
 William McKenzie, West Bay, C. B.
 Edward Munro, Pugwash.
 H. B. Shafner, Brookfield.
 C. H. Martell, Onslow.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

THE DUTIES AND CLAIMS OF OUR DESTITUTE AND WEAK CHURCHES.

THE CIRCULAR LETTER OF THE NOVA SCOTIA EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCHES OF WHICH IT IS COMPOSED.

Dear Brethren,—

We propose to address you upon the subject of the duties and claims of our destitute and weak churches. Our object in presenting you with a few thoughts relative thereto is that we may give serious attention to some of the lamentable evils which tend to cause weakness where there should be strength, and division where union is essential to prosperity, and devise such remedies as we may recommend to the prayerful and serious consideration of all who desire the prosperity of the churches and the consequent advancement of the cause of God. In order to do this, we must remember that while as churches we are independent of each other, at the same time, by a well defined law of the New Testament, we are to "bear one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ." Let us also remember that while we maintain our independence, at the same time, as churches, we are *one* in practice, *one* in polity, *one* in our views in matters of faith and doctrine, *one* in sympathy. Therefore, that which affects the interests of the weak, must necessarily affect the strong, and no church is so strong that it may ignore the claims of the weaker without suffering loss, and none so weak that it may plead exemption from its share in the common burdens without similar results.

Prompted by this feeling, we shall attempt to define what we mean by a strong church and what by a weak one. By a strong church, we mean one that is able and *willing* to meet its local financial liabilities, sustain its local religious interests, give a competent salary to its pastor, and contribute liberally to the benevolent objects of the denomination. But of those who do this, we can find, according to the Minutes of the last Association, but three churches within its bounds, *viz.*, Amherst, Truro, and North Sydney. Thus, out of sixty-four churches, which comprise this Association, there are but *three strong churches*. We shall therefore find it necessary to bring under this head those that agree to unite together for the purpose of supporting a pastor, and are thus enabled to enjoy regularly the preaching of the Word and the ordinances of the Gospel. Among the sixty-four churches there are but twenty-two pastors who are able to labour with regularity. Fourteen of these are engaged in pastoral work among thirty-four churches in the counties of Colchester and Cumberland. Three of

them are engaged by their churches for the whole of their time, thus leaving eight ministers—including several who are infirm—to labour among *thirty* churches; many of which must, therefore, have been destitute of regular pastoral labour for some time past. Perhaps some of the wealthiest of them have obtained the services of a minister for a portion of the time, but it is greatly to be feared that a large proportion of the feeblest have been entirely destitute of preaching and pastoral oversight. Now, a Christian community that cannot sustain a pastor for any portion of his time must be classed among the weak churches. But because it is weak is no reason why it should be left to dwindle away and die. If it be a church of Christ, composed of regenerated men and women possessing spiritual vitality, they will not be content to sit still and fold their arms in indolence. If any have already done so, we commend to their notice the Apostolic injunction, "Awake thou that sleepest and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light." Their first duty to their Lord, to the world, and to themselves, is plain. They must help *themselves*. That man is considered unworthy of assistance who is unwilling to help himself to the best of his ability: "Heaven helps those who help themselves." And we have it upon the authority of an apostle, "that if any will not work, neither shall he eat." Now, what is true of individuals is also true of churches. No church can live and prosper without an effort to sustain itself. It is impossible to estimate the vast amount of good that may be accomplished by a Christian community that sets itself to work for God, is loyal to principles and consistent with the profession it makes. We can point to several of our prosperous churches as an answer to any enquiry of the doubting on this point; in fact, we cannot find a single church that has *not* attained its present efficiency through its energetic and persistent work for Christ. We cannot expect men to believe that our professions are genuine or our principles as Baptists of very much importance unless we are consistent, faithful, and seek to disseminate the important truths which distinguish us from others. In this matter the promise holds good, "Them that honor me I will honor."

If there are but a few Baptists in any community, let them make themselves known to each other, and to the world, meet together for mutual comfort and edification. If they have no meeting-house, let them meet together from house to house on the Sabbath, and as frequently during the week as circumstances will permit. Let them encourage visits from ministers of the *denomination to which they belong*, and even though they may not be able to give full pecuniary remuneration for such services they will nevertheless be cheerfully rendered to those who show that they love the truth and are prepared to defend it. For a church to neglect its stated meetings is a shame and a disgrace, so long as there are brethren and sisters to meet together. The grass growing in the place where the path should be that leads to the door of the house of God is a stand-

ing witness against the unfaithfulness of God's professing people. He is said to be a benefactor of his race who causes a blade of grass to grow where none was seen before ; but the professed follower of Jesus, whose feet are not in the way that leads to the house of prayer as often as would prevent the grass from growing and flourishing therein, is far from deserving any such appellation. Would that none were able to point to a single church that does not attend to the Apostolic injunction, " Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together, as the manner of some is."

The weak and destitute churches have an important relationship to each other. Hence their second duty is as plain as the first. They should *help* each other. In order to do this they should associate with one or more, that they may be able to sustain the preaching of the Word and the ordinances of the Gospel, and by all means, as far as practicable, let this union be composed of churches contiguous to each other. Very much is lost to us as a denomination for the want of proper grouping of our smaller and feeble churches. From the conduct of some it would appear as though in this matter, " Distance lends enchantment to the view," and seems to furnish an argument of affiliation, as they stretch out their arms over the nearest in order to grasp those that are more remote. Is this right? Would it be regarded as a wise policy for farmers or business men to pursue? Shall man regard his fellow, who is far removed from him, to the detriment or neglect of his nearest neighbour? Shall Amherst and Onslow, or Advocate and Wallace unite to form an Agricultural Society as though there were no farming districts intervening? No one ever heard of such a thing. Truly, in these matters, " The children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light." We fear that our churches are drifting into a policy of separation and isolation. There is an evident want of order and harmony. Churches that should be one in their work for God become separated ; the stronger provide for themselves, the weaker are unable to do so, and hence, according to the law of nature, *but in contradiction to the law of grace*, go to the wall. They yield to discouragement, cease effort, and die. " Brethren these things ought not so to be." For such a state of things ministers may be to blame ; but then again they may not ; who shall judge? They are often put to their wits end to know how to provide for their families. Churches that employ a pastor disagree, one wishes for a change, the other is satisfied, and retains his services ; and the poor man goes elsewhere to seek a field in the place of the one he has lost. And what is the result to the church which thus, by its own act, becomes pastorless? If there is no other church in the neighbourhood that is able and willing to unite therewith, it will probably be some time without an under-shepherd, the sheep will be scattered, the lambs left to wander, the general interests of the church will be neglected, its aggressive work will cease, and happy will it be for it if the evil of frequent change of pastor does not become chronic, until pastors whose reputations are

already made will pass it by for a field of greater probable permanency, while the younger brethren, whose reputations have yet to be established, will hesitate before accepting the call, lest the pastorate should be of short duration, and thus their future usefulness should be affected. To rectify this state of things rests largely with the ministers, but more with the churches themselves. We are painfully impressed with the fact that *some* of the churches are lamentably deficient in the fulfilment of their obligations to those who labor with them in the Lord. "It is written in the law of Moses, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn." "Doth God take care of oxen? or saith he it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt." "Do ye not know that they who minister about holy things live of the things of the temple? And they who wait at the altar are partakers with the altar? Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live by the gospel." But until they take a more scriptural view of their duty to their pastors, and their personal responsibility in this matter to Him who has said, "Touch not mine anointed and do my prophets no harm," we fear there is not much hope for a decrease of the evil complained of.

We suggest a tender, loving sympathy on the part of the churches towards their pastors, with a due regard to the words of our Lord, "One is your Master, even Christ, and all ye are brethren."

In order to remedy the difficulty just pointed out, we suggest that churches and pastors contemplating engagement become well acquainted with each other. Make it the subject of earnest prayer. Watch the movings of Providence before making their final arrangements, and, if there appears to be a mutual adaptation to each other, let the union be one of relationship that may not be severed without much prayer for divine guidance, then if it appears to be in accordance with the will of God, it will take place amid expressions and manifestations of mutual good will and sympathy that will not soon be forgotten by either party, and, if we all do this, we may expect that short pastorates will, in most instances at least, soon become a thing of the past. "I speak unto wise men, judge ye what I say." Another cause for the weakness and destitution of some of our churches to which we wish to direct your attention is to be found in their undue haste to ordain young men to the gospel ministry without sufficient evidence of their fitness for that responsible position. Do not let us be misunderstood in regard to so important and delicate a subject. We earnestly pray and hope that we may never attempt to hinder any whom God has evidently called to the work of the Christian ministry; at the same time, we cannot help expressing a fear that sufficient care is not exercised in regard thereto as the importance of the case demands. Let the feeble churches encourage any who are able to lead intelligently in the exercises of the sanctuary and they will soon find that the brother's exhortations are none the less acceptable because they were thought out while following the plough, measuring

goods, or because the hands of the Presbytery had not been laid upon his head. Some, whose ministry has been a comparative failure, and who in consequence thereof have been stranded upon a pastorless shore, might have been eminently successful as leaders in the Sabbath School and as local evangelists, had they, after the manner of the great apostle to the Gentiles, been content to labor with their hands for the bread that perishes.

By all means, let us encourage our brethren to use the gifts and talents which God has given them, but do not let us ask, expect, or attempt to aid, a creature to fly before God has given it wings. To any who ask for our advice relative to their call to the ministry, let us reply in the words of the Rev. C. H. Spurgeon, "Brother, do not be a minister if you feel you could better be something else," or unless you and your brethren are convinced that God has called you to the work. It would be well for those who contemplate the ministry to labour for a season with some destitute church or churches, and if the brethren are men of the right stamp they will be sure to make strenuous efforts to supply his temporal necessities, and if he attends well to his Master's business, his Master will be sure to supply his needs, even though neither Missionary Board nor Society shall have sent him out. And while thus labouring for Jesus let the brother seek by reading and study, especially of the Word of God, to improve his talents and advantages to the glory of his Lord, and in order that he may be the better fitted for his future ministry.

We thus recommend to our feeble and destitute churches a policy of self-help, but while we do this, we urge the stronger to remember, that the weak have claims upon *them*, claims upon their practical sympathy and benevolence. Then let it be shown in a practical manner, even though it necessitate some self-denial and sacrifice. We strongly urge the churches that are favoured with the regular preaching of the Word of God to give their pastors an occasional Sabbath in order that they may spend it with some needy church, and they will find themselves well repaid by the increased missionary spirit which their pastors will manifest in connection with their regular ministry,—and better still, they will be rewarded by Him who shall say at last, "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these, ye did it unto me."

The history of the Baptists in these Maritime Provinces is continually exhorting us not to "despise the day of small things." During the last fifty years God has done great things for us as a denomination. *Then* there were but *six* churches within the present limits of this Association, and they were composed of but few members each; now we have *sixty-four* churches with about four thousand six hundred members, and some of them, viz., those who have been most energetic and consistent, although very feeble in their commencement, are now becoming towers of strength. From some of them have come forth brethren who occupy important positions in the ministry, and on the foreign mission field. Thus

shall it ever be, "Truth is like a torch." "The more 'tis shook it shines." It *must* prevail while human systems decay and dwindle away like snow before the noonday sun. "The church of God, the pillar and ground of the truth," shall stand firm and immutable as long as time shall endure; and that body of Christians which strives most "earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints, and by constant and aggressive work for Christ seeks to execute the Divine Commission, "Go teach all nations," &c., shall be abundantly honored of God to the ingathering of many trophies of sovereign grace and mercy. Let us then go forward "strong in the strength which God supplies through his eternal Son," 'attempting great things for God, expecting great things from God,' encouraged amid our feebleness by the apostolic precept and assurance, "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

APPENDIX.

(A)

Report on Education.

Four important-eras mark our educational work. The year 1828 was the culminating point of earnest and prayerful thought, How shall the young in general, and those who intend devoting themselves to the Christian ministry in particular, be provided with the means of securing sound instruction under Christian influence? That year answered the question, as it opened the door of our Academy to all who felt disposed to enter.

In 1838, driven by circumstances or led by Providence, the Baptist body founded Acadia College.

Through varied experience, a general, an un-anticipated prosperity has attended our educational work, and from within her walls, that faced in fair magnificence old Blomidon, went forth many an earnest and successful worker.

In 1877 Old Acadia trembled and fell, dissolved by fire and flame, and left as a sad memento a heap of unseemly debris, and around its still smoking embers walk the tearful students and professors, and cheer even her ashes.

In 1878 the corner stone of a renewed Acadia College and Female Seminary were laid, amid hopes and prayers and rejoicings.

What will the Baptist people do with these buildings in the course of erection? What with the weighty responsibilities inaugurated by our institutions of learning?

On the past we inscribe our Ebenezer, for "hitherto the Lord has helped us." On the future shall we not write our Excelsior?

Advance will be necessary to existence. Interests, hostile or competitive, demand advance.

The ever craving aspiration of a progressive age forbid a *statu quo*, and every science lifts its demanding appeal against apathy or neglect, and presses its claims to be freed from false applications and to be taken into the enfoldings of a warm Christian sympathy. Duty to our God, our country, our name, all, say arise and build, and let this house be more glorious than the first.

D. W. C. DIMOCK, *Chairman.*

(B)

Report on Missions.

Your Committee are deeply impressed with the vast importance of the cause of missions—both in home and foreign lands—inasmuch as they believe that mission work is the grand instrumentality that God will use for the redemption of the world. When the mission cause flourishes then Christ is honored and souls are saved.

In the opinion of your Committee there is nothing to which our churches and people need to be awakened more fully,—both in order to their own spiritual prosperity and the glory of God,—than to their legitimate and vital relationship to this great cause. God has by His providence and grace rolled upon us weighty responsibilities and opened to us blessed opportunities in connection with the work of missions.

Look across our home fields. Behold scores of weak, scattered, languishing churches. Behold, too, large districts, parched and thirsting for the waters of salvation through Christ all these God has placed in our hands to care for and cultivate for Him.

Look again at the hundreds of millions in heathen lands while they lift their spiritually blinded eyes in reverence and fix them upon their dumb idols or bow their knees in worship before them, and then let us weigh the fact, glad but solemn, that God has placed us within speaking distance of all these and bidden us tell them of Him who is "mighty to save."

Oh! that as the redeemed of the Lord we might take our places beside Him who redeemed us and look upon Him as he looked upon and wept over Jerusalem and over us! Surely then we should weep also over a world perishing in sin.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. KEMPTON, *Chairman.*

(C)

Report on Sabbath Schools.

Your Committee observe with pleasure that nearly every church in the Association reports a prosperous school under its supervision, believing as they do that there never has been a time in the history of the denomination when work in this department was more necessary. Free schools have made readers of all children. The land is full of literature of a sceptical and pernicious nature, the influence of which, we believe, can only be counteracted by a thorough grounding in the doctrines of God's Word. Therefore, while we acknowledge the benefits to be derived from a study of the International Series of Bible Lessons, we would strongly recommend that they be not used to the exclusion of questions and answers which they do not suggest, but that each scholar be

required to search the scripture and become familiar with its teachings, so that at any moment he may be able to give a reason for the hope that is in him. Thus we believe their minds will be fortified against error, and they prepared to stand, and having done all stand for God and truth.

Respectfully submitted,

F. O. WEEKS, *Chairman.*

(D)

Report on Obituaries.

During the past year one of the ministers of this Association has been removed by death; but he was a veteran soldier, who had "fought the good fight," had "finished his course," and was waiting for the summons.

REV. GEORGE RICHARDSON died at his home near Sydney, C. B., on the 4th of January, 1878, having almost reached the age of 88.

This devoted and faithful servant of Christ was born in Ireland in 1790. His parents were of English descent, and belonged to the Episcopal church, in which system he was carefully instructed. Early in life he was brought to a personal knowledge and experience of the grace of God that renews the heart and transforms the life. His experience was deep and his conversion thorough, and he soon after became a member of the Baptist Church in his native town. Having found the way of life himself, he at once began to labor for the salvation of those about him, and so evangelical and earnest were these efforts that by the blessing of God they resulted in bringing numbers to God, among whom were several of his near relatives.

He continued to labor in the gospel, with the hearty approval of his brethren, and about the year 1820 emigrated to Canada. After remaining for a short time in Quebec, he came to Nova Scotia, where he served the Master faithfully in various places, almost to the close of his long career. St. Margaret's Bay, Hammond's Plains, Stewiacke, Isaac's Harbor, and Sydney were the principal scenes of his labors, but he preached more or less frequently in many other places. He was ordained at Hammond's Plains in the year 1822.

Our venerable brother was remarkable for his thorough *soundness in the faith*. He held the great facts and truths of the gospel with a strong, unfaltering grasp. Jesus was the centre of his religious system. With what rapture and triumph he was wont to speak of the finished work of redemption through Christ. The word of God was his delight, and so fully had he devoted himself to it that his mind was stored with its doctrines and precepts.

Among his peculiarities may be mentioned, "*great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.*" This was manifest in his plain, pointed, fearless declaration of the whole truth and his equally

fearless denunciation of error. His soul exulted and gloried in the doctrines of the Bible, but loathed and hated that which was unscriptural and false.

He will long be remembered also for his *faithfulness in warning and counselling persons in private*. No one who was in his company, even for a short time, whatever his position in society, whatever his denominational leanings, could escape a direct personal, earnest appeal on the subject of religion. He "drew the bow at a venture," and let fly the arrows of God's truth on all occasions, and many a heart was thereby pierced, and many a wounded one was brought to the Saviour.

He was a man of very *deep feelings*. In private conversation on the great themes of redemption, in the public services of the sanctuary, and especially at the Lord's table, his soul seemed to overflow with gratitude and love.

Having a strong, clear voice, and a ready command of language, he was a forcible speaker, and retained his preaching ability nearly to the last.

To sum up all, "he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith," and as a consequence, "much people was added unto the Lord."

W. B. BOGGS.

(E)

Report on Denominational Literature.

Your Committee beg leave to report that in their opinion this is one of the most important subjects connected with our interests as a denomination.

With reference to the literature introduced into our Sabbath Schools we are painfully convinced that generally speaking it is not of a nature calculated to establish the true principles of Christianity in the minds of our children, and eventually lead them to Jesus, but consists chiefly of stories and adventures, sometimes founded upon fact, but oftener fabulous or fictitious, attended with a moral it is true, but generally too moral and tame after an exciting narrative.

We would suggest that instead of such literature, something be selected which is calculated to promote the moral culture of our children and develop the finer feelings of our children's intellect, adapted to their years and attainments. Books sufficiently interesting to call forth attention and enlist sympathy, but interwoven also with the great endearing principles of Christianity as derived from God's pure word and held by us as a denomination.

The great difficulty in obtaining such books is that no general Depository of them has existed in our Province. In view of this we would urge that the efforts of the Home Mission Union and brethren in New Brunswick in this direction be encouraged.

recommend that they do not suggest, but

In reference to our denominational paper, the *Christian Messenger*, we would say that its determined exposure of error and advocacy of truth cannot but receive the admiration and support of all true Baptists.

D. W. CRANDALL, *Chairman.*

(F)

Infirm Ministers' Fund in Account with B. L. Douglas, Treasurer.

1877.		Dr.	
July 27.	—To cash paid	Rev. T. B. Layton.....	\$ 15 00
	" "	Postage.....	0 03
Oct. 15.	— " "	Rev. S. J. Neily.....	20 00
	" "	Postage, &c.....	0 15
1878.			
Feb. 20.	— " "	Father Richardson.....	40 00
	" "	Postage, &c.....	0 23
	" "	for 1 Blank Book.....	1 00
Mar. 9.	— " "	Rev. T. B. Layton.....	10 00
	" "	Postage, &c.....	0 08
			\$86 54

1877.		Cr.	
July 1.	—By Balance in Treasurer's hands.....	\$280 32	
" 27.	—By Cash from Treas'r of the East'n Associa'n	18 82	
Dec. 11.	— " Interest on Jacobs' Legacy.....	40 00	
1878.			
July 1.	—Balance of Interest.....	16 42	
			\$355 56

Balance in Treasurer's hands.....\$269 02
Amherst, July 1st, 1878.

(G)

Report on Temperance.

Your Committee on Temperance, while deploring the wide-spread evils which result from the use and sale of intoxicating liquors, are yet pleased to be able to report a marked improvement in the tone of temperance sentiment and the issue of temperance effort during the year. The Reform Club movement, which, like the fertilizing waters of the Nile, has rolled over this Province, carrying with it the blessings of sobriety and prosperity, has, we believe, with the blessing of God, been eminently successful in staying the tide of ruin and rescuing the sufferer. We have reason to hope, also, that our churches are obtaining clearer views of Christian duty in respect to this matter, and some of our brethren who have hitherto refused to lend the influence of their example, to complete an entire

abstinence from wine, are beginning to appreciate the Christ-like devotion of the apostle when he said, "If meat make my brother to offend I will eat no more meat while the world stands." A large number of our churches have discontinued the use of fermented wines at the communion table, and we would earnestly urge upon the attention of those who still continue to use that article, the dangerous tendency of the practice, and with an eye single to the glory of our Master, would urgently request them to follow the example of our Saviour and ask God's blessing only on the pure juice of the vine.

Our hearts are yet saddened, however, by occasional exhibitions of the devastating power of the drink demon, leaving the foul impress of its presence even on the pages of our church history, and we must believe that some of these, our brethren, who have seen no iniquity in an "occasional glass" will not be held guiltless for the shipwreck of souls and the dishonour of God's church.

We commend this matter to your attention, brethren, in a spirit of Christian love, and would ask you in the name of Him "who died that we might live," that every stumbling-block may be removed from the way of those who are weak and liable to fall.

J. B. WOODLAND, *Chairman.*
T. B. LAYTON,
WILLIAM BENTLEY,
E. HOWARD,
JOHN BIGELOW.

*Nova Scotia Eastern Baptist Association in account
with R. Upham, Treasurer.*

1878.		DR.	
July—	To cash paid S. Selden, Esq., for Reports, Letters, Postage, &c.....	\$	61 14
"	William Faulkner, Esq., Railway Certificates.....		1 25
"	Rev. A. W. Sawyer for Ministerial Education.....		11 00
"	" " Acadia College.....		40 00
"	Rev. Dr. Day for French Missions.....		15 00
"	" " Home Missions.....		353 53
"	" " Foreign Missions.....		213 24
"	" " Infirm Ministers Fund.....		22 05
			\$717 81
		CR.	
By monies received at Association at Amherst.....			\$717 81

SABBATH SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Name of School.	Name of Superintendent.	SCHOLARS.			Average att'd.	TEACHERS.			No in Bible Class.	Members of church in Bible Class.	Vols. in Library.	Expended during the year.
		Male.	Female.	Total.		Male.	Female.	Total.				
Advocate Harbour	R. W. Spicer	72	85	157	74	3	12	5	40	30	200	\$15 00
Amherst	T. R. Black	22	40	62	50	3	5	8	15	39	415	86 43
" Beulah	William Cove	33	17	50		3	4	7		23	70	13 08
" Point	J. M. Layton	25	25	50	30	3	1	4	20	24	300	19 50
Antigonish	T. M. King	25	24	49	43	5	12	7				23 00
Cow Bay	R. D. Rice	15	30	45	20	1	2	3	15	2	109	5 00
Diligent River	D. H. Jenks	30	35	65	50	4	4	8			150	1 00
Goose River	Amos Hunter	11	14	25	20	1	1	2	15	13		20 00
Goshen	James Nichols	15	35	50	30	2	3	5	12		150	
Great Village	Ezra Layton	20	20	40	30	2	2	4	30	15		
Greenville	George Rushton			60				9				
Guysborough & Manchester, (3 schools)	J. Hull, J. M. Cunningham, J. Shepherd.	10	12	22	18	2	1	3		10		4 00
Homeville	Wm. Holmes	15	25	40		2	3	5		10		
Indian Harbor	Wm. Sutherland	25	30	55		2	2	4	20			
Isaac's Harbour	J. L. Giffin	18	22	40	30	5	3	8	6	7	75	10 00
Lower Economy & Five Islands	W. Simpson			41	24	3	1	4		1		17 75
Lower Stewiacke (St. Andrews)	E. F. Sibley			20								
Mabou	Lewis McKeen	10	20	30	25	3	2	5	5	10	100	
New Glasgow	M. C. Olding	35	40	75		3	4	7			130	
Onslow East	J. W. Lynds	5	20	25	20	1	3	4	7	8		
Onslow West, (2 schools)	S. McKinlay & J. P. Johnson	25	23	53	40	3	4	7	20	18	125	
Oxford	Wm. R. Smith	19	20	39	34	5	1	6		18	120	12 00
Parrsboro'	Elijah Spencer	10	20	30	25	2	4	6		12	100	10 00
Portaupique	George Davison	20	30	50	40	3	4	7	16	3	150	5 00
Pugwash	A. McDonnell	15	15	30		2				9		
River Hebert	H. Bool & M. K. Fugaley	23	27	50	33	2	3	5	12	14		12 10
River John	Robert Allen	78	91	169	116	9	11	20		210		1 25
St. Mary's	Z. H. Hewitt	22	15	37	30	2	2	4	10		50	12 00
Sydney, (Pitt St.)	C. R. King	12	7	19	15	2	2	4		30		
Truro	L. J. Walker	35	40	75	60	7	4	11		15	100	10 00
Up. Londonderry	David Carter											
Upper Stewiacke	James A. Cox											
Westchester, (3 schools)	John Rushton, G. Rushton, D. Rushton.											
		645	787	1626	907	93	59	189	243	281	2784	\$287 11

*Treasurer's Account of Moneys for Benevolent Objects
received at the N. S. Eastern Baptist Association,
held at Amherst, June, 1878.*

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	French Mission.	Ministerial Education.	Acadia College.	Infirm Ministers.	Total.
Homeville.....	\$ 4 00	\$ 2 00					\$ 6 00
Cow Bay.....	4 00	3 50		\$1 25	\$ 2 00	\$ 3 75	14 50
Isaac's Harbour.....					7 25		7 25
New Glasgow.....	6 00	3 50			1 50		11 00
Mira Bay.....	2 00	2 00					4 00
Guysboro' and Manchester..						2 00	2 00
Glenville and River Philip..	2 50	2 00					4 50
Williamsdale and Millvale..	3 00	4 00					7 00
Lower Steviacke.....	5 25	6 45					11 70
Amherst.....	41 00	32 20	\$6 00	9 00	18 55	10 50	117 25
Truro.....	150 00						150 00
Brookfield.....	4 27	1 29			0 25		5 81
Goose River.....	4 00	6 00		1 00	2 00	1 00	14 00
Centreville and Mount Pleasant.	10 00	2 00				2 00	20 00
Lower Economy & Five Islands..	6 00	3 00			5 00	1 00	15 00
Oxford.....	1 75	29 50					31 25
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*Parrsboro' Village.....	11 20	11 00					22 20
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Little River.....	2 45	1 55					4 00
Collections at Association.....	42 03						42 03
Balance on hand from last year..	0 60						0 60
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Minutes and other expenses.....	60 61		0 94	0 25	0 59		62 39
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*Of the above sum \$14 are from Eatonville, \$8 from Spencer's Island, and the balance from the Harbor section of the church.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Nova Scotia Eastern Baptist Association.

ARTICLE 1st.—This body shall be called the Eastern Baptist Association of Nova Scotia, and shall consist of Delegates representing the Churches of which it is composed, each of whom shall be a member of one of those churches, together with Delegates from Corresponding Associations, not exceeding five from any one Association; and such others as may, by the Association, be invited to sit in Council; none but delegates being entitled to vote, and such only as represent churches being eligible to office, or to vote for officers.

ART. 2nd.—Each church connected with the body may send five Delegates besides its Pastor.

ART. 3rd.—The object of this Association being the cultivation of Christian Union, the promotion of individual godliness, and by mutual consultation, to seek, in the use of Scriptural measures, the extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom—it disclaims all authority over churches, and shall in no case interfere with their internal concerns, or their entire scriptural independency. Yet it may dissolve its connection with any church that, upon sufficient examination, shall be judged by the Association to have departed essentially from Scripture principles or Baptist faith and practice.

ART. 4th.—This Association shall meet at such time and place as it may appoint, and the meetings shall be opened with devotional exercises.

ART. 5th.—The Officers of the Association shall be—a Moderator, who shall preside at all the meetings, nominate all the Committees not otherwise provided for, and perform all the duties naturally connected with such office; a Clerk who shall keep a record of all the business transacted, prepare the Minutes for the press, and attend to their distribution; and a Treasurer, who shall receive all the moneys contributed for the purposes of the Association, and dispose of them according to its direction. All the officers shall remain in office until their successors are chosen.

ART. 6th.—The religious sentiments of this body are those expressed in the "Articles of the Faith and Practice of the Baptist Churches in Nova Scotia."

ART. 7th.—The Association may receive any Church which, by letter, shall apply for admission, and shall give satisfactory evidence of its faith and order, in agreement with the religious sentiments of this body; and each Church belonging to this body shall send annually a letter, containing an account of its history for the year preceding, particularly of its additions and diminutions, with its number then in fellowship,—also, money to assist in publishing the Minutes. Any Church that for three successive years omits sending any Letter, Delegates, or money, shall be considered withdrawn from the Association, and shall be discontinued from the Minutes, unless sufficient reason may appear to account for the omission, or provided it may appear desirable to make some inquiry, by committee or otherwise, and report at the next meeting of the Association.

ART. 8th.—This Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members at any annual meeting of the Association.

RULES OF ORDER.

RULE 1st.—At each annual meeting the Letters from the Churches shall be handed to the clerk, who shall retire and make out a list of the delegates—the Moderator meanwhile shall conduct devotional exercises.

2nd.—From the list so prepared the Moderator shall be chosen by ballot—no brother shall be chosen two years in succession.

3rd.—The first letter read shall be from the Church with which the Association is assembled.

4th.—No subject shall be discussed without a motion first made and seconded, and no person shall speak on any subject more than twice unless by consent of the Association.

5th.—When any Church is received, the Moderator shall give to one of its delegates the right hand of fellowship.

6th.—At the commencement of each sitting the Minutes of the preceding one shall be read and approved, and of the last before the final adjournment.

7th.—Motions made and lost shall not be recorded on the Minutes except so ordered by the Association.

8th.—All resolutions shall be presented in writing.

9th.—Each meeting for business shall be commenced and concluded with prayer.

10th.—The Committee of Arrangements shall, in addition to the provision for the "order of business," provide also for the discussion of the more prominent topics, Education and Missions, by appointing one or more persons to speak upon them. Said Committee shall further recommend the place for the succeeding Association, the preacher of the Associational Sermon, and the writer of the Circular Letter.

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

12th.—These Rules shall be read by the Moderator at the commencement of each annual session of the Association.

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MINUTES

OF THE

N. S. Baptist Home Missionary Union.

CANARD, Friday, June 21st, 1878.

The Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union opened its Sixth Annual Session in the Baptist Church at Canard, Friday, June 21st, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Vice-President Rev. W. G. Parker called upon Rev. Frank Beattie to open the session by prayer.

Bro. Albert Coldwell was appointed to act as Secretary in the absence of Rev. J. F. Kempton.

The following Lists were then opened, viz. :—

DELEGATES.

Hebron—Rev. A. Cohoon, and Dea. Wm. Durkee.

Tusket—Rev. P. R. Foster.

1st Cornwallis—Deas. H. K. Eaton and Joshua Ellis.

North Baptist, Halifax—Rev. J. W. Manning.

Windsor—Rev. E. M. Kierstead, and Bro. A. P. Shand.

Wolfville—Bros. Albert Coldwell, Prof. D. F. Higgins, and J. W. Barss.

Pereaux—Rev. S. March, and Bro. W. Manning Sandford.

Canning—Rev. S. March, and Dea. Edwin Rand.

1st Yarmouth—Bro. C. L. Power.

Temple Church, Yarmouth—Deas. J. C. Anderson and James Cain.

2nd Horton—Revds. Isaiah Wallace, James Stevens, and Bro. John Graham.

Granville Street, Halifax—Dea. S. Selden.

Hantsport—Bro. W. Potter.

Members in their own right—Revds. S. B. Kempton, I. J. Skinner, M. P. Freeman, D. Freeman, M. Normondy, H. Bool, W. G. Parker, J. A. McLean, S. W. deBlois, W. H. Warren, G. N. Ballantyne, John Brown, Jos. Murray, John Chase, S. McC. Black, Aaron Cogswell, Maynard Brown.

Brethren invited—Rev. Frank Beattie, Bros. Harris Newcomb, W. H. Lyons, Geo. Pineo, Wm. Eaton, Wm. Thomas, David McPherson, Thos. Kinsman, E. Griffin, Chas. F. Eaton, Ebenezer Rand, — Hubley.

Motion was put to close the present session at 12 o'clock, and open at 2 o'clock, P. M., to close at 5 P. M.

The Sixth Annual Report of the Board of the H. M. Union was then read by the Secretary, followed by the Report of the Treasurer.

Voted, That the Secretary's Report be received for discussion, and considered clause by clause.

Upon the adoption of that portion of the Report relative to the success of the "Union" during the year, prayer was offered by Rev. S. W. deBlois, expressive of thanksgiving to God for his favor.

Prayer was offered by Rev. J. A. McLean, and session closed with benediction by the President.

Afternoon Session.

Opened with prayer by Rev. H. Bool.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

The Report of the Executive Board was then brought forward for further discussion and adoption, some portions of it receiving considerable attention, especially that relative to the French Mission. Upon this Bro. Barss gave notice of motion.

Time having arrived to adjourn, prayer was offered by Rev. Jos. Murray.

Evening Session.

Opened at 7½ o'clock, with prayer by Rev. I. J. Skinner.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

In the absence of Bro. Barss, the substance of motion was presented in the following, viz.:

Trusting in the Providence of God that He will furnish the necessary funds to enable us to carry on the French Mission;

Resolved, That we advise the Board to continue its operations in connexion therewith.

Motion was carried with some hearty and hopeful remarks.

It was then moved and seconded

That the present Missionary, Rev. Mr. Normondy, be requested to withdraw his resignation, and that the Board continue the services of Bro. Normondy for the present, and that the Board be instructed to take measures with reference to enlargement of the operations of the Board in seeking out new fields and new measures for the furtherance of the French Mission.

Carried.

The Secretary's Report, as a whole, was adopted.

The Treasurer's Report was adopted.

Motion laid on the table relative to the appointment of County Boards.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer offered by Rev. W. G. Parker.

SATURDAY-Morning Session.

Union opened at 10 o'clock, A. M., with prayer by Rev. S. March,

Moved and seconded that the Minutes of the Union be printed with the Minutes of each Association.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

It was then moved by Bro. A. P. Shand, and seconded that

Whereas, The contributions from our churches are not such as the work under the control of the Home Missionary Union demands;

And whereas, Our pastors and churches should more fully co-operate with the Union in order to increase its means for successful work;

And whereas, It seems that the Union may be more fully sustained by an improved method, or a more complete organization for carrying forward Home Missionary work;

Therefore resolved, That an Auxiliary Board be and is hereby appointed for each County in the fields occupied by the Union, to render assistance by forwarding information relative to the needs of the County, and by systematic effort to seek to enlarge the contributions of our churches for Home Missions. Said Auxiliary Boards to consist of the resident pastors and such laymen as they may appoint.

Moved by Bro. Manning, and

Resolved, That this Union desire to express their approval of the manner in which the Board have discharged the delicate and difficult duty of ascertaining the condition of the French Mission, and the action they have taken in connexion therewith.

Voted, To locate the Executive Board during the ensuing year at Yarmouth, and that the following constitute the members of the Board:—Revds. G. E. Day, A. Cohoon, J. A. Stubbert, J. Rowe, A. H. Lavers, H. N. Parry, P. R. Foster, George Titus, Bros. A. C. Robbins, W. R. Doty, J. C. Anderson, W. A. C. Randall, James Crosby.

The following were elected and appointed

OFFICERS.

President—Bro. A. P. Shand.

Vice-Presidents—Rev. M. P. Freeman, for Eastern Association.

“ S. B. Kempton, Central “
“ J. H. Saunders, Eastern “
“ J. A. Gordon, P. E. Island “

Secretaries—Revds. J. W. Bancroft and G. N. Ballentine.

Auditor—D. R. Eaton.

Moved and seconded that this Union again express its willingness to hand over its work to the Convention when proper arrangements shall have been made by that body to receive it.

The thanks of the Union were voted to the friends of Canard.

Voted, That the Secretary give notice of the meeting to be held with the Church at Hebron, on the Friday before the third Saturday of June.

On motion, the Union adjourned, after prayer by Rev. W. G. Parker.

G. N. BALLENTINE, }
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SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE N. S. BAPTIST HOME MISSIONARY UNION.

* The Executive Board of the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union respectfully present this their Sixth Annual Report.

The past year has, in the estimation of your Board, been one of more than usual prosperity to the missionary interests of our denomination. To a merciful and covenant keeping God we gratefully accord all the praise. Under His gracious direction and blessing the work of home evangelization has been greatly extended, and the results following have been marked and encouraging. The debt of the previous year having been entirely liquidated your Board were placed in a position in which they could give more favorable attention to the spiritual needs of destitute fields. Assistance has therefore been given to nearly double the number of gospel laborers employed during the preceding year. These laborers, selected with careful discrimination, have proved themselves worthy of the confidence reposed in them, and have given their best energies to the diffusion of gospel truth and the salvation of perishing souls.

THE GENERAL AGENCY.

It was deemed necessary by your Board to continue the work of our general missionary agency. Rev. J. H. Robbins spent about seven months of the past year in visiting the churches and missionary fields of Nova Scotia, collecting funds, improving systems of beneficence and gathering general information in reference to the condition and needs of feeble churches. He labored faithfully; and we are still reaping the benefits of his efforts in the form of larger and more regular donations than we have been accustomed to receive from contributors. In relation to his method of operation he writes in one of his quarterly reports as follows:

"Many circumstances are met to hinder regular, systematic effort in the churches, and to discourage the Agent, such as church difficulties, internal divisions and dissensions, as well as financial troubles. Under the blessing of God I have labored with some measure of success in removing or lessening such hinderances. It has always been my aim to leave churches in a better state, if possible, than that in which I found them. I have also advised with and assisted churches in securing pastors or temporary supplies, and have likewise assisted some of the students in obtaining situations for the winter vacation. Although the apparent results of my efforts may not be as satisfactory as could be desired, yet I have reason to believe that much good has been done."

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Impaired health compelled Bro. Robbins to abandon the agency in the latter part of December, for a few months at least. He remarks:—"I found that I was experiencing physical effects detrimental to my health from the hard labor of the agency. Rest is therefore needed, especially from the exposure necessarily connected with this kind of work. For this reason I have decided to resign the agency for the present."

Careful observation and the experience of six years combine to impress more deeply than ever upon your Board the conviction that this agency is simply indispensable to the success of our Home Missionary enterprise. The question as to how this work may be carried on to the greatest advantage is worthy of mature consideration. Several churches have suggested to your Board the propriety of securing the services of active and judicious pastors, one in each of the counties of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, who would be willing, without asking any remuneration for their services, to visit the churches under their supervision once or twice every year for the purpose of awakening an interest among the people in relation to Home Mission work and of collecting funds for that object. Such a scheme, if carried into operation with energy and wisdom, would certainly economize our expenditures and facilitate the progress of our work. The obvious difficulty in this plan is that pastors will hesitate in consenting to undertake extra work involving such grave responsibilities. Most of our successful pastors have already work enough on their hands to tax to the utmost their physical abilities; and it has been shown above that the work of a general missionary agent is peculiarly trying in this respect. We have every reason for believing, on the other hand, that our agents have hitherto been the most successful and profitable men in our employ, whether we regard the question of finances or the spiritual welfare of our churches. Your Board would therefore express their decided preference for the method of conducting the work of this agency which has already been adopted.

INFORMATION REGULARLY GIVEN.

It has been the special aim of your Board to keep our churches well instructed in reference to the progress and requirements of our home missionary work. The General Agent made it his chief business to visit as many places as possible for the purpose of giving the fullest information to the people with respect to our plans and prospects. In addition to this monthly reports have been published in the columns of the *Christian Messenger*, showing in detail the appointments and actions of your Board, and giving extracts from the reports of our missionaries. Circulars were also sent forth to the churches, presenting in brief a summary of our work and prospective liabilities. It is thus seen that every available means has been employed for the spreading abroad of home missionary intelligence, and for the purpose of stimulating our brethren to contribute liberally and regularly to our treasury.

MISSIONARY WORK AND SUBSIDIES.

The continued policy of your Board has been to endeavor to secure as large results as possible from the limited means at our disposal. It has been found from observation that in cases in which regular appointments are made and the Board becomes responsible for the entire salaries of our missionaries, there is in many fields a tendency to culpable indifference with regard to the matter of raising funds towards lessening the expense of such missions. The anxiety of the conscientious laborer is often allayed by quiet assurances given after the following fashion:—"You need not trouble yourself about collecting your salary. The Board is responsible for that; and they will foot the bill." To guard against contingencies of this kind your Board have, in most cases in which financial aid has been given, named a definite amount as the limit of that assistance. Whilst this plan tends greatly to diminish the apparent amount of receipts and expenditures connected with our work, yet we think the actual results are much larger than could have been secured in any other way, inasmuch as our funds have aided a very large number of weak and dependent churches.

Prince Edward Island.—The churches and missionary stations on P. E. Island were never more adequately supplied with earnest gospel laborers than during the past year. Bro. J. C. Spurr spent three months in missionary effort at Cavendish, Graham's Road and Belmont. He did good work, and his preaching was much appreciated by the people. Rev. J. B. Woodland subsequently took charge of the same field, where he continues laboring with much acceptance under regular missionary appointment. Rev. F. A. Kidson, having spent about twelve weeks in completing his mission at Dundas and St. Peter's Bay, became pastor of these churches, a subsidy of \$80.00 being granted to aid in his support. Bro. E. H. Sweet spent three months in evangelistic effort in the western section of P. E. Island. A gracious revival followed, during which a large number of converts were added to the church. As a result of this revival a new church was organized at Nutsford, and the interests at Alberton and Cape Wolfe were much strengthened. Rev. D. H. Simpson, aided by a subsidy of \$150.00, has carried on the work in that field to the present time. Bro. W. McGregor, formerly a Methodist local preacher, received a grant of \$50.00 to enable him to spend three months in pastoral work at Montague and vicinity. Rev. E. H. Foshay afterwards took charge of that field, and received aid to the amount of \$80.00 from our treasury. It is a matter of much satisfaction to your Board that the Island has thus been so well supplied with gospel ministers, and that the expense incurred has been almost wholly borne by the churches of that province.

Cape Breton.—The claims of the missionary fields in Cape Breton have been carefully considered by your Board. Some of our attempts to locate missionaries on that Island have been unsuccessful. Much good work has, however, been done. Rev. W. C. Rideout

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continued his mission at Mira, Homeville, Little Glace Bay and adjacent settlements for about twenty-two weeks of the past year. He reports several baptisms and some spiritual growth in the churches visited by him. It was the intention of your Board to endeavor to continue his services in that province, but failing health compelled him to return to his family. Bro. J. H. Robbins spent several weeks in visiting the churches and in "strengthening the things that remain, that are ready to die." A mission of three months was performed at West Bay by Rev. M. Ross, a pledge of \$50.00 having been given through Bro. Peter Paint to aid the Board in sustaining this mission. The little church was much encouraged by the faithful ministrations of Bro. Ross. Rev. J. A. Stubbart has received an appointment to a mission of three months at Margaree and vicinity. A subsidy of \$100.00 has been voted to aid the churches at Cow Bay, Mira, Homeville and Little Glace Bay in supporting a settled pastor. Cape Breton greatly needs more liberal assistance and a larger supply of ministerial workers.

Nova Scotia Proper.—The churches at River John, New Annan and Tatamagouche, Pictou County, under the pastoral care of Rev. D. W. Crandall, have been aided by a grant of \$100.00. As they are still financially weak it has been thought advisable to make a similar grant for the current year. The little church at Acadia Mines, Colchester Co., assisted by a subsidy of \$40.00, have enjoyed the services of Rev. G. F. Miles for a part of his time during the year. A grant of \$50.00 was given to aid the churches at Amherst Shore, Centreville and Mount Pleasant in the support of Rev. E. B. Corey. The church at Parrsboro' has also been aided by a grant of \$50.00. Rev. J. F. Kempton has been doing important work in this field and in its numerous out-stations. Guysboro' and Manchester churches have received a subsidy of \$30.00. In addition to this, Rev. A. W. Bars was appointed to a mission of three months at New Harbor, Coddle Harbor and adjacent places. Rev. J. Meadows spent three months in missionary labor among the neglected settlements lying along the coast between Jeddore and St. Marys. Bro. C. H. Martell labored successfully for about nine weeks at New Glasgow and vicinity. Since that time Rev. D. Freeman has, through the aid afforded by our treasury in a grant of \$228.00 continued to sustain the interest in that important station with a pioneer's enthusiasm.

The church at Dartmouth urgently pressed their claims for aid to enable them to support their pastor, Rev. J. Clark. It was decided by your Board to grant a subsidy of \$200.00 for this purpose. There is reason for hoping that in the early future this church will become one of our strongest denominational stations.

A grant of \$250.00 was voted to aid the church at Maitland, Hants Co., in sustaining a pastor. Bro. W. C. Craigie spent about six weeks in missionary labor on this field. The matter of choosing a pastor was left with the church; and it is to be regretted that the vacancy was not filled during the year. The subsidy is, however,

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still valid, and an active minister is expected to assume the pastorate in the early future. Bro. Ralph Hunt has been assigned a mission for three months at Fall River and Waverly; and Bro. C. Haverstock has accepted a similar mission to New Ross.

After the departure of Rev. T. Trotter from Shelburne, Bro. J. Goodwin was induced to take charge of that field. Aided by a grant of \$150 00, he has labored during nine months of the year at Shelburne, Jordan River and Sand Point. The church at Annapolis has been assisted by a subsidy of \$150.00. A grant of \$100.00 was voted to help the churches at Kempt, Milford and Graywood in the support of Rev. L. M. Weeks. Having received a call from the church at Bridgewater, Bro. Weeks resigned his charge over the former churches after having labored with them about six months. Rev. E. N. Archibald received \$40.00 to aid him in giving a part of his time to the church at Lower Sable River, Shelburne Co. He reports several baptisms and some evidences of spiritual improvement. The churches at Argyle were assisted in supporting Rev. W. B. Bradshaw by a grant of \$167.38. Two new meeting-houses are in course of erection as a result of this aid. Rev. P. R. Foster, stationed at Tusket, received a grant of \$58.33 in order that he might devote part of his time to the interest at Riverdale, Yarmouth Co. A subsidy of \$60.00 has been voted to the same field for the current year. Bro. L. C. Vickery spent six weeks in missionary labor at Forest Glen, Yarmouth Co. His reports are very satisfactory. To the church at East Dalhousie a grant of \$40.00 was promised to aid them in securing the regular services of Rev. E. J. Grant for a part of his time.

Rev. W. H. Richan, pastor of the church at Barrington received aid to the amount of \$33.00 to enable him to perform missionary labor at Villagedale and Barrington Head.

Your Board are glad to report that among our pastors there is a growing disposition to perform gratuitous missionary labor. An excellent example of this kind is furnished by the ministers of Annapolis Co., who have entered into an agreement to visit occasionally the neglected stations which surround them, and to report their work and forward all contributions to the Home Missionary Board. It is most desirable that this kind of work should be done much more generally by pastors who are conveniently situated, and who are adequately supported by their own churches. We are convinced that many prominent Baptist Churches would sustain no loss to themselves and would do a vast amount of good to others by allowing their Pastor to go forth occasionally on such missionary tours. In this way the Kingdom of our Redeemer would be more rapidly extended, and our Home Missionary treasury would be materially assisted.

From this outline it is obvious that a large number of weak churches have been materially assisted in sustaining their pastors, and a goodly number of zealous missionaries have been endeavoring "to preach the gospel in the regions beyond."

THE FRENCH MISSION.

The condition and prospects of this mission have received the best attention of your Board. In order to obtain the most satisfactory information in reference both to the condition of the field and the wishes of the people residing there, a committee consisting of Rev. J. A. Stubbart and Rev. A. Cohoon, was appointed to visit the different stations connected with this mission, and to furnish your Board with an impartial report of the results of their inquiries. The committee performed their work faithfully, and presented a clear and detailed statement of what they had learned from observation. That report will, if called for, be laid before the Union.

About the same time Bro. Normonday tendered his resignation. This brought the whole matter practically and seriously before your Board for immediate decision. Meanwhile, the French Mission was found to be considerably in debt. It was manifest that whatever might be decided as to the future, the liabilities already incurred must be promptly and honorably met. Bro. Normonday was accordingly requested to visit the churches as far as possible for the purpose of collecting necessary funds. He did so; but his efforts in this respect were only partially successful.

It is very evident to your Board that there has been serious declension in the interest manifested by our denomination towards the French Mission. As a natural result the mission itself seems to be declining in efficiency and success. These considerations impel your Board to raise a few important questions which our Denomination ought at once to decide: Shall we abandon this mission? Shall we accept the resignation of Bro. Normonday and endeavor to secure the services of another missionary? Or shall we renew our engagement with Bro. Normonday and pledge ourselves to manifest more sympathy and benevolence in sustaining him? Your Board hesitate to undertake the decision of a matter in reference to which they have not yet fully ascertained what are the views held generally by our brethren.

THE BOOK DEPARTMENT.

A number of Sunday Schools have been supplied from our depository during the year. Many missionaries and pastors have also been furnished with denominational and miscellaneous works, doctrinal pamphlets and religious tracts adapted to arouse careless unbelievers and to stimulate inactive christians. About one thousand volumes of wholesome literature have in this way been sent abroad since our last report was given; and a much larger number of tracts have been gratuitously distributed. The amount expended for these books and tracts was \$445.42, whilst the receipts have reached the sum of \$443.02. Books remaining in hand are valued at \$200.00, and upwards of \$50.00 is due our treasury from schools which have obtained libraries from our Book Depository.

Your Board deeply regret the delay that has been occasioned in the establishment of a suitable Book Room; and it is earnestly

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hoped that an agency with which the welfare of our denomination is so intimately connected will no longer be permitted to remain inoperative.

FINANCES.

At the close of our last fiscal year our liabilities amounted to \$1,375.15, the greater part of which debt was, however, paid before the meeting of the Union at Portauquie. At the end of the year just completed the liabilities of your Board amounted to \$926.03, or about \$440.00 less than those of the previous year. Since the Treasurer's accounts were closed a number of payments have been made, reducing the debt to about \$414.00, whilst the assets exceed \$300.00. From this statement it will be seen that the Home Mission finances are in a condition much more favorable than that of last year.

The following tables present a list of misionarics employed by the Board during the year, and of the pastors aided by subsidies from our treasury, together with all the necessary statistics:—

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MISSIONARIES AND THEIR WORK.

MISSIONARIES.	FIELDS OF LABOR.										Collections on field.	
	Weeks.	Miles.	Sermons.	Other Meetings.	Visits.	Tracts given.	Baptisms.					
1 J. C. Spurr	12	.....	33	18	102	.....	10	65	\$ 68	39		
2 E. H. Sweet	13	899	79	8	263	.....	.....	.....	67	72		
3 W. C. Rideout	22	1035	90	25	202	.....	.....	.....	91	42		
4 F. A. Kidson	11	206	34	12	133	.....	.....	.....	35	00		
5 W. C. Craigie	54	160	14	5	53	.....	.....	.....	17	03		
6 J. B. Woodland	34	2139	95	61	216	400	.....	.....	91	40		
7 C. H. Martell	9	239	26	31	142	.....	.....	.....	38	00		
8 A. W. Bairs	12	532	39	11	255	48	.....	.....	13	59		
9 J. H. Robbins	26	2390	100	94	270	.....	.....	.....	475	85		
10 J. Meadows	16	608	40	21	125	.....	.....	.....	14	62		
11 Z. C. Vickery	64	322	27	8	88	.....	.....	.....	28	85		
12 M. Normonday	52	3325	104	38	468	1382			1	13		
13 M. Ross	11	200	44	7	190				15	00		
14 W. E. Hall	2	186	9	2	24				14	03		
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CHURCHES AIDED BY SUBSIDIES.

PASTORS.	CHURCHES.	Weeks.	Miles.	Sermons.	Other Meetings.	Visits.	Tracts.	Baptisms.	Subsidy to May 31.	S. Schools organized.	Churches organized.	Remarks.
1 T. A. Higgins	Annapolis.	52	141	158	578	170			\$150 98	00		
2 W. B. Bradshaw	Argyle and Pubnico.	27	135	43	460				57 00			
3 L. W. Wells	Kempt, Graywood, etc.	40	103	46	480				57 00			
4 D. W. Coad	River John, etc.	47	500	193	132	2000	28		100 00			
5 D. W. Coad	Shelburne and Jordan River	39	111	130	570	50			150 00			
6 W. McGregor	Montague, P. E. I.	13	43	37	215	1000	9		50 00			
7 E. N. Archibald	Lower Sable River.	33	100	41	210	1000	1		100 00			
8 D. H. Simpson	Alberton and vicinity, P. E. I.	52	1350	300	50	300			50 00			Returs incomplete.
9 E. B. Corry	Amherst Shore and vicinity.	33	79	152	879	450	5		223 00			
10 D. Freeman	New Glasgow	11	385	20	32	152	8		50 00			
11 T. Trotter	Shelburne.	39	80	78	145				80 00			Statistics embodied in Mission Report.
12 H. Foshay	Montague, P. E. I.	34	42	94	130	271	650	4	30 00			
13 F. A. Kidson	Dundas and vicinity.	35							30 00			
14 A. W. Bars	Guysboro' and Manchester.	39	42	9	75				60 00			
15 G. F. Miles	Acadia, N. B.	26	107	80	498	21			50 00			
16 J. F. Kempton	St. John's	9	200	38	14	45			53 33			
17 P. R. Foster	Barrington	12	57	41	108				33 00			1st quarter not expired.
18 W. H. Richan	Dartmouth	9										"
19 J. Clark												"
20 E. J. Grant	Dalhousie East.	576	2440	1546	1186	5731	5630	101	\$1516 71			

From the statistical tables it will be seen that 14 missionaries have been employed by your Board at a cost of \$3,120.00, of which \$984.40 was collected on the fields. These missionaries spent 283½ weeks in regular service; travelled 1,271½ miles, preached 734 sermons; attended 341 other meetings, made 2,532 family visits, distributed 1867 tracts and baptized 85 converts. Subsidies, amounting to \$1588.71, have been granted in aid of 20 pastors, who have spent 576 weeks on their respective fields, travelled 2,440 miles, preached 1,546 sermons, attended 1,186 other meetings, made 5731 family visits, distributed 5,630 tracts, baptized 101 persons, and organized two Sunday Schools and one church.

With so many unmistakable evidences that the efforts of our Home Missionary Union have been greatly blessed and prospered in the past, there can be no reasonable doubt as to the future success of this important enterprise. Your Board sincerely hope that the measures already initiated with a view to more perfect combination in our denominational work, by allying Home and Foreign Missions with Education in connection with our General Convention, may be speedily carried into practical effect. "What God hath joined together let not man put asunder."

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Executive Board,

W. H. WARREN,

Corresponding Secretary.

June 13th, 1878.

LIABILITIES.

Rev. D. W. Crandall*	\$ 25 00
W. B. Bradshaw*	52 38
G. F. Miles*	25 00
E. N. Archibald*	30 00
J. Goodwin*	85 00
A. W. Barse	76 87
D. Freeman	148 00
J. F. Kempton*	50 00
M. Normonday*	204 40
J. Meadows	68 38
M. Ross	50 00
E. B. Corey*	50 00

Total.....\$864 03

*Paid since the end of the financial year.

ASSETS.

Due for Books	\$ 53 68
Books on hand	200 00
Good subscriptions	50 00
French Mission premises at Tusket and Saulnierville	

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		Paid Rev. T. A. Higgins, Annapolis.....	\$200 00	
June	1.	Rev. D. Freeman, New Glasgow.....	200 00	
July	1.	Rev. E. T. Carbonell, Margaree.....	57 50	
		Rev. E. B. Corey, Cumberland.....	125 00	
		Post Office Orders, Postage, &c.....	1 46	
	9.	Rev. W. H. Warren, for telegram, stationery, &c.....	4 53	
		" " expenses to H. M. Union	20 00	
		" "	60 00	
	16.	Dr. W. C. Randall, Recording Secretary	3 77	
	17.	Stationery, postage, &c., Cape Breton.....	138 00	
	27.	Rev. W. C. Rideout, on Mission, West Bay.....	121 80	
Aug.	1.	" "	30 00	
	14.	Rev. W. P. Anderson on Mission.....	41 64	
	15.	Rev. Thos. Trotter, Shell urne, \$41.20 20--Postage, &c., \$0.35....	65 00	
		" "	50 25	
Sept.	3.	Rev. E. T. Carbonell, River John Mission, \$60.00. Telegram, \$0.25..	25 97	
Oct.	1.	Rev. W. C. Craigie, Maitland, Hants.....	25 00	
		Rev. D. W. Crandall, River John, &c.....	25 00	
		Rev. L. M. Weeks, Kempt, Queens.....	34 00	
		Rev. C. H. Martel, New Glasgow.....	25 00	
		Rev. W. B. Bradshaw, Argyle.....	10 37	
		Cor. Secretary's bill, post office orders, stationery, &c.....	80 86	
Nov.	5.	Mrs. C. I. Graves on late husband's account.....	2 00	
		For Map of Nova Scotia.....	215 08	
		Rev. J. H. Robbins, General Agent, salary.....	12 50	
Dec.	3.	Acanian Mines Mission, (subsidiy).....	83 23	
		Rev. W. C. Rideout, Mission West Bay.....	25 00	
1878,				
Jan.	7.	Rev. L. M. Weeks, on Mission.....	185 17	
		Rev. J. H. Robbins, General Agent, salary.....	33 19	
		Rev. W. C. Rideout, C. B.....	49 15	
		Rev. J. H. Robbins, General Agent, salary.....	6 00	
		" " telegram expenses.....	10 00	
		Rev. E. N. Archibald, Sable River.....	25 00	
		Rev. Joshua Goodwin, Shelburne.....	50 00	
		Rev. David Freeman, New Glasgow.....	25 00	
		Rev. D. W. Crandall, River John.....	35 54	
		Rev. A. W. Barsse on Mission, New Harbour.....	40 00	
		Rev. W. B. Bradshaw, Argyle.....	9 85	
		Cor. Secretary's bill, P. O. Order, stationery and postage.....	54 45	
		S. Selden's bill for printing.....	36 28	
Feb.	4.	Rev. E. H. Sweet on Mission P. E. Island.....	65 00	
March	4.	Rev. W. C. Rideout, Mission West Bay.....	40 00	
		Rev. L. C. Vickery, Forest Glen, Yarmouth.....	33 33	
		Rev. Joshua Goodwin, Shelburne.....	5 85	
		Rev. P. R. Foster, Riverdale, Yarmouth Co.....	38 85	
April	1.	Cor. Secretary's bill, P. O. Orders, postage, stationery, &c.....	25 00	
May	6.	L. C. Vickery, Mission, Forest Glen, Yarmouth.....	14 62	
		Rev. D. W. Crandall, River John, &c.....	63 41	
		Rev. James Meadows, Jeddoe and vicinity.....	30 00	
		Rev. W. B. Bradshaw, Argyle.....	13 59	
	23.	Rev. David Freeman, New Glasgow.....	25 00	
		Rev. A. W. Barsse, collected on the field, New Harbour.....	25 00	
	25.	Rev. James Meadows, Mission, Jeddoe.....	25 00	
		Rev. A. W. Barsse, New Harbour.....	25 00	
		Rev. P. R. Foster, Riverdale, Yarmouth.....	15 00	
		Rev. M. Ross, West Bay, C. B., collection.....	2 42	
		Duty and freight on books.....	77 70	
		G. H. Springer for books, \$70.00. Duty and freight, \$7.70.....	4 39	
		Books, \$3.60. Expenses on do., \$0.70.....	3 01	
		Postage expenses, etc., \$1.18. Duty and freight, \$1.83.....	87 56	
		G. H. Springer, for books, \$67.12. Drift, \$0.41.....	86 47	
		Fright, postage, etc., \$0.39. G. H. Springer for books, \$86.08.....	6 26	
		Duty, postage, and expenses.....	64 05	
		G. H. Springer for books, \$60.00. Duty, freight and expenses, \$4.05.....	23 56	
		Books, \$16.11. Freight, etc., \$7.45.....	38 00	
		Rev. C. H. Martel, Mission, New Glasgow.....	17 03	
		Rev. W. C. Craigie on Missions, Maitland, Hants.....	67 72	
		E. H. Sweet, on Mission, Cape Wolf, P. E. I.....	2 75	
		Postage, stationery, etc.....	53 68	
		Rev. W. C. Rideout, West Bay, C. B.....	190 00	
		Rev. T. A. Higgins, Annapolis.....	33 00	
		Rev. W. H. Richan, Barrington.....	91 00	
		Paid for books and freight.....		

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PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND DEPARTMENT.

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May 31.	Rev. D. H. Simpson.....	\$ 87 50
	Rev. H. Foshay.....	100 00
	Rev. F. A. Kidson.....	135 00
	Rev. J. C. Spurr.....	96 00
	Rev. J. B. Woodland.....	234 73
	Rev. D. H. Simpson.....	12 50
	Rev. F. A. Kidson.....	60 00
	Rev. J. B. Woodland, Cavendish.....	100 00
	Printing Island Minutes.....	17 00

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Balance in hand..... 149 83

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June 1.	By balance on hand.....	\$ 64 51
18.	Western Association, per Rev. W. H. Warren.....	408 37
July 2.	Central Association, per Rev. M. Normandy.....	390 30
9.	S. Freeman, Esq., balance Eastern Association.....	1 30
19.	J. H. Haley, Temple Church, Yarmouth.....	8 00
25.	New Tusket Church, per J. J. Howland.....	4 82
26.	Port Hawkesbury Church, per Rev. E. J. Grant.....	4 00
29.	Eastern Association, per R. Fulton, Esq.....	294 37
Aug. 1.	Sydney Church, C. B., per Rev. W. B. Boggs.....	5 00
4.	North Sydney Church, per Rev. Dr. McDonald.....	17 00
	Rev. W. C. Rideout, collection Homeville and Cape Breton.....	121 89
	F. C. Kinney, Temple Church, Yarmouth.....	1 00
	Mrs. Melvin Perry, Temple Church, Yarmouth.....	1 00
10.	A. C. Robbins, Esq., 1st Yarmouth Church.....	100 00
Sept. 3.	Kentville Baptist Church, per G. E. Masters, Esq.....	11 50
Oct. 1.	Rev. A. J. Stevens, Newton Centre.....	1 00
Nov. 5.	Wm. Weddleton, 1st Yarmouth Church.....	6 00
	New Ross Sabbath School, Lunenburg County.....	2 00
	Rev. J. H. Robbins, General Agent, collection.....	25 00
	Guyssboro' Church, per Mrs. C. I. Graves.....	20 00
	Rev. J. H. Robbins, General Agent, collection.....	215 08
	Dalhousie East Church, per Wm. E. Hall.....	5 41
	C. E. Freeman, Amherst, Cumberland.....	5 00
	Port Williams Sunday School, Kings Co.....	10 00
	Mrs. A. Robbins, Arcadia, Yarmouth.....	1 00
	Rev. J. H. Robbins, General Agent, collection.....	50 00
Dec. 1.	Rev. J. D. Skinner, Newton Centre.....	1 00
3.	Rev. W. C. Rideout, collection, Homeville, C. B.....	83 23
17.	Wm. Weddleton, 1st Yarmouth Church.....	4 00
	Baptist Church, Falmouth, per A. Shaw, Esq.....	16 22
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Jan. 2.	Wm. C. Bill, Esq., Cornwallis.....	5 00
	Baptist Church, Antigonish, per T. M. King, Esq.....	12 00
3.	Mrs. J. W. Lovett, Temple Church, Yarmouth.....	30 00
	Collection, 1st Yarmouth Church.....	9 42
	Balance from Central Association, per W. Morton, Esq.....	78 00
	A. S. Murray, Esq., Temple Church, Yarmouth.....	10 00
	Collection, Temple Church, Yarmouth.....	2 65
	Baptist Church, Hebron, Yarmouth.....	25 00
	Collection, 1st Yarmouth Church.....	6 00
	Donation from Rev. L. M. Weeks.....	25 00
	Rev. J. H. Robbins, General Agent, collection.....	185 17
7.	Rev. W. C. Rideout, collection, Homeville, C. B.....	8 19
	Baptist Church, St. Ann's, C. B.....	3 00
	Per S. Selden—Mrs. Noonan, \$1 00. Mrs. Dart, \$1 25.....	2 25
	“ Mrs. Chandler, 1 00. Mr. Frizale, 8 00. Mr. C. Eaton, 4 00.....	13 00
	Baptist Church, Jeddore, per S. Selden.....	5 50
17.	Ephraim Brymer, Mount Uniacke.....	5 00
18.	Baptist Church, Liverpool.....	12 40
23.	Collection, New Canada, Lunenburg Co.....	1 00
	H. Maider, Lunenburg.....	1 00
28.	A friend, Yarmouth.....	1 00
Feb. 2.	J. W. Barrs, Esq., Wolfville.....	25 00
8.	Baptist Church, Chester, per Rev. I. J. Skinner.....	10 00
	Sabbath School, Wolfville, per James McDonald.....	30 00
11.	Joseph O. Haley, Temple Church, Yarmouth.....	5 00
	Wm. Weddleton, 1st Yarmouth Church.....	3 00
14.	Rev. J. H. Robbins, General Agent, collection.....	10 00
15.	Christopher Jost, Guysboro'.....	20 00
	Mrs. Joseph Shaw, Milton, Yarmouth.....	5 00
19.	C. W. Sanders, 1st Yarmouth Church.....	1 00
21.	Miss Fannie Gardner, Barrington.....	1 00
27.	Mrs. A. Potter, Temple Church, Yarmouth.....	1 00
March 4.	Miss H. McGill.....	0 50

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		Lockeport Church, per Rev. E. Whitman.....	70 00
		P. D. Kinney, Esq., 1st Yarmouth Church.....	1 00
		Mrs. Jos. Hutchinson, ".....	1 00
April	4.	Baptist Church, Shelburne, per Rev. J. Goodwin.....	4 00
	5.	Mrs. J. K. Ryerson, 1st Yarmouth Church.....	20 00
	10.	1st Cornwallis Church, per Rev. S. B. Kempton.....	8 25
		Arcadia Baptist Church, Yarmouth.....	5 30
	15.	Baptist Church West Sherbrooke, Thos. A. Wilson.....	8 62
	24.	Wm. Weddleton, 1st Yarmouth Church.....	5 00
		Mrs. George Sanderson, 1st Yarmouth Church.....	1 00
May	6.	Mrs. John Churchill, ".....	1 00
		Miss Bessie Robbins, Yarmouth.....	1 00
		Baptist Church, River John, collection.....	15 00
		Miss Bessie Robbins, Salem, Yarmouth.....	1 00
		Baptist Church, Forest Glen, Yarmouth Co.....	25 00
		Rev. L. C. Vickery, donation.....	3 85
		Mrs. Hannah Crosby, Yarmouth.....	1 00
	11.	Baptist Church, Weymouth, per Rev. J. W. Bancroft.....	8 75
		Collection, Jeddore and vicinity, per Rev. J. Meadows.....	14 62
		Miss Maggie Haley, Salem, Yarmouth.....	1 00
	14.	Mrs. M. O. Sterritt, 1st Yarmouth Church.....	5 00
		Collection, Baptist Church, Pubnico, per J. F. Larkin.....	3 43
	16.	A. Killam, 1st Yarmouth Church.....	2 00
		Mrs. S. A. Smith, Yarmouth.....	1 00
		Robert Frizzle, Esq., Mabou, C. B.....	20 00
		Collection, Pubnico Church, per W. B. Bradshaw.....	13 41
		Collection, New Harbour, per Rev. A. W. Bares.....	13 50
	23.	Mrs. Powell, 1st Yarmouth Church.....	2 00
		Miss Patch, ".....	1 00
		Estate of Deacon Samuel Brown.....	12 00
		W. H. Gridley, Esq., 1st Yarmouth Church.....	20 00
		Collection, Riverdale, Yarmouth Co., per Rev. P. R. Foster.....	13 00
		Rev. P. R. Foster, donation.....	5 00
		Miss Page, Temple Church, Yarmouth.....	4 00
		Collection, West Bay, C. B., per Rev. M. Ross.....	15 00
		Baptist Church, Windsor, per E. D. Shand, Esq.....	40 00
		J. A. Richardson, Yarmouth.....	1 00
		J. H. Hurlburt, Temple Church, Yarmouth.....	1 00
		Mrs. J. H. Eldrige, 1st Yarmouth.....	1 00
		Hiram Goudy, Temple Church, Yarmouth.....	2 00
		Mrs. Hannah Wyman, 1st Church, Yarmouth.....	2 00
		Balance on books, \$0.51. Books sold, \$38.00.....	38 51
		Books sold, \$31.54, \$0.60, \$13.24.....	45 38
		Cash received for books, \$2.18. do. from Temple Ch., \$15.00.....	17 18
		Rufus A. Newcomb, Sabbath School books.....	8 00
		Rev. W. H. Richan, ".....	14 89
		Tracts sold, \$1.77. Clementsvale Sabbath School, \$20.00.....	21 77
		Bear River Sabbath School, \$60.00, \$17.00, \$4.37.....	81 37
		Arcadia Sabbath School for tracts.....	2 00
		Rev. J. Brown, \$1.00. Do. 1.03.....	2 03
		Thomas Annis, Brooklyn, Queens Co.....	7 00
		Tusket Sabbath School, Yarmouth Co.....	17 06
		Hebron ".....	18 09
		Saint Mary's ".....	11 00
		Beaver River " books and tracts.....	13 34
		Deerfield " Yarmouth Co. \$5.40. Temple, Yar., \$50.00.....	55 40
		Collection, New Glasgow, per Rev. C. H. Martell.....	38 00
		" Maitland, Hants, per Rev. W. C. Craigie.....	17 03
		" E. H. Sweet, Cape Wolf, P. E. I.....	67 72
		PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND DEPARTMENT.	
	31.	Collection, Cavendish, per Rev. J. B. Woodland.....	184 73
		" per Rev. J. C. Sparr.....	68 39
		" Dundas, per Rev. J. A. Kidson.....	35 00
		" Clyde River Church.....	5 00
		" Charlottetown.....	3 70
		George Davis, Esq., donation.....	200 00
		Mite Missionary Collection, Charlottetown Church.....	2 98
		Collection, Summerside Church.....	10 00
		J. S. McDonald, Esq., donation.....	2 00
		Cavendish Association.....	170 40
		Balance in Island Treasury, July 1877.....	184 49
		Wolfrille Baptist Church, per J. S. McDonald.....	30 00
		Hebron Church, Yarmouth, per Rev. A. Cohoon.....	30 00
		A. C. Robbins, Esq., 1st Yarmouth Church.....	150 00
		Sale of books, ".....	90 00

Examined and found correct,

JOSHUA HUESTIS, } Auditors.
P. D. KINNEY, }

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To amounts paid on account of different objects :

N. S. Branch of Home Mission "work".....	\$3013 04
P. E. I. ".....	842 73
French Mission department.....	707 43
Book department.....	445 42

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By amounts received from same sources in aid of said objects:

N. S. Branch Home Mission work.....	\$341 30
P. E. I. ".....	866 09
French Mission department.....	601 84
Book department.....	443 02

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Some fifty or sixty dollars for books sold is still uncollected and not credited to this account.

J. C. ANDERSON, Treasurer.

Acadian French Mission in account with **J. C. Anderson, Treasurer**

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June 1.	To balance due	\$ 56 36
July 2.	Paid Rev. M. Normondy	89 75
3.	" "	188
Aug. 6.	" " \$8.00, \$41.40	50 00
Sept. 4.	" "	10 00
	" repairs on Mission House	20 00
Nov. 5.	Rev. M. Normondy, \$50.00, \$1.40	51 40
1878.	"	
Jan. 14.	" "	5 00
Feb. 4.	" "	30 00
	" "	7 50
May	" "	19 34
	collected on Agency	179 12
	Balance due Treasurer	\$707 43
		105 00

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June 15.		By cash from Western Association	\$104 55
July 2.	"	" Conts. "	61 10
"	"	" Mrs. Welton, \$4.00. Nictaux Church, \$20.15.	24 15
"	"	" 1st Ragged Island Church	3 00
"	"	" Irene Kendrick, Barrington	1 00
"	"	" A friend, per Rev. I. Wallace	0 50
" 9.	"	" balance Western Association, per S. Freeman, Esq	2 00
" 27.	"	" Eastern Association, per R. C. Fulton, Esq.	40 40
Aug. 8.	"	" Bedeque Church, P. E. I.	5 00
"	"	" French Mission Church, per Rev. M. Normandy.	3 60
" 10.	"	" Wm. Phalen, South Rawdon	1 00
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Jan. 7.	"	" Hebron Baptist Church, per Rev. A. Cohoon.	4 00
" 14.	"	" Miss McNell, Halifax, per S. Selden	2 43
" 23.	"	" Mrs. Wm. Crocker, Aylesford.	1 05
"	"	" French Mission Church, per Rev. M. Normandy.	1 40
Feb. 4.	"	" Wm. C. Bill, Esq., Cornwallis	5 00
"	"	" Hebron Baptist Church, per Rev. A. Cohoon	2 00
"	"	" Baptist Church, Deerfield, Yarmouth Co	2 13
" 15.	"	" Christopher Jost, Esq., Guysboro	6 00
"	"	" Mrs. Joseph Shaw, Yarmouth.	30 00
"	"	" Good Will	5 00
"	"	" J. Blackadar, Digby Co	7 50
"	"	" Collection, per Rev. M. Normandy.	19 34
May	"	" " on Agency.	170 12
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N. S. Baptist Home Missionary Union.

1.—The consolidation of our Home Missionary organizations, both English and French, would, in the estimation of this Convention, tend to the more rapid advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom in this Province;—the French Mission to be considered a separate Department, and all gifts, bequests, &c., made to the French Mission to go to that Department.

2.—This Convention shall be called the Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union.

3.—The object of this Union shall be to promote the spread of the gospel throughout the Provinces of Nova Scotia, P. E. Island, and the Island of Newfoundland, the fostering of feeble churches, the planting of new ones, and the dissemination of denominational literature.

4.—This Union shall be composed of ordained Baptist ministers in good standing with their respective churches in the Province, and delegates appointed by the churches, each church in good standing with its respective Association sending not more than three delegates; together with the President of Acadia College, the Principal of the Theological Institute, and the Principal of Horton Academy, the same being members of Baptist Churches in good standing.

5.—The officers of the Union shall be a President, who shall be elected annually by ballot; four Vice-Presidents, one from each Association, two Secretaries, and an Auditor, all of whom shall be appointed by open vote.

6.—The Union shall annually appoint and locate an Executive Board of thirteen suitable men, seven of whom shall form a quorum; and every Baptist pastor in the Province shall have the privilege of meeting with the Board, and taking part in its deliberations, but not voting; the officers of the Society named above to be ex-officio members of the Board.

7.—The duty of this Board shall be to conduct the Missionary work of the Union, and report yearly to the same, or oftener if required.

8.—There shall be an Annual Meeting of the Union, held in each of the Nova Scotia Baptist Associations in turn, to assemble the day previous to the meeting of the Association with which it is held, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

9.—This Union shall appoint annually a Board of Directors to consist of eight from each Association composing the Union, whose duty it shall be to give advice to the Executive Board in cases of emergency, and by the written requisition of eight or more of whom, the President shall call a special meeting of the Union.

10.—No alteration of this Constitution shall be made unless by a two-third affirmative vote of the members present at an annual meeting.

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