

MINUTES
OF THE
TWELFTH SESSION
OF THE
Eastern Baptist Association
OF
NOVA SCOTIA.

HELD AT GREAT VILLAGE, LONDONDERRY,
Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday, July 5, 7, & 8, 1862.

TOGETHER WITH
THE CIRCULAR LETTER, &c.

ALSO,
THE MINUTES OF SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION, AND
ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE NOVA SCOTIA BAPTIST
EDUCATION SOCIETY, AND

N. S. BAPTIST HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

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MINUTES OF THE EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

GREAT VILLAGE, LONDONDERRY,
July 5th, 1862.

The Association met, in the Presbyterian Meeting House (kindly lent for the occasion) at 2 o'clock, P. M., pursuant to adjournment. Rev. Jas. E. Balcom, the Moderator, called the meeting to order. After singing, and prayer by Rev. B. Scott, the Delegates present elected the following officers:—

Rev. D. W. C. Dimock, Moderator; Rev. A. F. Porter, Secretary; T. H. Rand, Assistant Secretary.

Revs. Wm. Burton, B. Scott, and E. F. Foshay were appointed a Committee to examine, and Rev. T. H. Porter Senr. and Bro. S. Selden a committee to read the Letters. The letters were then read, from which the following list of Delegates was taken:—

LIST OF DELEGATES.

Great Village:—Rev. Jas. E. Balcom, Deacons E. Layton, Jas. Gourley, Brethren H. C. Upham, R. Peppard, A. Thompson.
Amherst:—Rev. G. F. Miles, Brethren S. Blenkhorn, Cyrus Black, Thos. Logan, J. M. Logan, B. Douglas.
New Harbor:—Rev. A. F. Porter.
Coddle Harbor:—Rev. A. F. Porter.
Goshen:—Rev. M. A. Bigelow.
Upper Londonderry:—Rev. S. Thompson, Brethren J. Carter, W. McCully, Edw. Higgins.
Onslow:—Rev. B. Scott, Dea. Thos. Soley, Brethren John King, Dan. Blair, Wilson Lynds, Jas. Morrison.
West and Dog Rivers, P. E. I.:—Rev. J. Davis.
Goose River:—Rev. E. F. Foshay.

Wallace River :—Rev. E. F. Foshay, Brethren Jas. Fountain, Sam. Angwin.

Truro :—Rev. D. W. C. Dimock, Brethren Wm. Faulkner, F. Layton, T. H. Rand, A. J. Walker, C. H. Blair.

Upper Stewiacke :—Brethren Chas. Cox Senr., J. Layton, Eliakim Bentley, C. L. Cox, W. F. Cox.

Lower Stewiacke :—Rev. T. H. Porter Jr., Dea. E. C. Banks, Jas. W. Stevens.

Cape Canso :—Rev. T. H. Porter Senr.

Portaupique :—Rev. Jas. Reid, Deacons T. Fulton, Geo. Davidson, Brethren Archibald Davidson, Levi Carr.

Maccan :—Rev. D. McKeen, Deacon W. Blenkhorn, Brethren J. M. Atkinson, Hance Mills, Geo. Christie.

Guyssboro :—Rev. A. F. Porter, Brethren Hull Senr., Chas. Boles.

Parrsboro Village :—Rev. D. McKeen, Brethren Sam. Spencer, T. W. DeWolfe, T. B. Layton, Chas. Snell.

Indian Harbor :—Rev. H. Eagles.

Isaac's Harbor :—Rev. H. Eagles.

Pugwash :—Rev. E. F. Foshay, Bro. W. H. Seaman.

St. Mary's 1st :—Rev. H. Eagles.

Charlottetown, P. E. I.—Rev. J. Davis.

Greenville :—Brethren J. Ralston, N. Webb.

Five Islands :—H. Corbett.

St. Mary's 2nd.—Rev. H. Eagles.

North River, P. E. I.—Rev. J. Davis.

Grand River, P. E. I.—Rev. J. Davis.

Central Association :—Revds. S. W. DeBlois, T. A. Higgins, I. J. Skinner, D. M. Welton, Bro. S. Selden, Rev. R. Philp.

Resolved,—That all Ministering brethren present be invited to sit in Council.

Names reported Revds. L. H. Marshall, Hillsborough, N. B. — Corey, Wm. Burton. Licentiates, M. P. Freeman, Wm. Hall, Wm. Boggs, Alfred Chipman.

Resolved,—That Brethren Prof. DeMill, Wm. Cummings, E. Reid, be invited to a seat with the Delegates.

Revs. T. H. Porter Jr., Edw. Balcom, and Brethren Cyrus Black, and Wm. Faulkner, were appointed a Committee of Nomination.

Revds. J. E. Balcom, Davis, Brethren King, and Reid were appointed a Committee of Arrangements.

Letters from churches at New Harbor, Sand Point, Goshen, West and Dog Rivers, P. E. I., Grand River, P. E. I., asking admission into this Association, being reported by the Examining Committee, it was ordered that they be read. The

statements of their Delegates being deemed satisfactory, they were accordingly admitted into the Association, and the Delegates received from the Moderator the right hand of fellowship.

The Nominating Committee reported the following list of Committees—which was adopted :—

ON CIRCULAR LETTER :—

Revs. T. A. Higgins, A. M., Levi Marshall, and T. H. Porter, Senr.

ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE :—

Rev. J. Reid, Brethren E. C. Banks, J. Carter, Levi Carr.

ON SABBATH SCHOOLS :—

Brethren S. Selden, J. King, J. W. Stevens, W. F. Cox, J. Layton, D. Blair, J. Layton, M. Bigelow, N. Webb, W. Cummings.

ON TEMPERANCE :—

Revds. E. F. Foshay, W. Burton, H. Eagles, Brethren — Corey, E. Bentley, C. Black, A. F. Blenkhorn, A. J. Walker W. Lynds.

ON THE CHRISTIAN MESSENGER :—

Revds. J. E. Balcom, J. Reid, Brethren C. Black, J. Layton, W. McCully, A. Thompson.

ON HOME MISSIONS :—

Revds. J. Davis, A. Thompson, Wm. Dobson, Brethren H. Mills, B. Douglas, T. Soley, J. Stevens, M. Atkinson.

ON FOREIGN MISSIONS :—

Revds. D. W. C. Dimock, D. McKeen, Brethren T. Layton, E. Higgins, Wm. Faulkner, Geo. Davidson.

ON QUESTIONS IN LETTERS :—

Revds. B. Scott, J. Reid, T. H. Porter Jr., Brethren A. Davidson, T. W. DeWolte, Professor Jas. DeMill.

ON EDUCATION :—

Revds. D. M. Welton, S. W. DeBlois, Brethren Prof. DeMill, M. P. Freeman, W. Hall, Wm. Boggs Jr.

ON UNION SOCIETIES :—

Brethren Alf. Chipman, — Corey, Rev. S. Spencer, Brethren A. Hamilton, Jas. Morrison, R. Peppard, S. Angwin, J. Hall.

After prayer, adjourned until Monday, at 10 o'clock.

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	Increase		Decrease		Total.
	Baptized	Restored. By Letter.	Dismissed.	Died. Excluded	
Amherst,	1	6	..	2	221
Bedeque, P. E. I.,	3	2	..	2	103
†Brookfield,	..	..	..	..	38
Cape Canseau,	3	2	..	2	91
Coddle Harbor,	..	..	..	..	19
Charlotte Town,	..	..	..	2	40
Crow Harbor,	..	..	..	..	33
Diligent River,	..	..	..	..	23
East Point, P. E. I.,	..	..	..	1	73
Five Islands,	..	..	3	1	30
Greenville,	..	3	..	13	83
Goose River,	6	2	1	2	44
†Goshen,	..	..	..	..	33
Great Village,	3	1	..	1	57
†Grand River, P. E. I.,	..	..	..	..	20
Grand Mira, P. E. I.,	..	..	..	..	21
Guysboro and Manchester,	20	2	6	1	151
Isaac's Harbor,	1	..	..	..	66
Indian Harbor,	..	..	..	2	75
Lower Stewiacke,	10	7	39	1	74
Maccan,	2	..	..	2	112
Mira, C. B.,	..	..	..	3	134
†New Harbor,	..	..	..	..	24
North River, P. E. I.,	..	..	..	..	39
North Sydney, C. B.,	..	..	..	..	163
Onslow,	2	1	1	3	125
Parrsboro,	..	..	..	..	35
Parrsboro Village,	21	3	..	1	47
Portaupique,	..	..	..	1	113
Pugwash,	..	..	8	3	117
†Sand Point,	..	..	..	..	23
St. Mary's 1st,	..	1	..	..	32
Sydney, C. B.,	..	..	..	..	30
St. Mary's 2nd,	..	..	..	..	30
St. Peter's Road, P. E. I.,	..	..	..	..	77
Tru o,	3	5	..	5	97
Upper Londonderry,	5	1	..	2	87
Upper Stewiacke,	1	1	..	3	40
Wallace River,	..	..	..	1	82
West and Dog Rivers, P. E. I.,	..	..	..	..	52
†New Churches.	81	37	2	69	30
Total in Churches sending no letter,	..	..	..	..	645
	..	..	..	..	3399

The following churches sent no Letter to the Association, the number of members appended are those given last year:—Advocate Harbor, 31; Amherst Shore, 45; Antigonish, 27; Earitown, 34; Lakeland, 20; Little River, 51; Lot 49, P. E. I., 15; Margaree, C. B., 57; Mabou, C. B., 18; Merrigomish, 16; River Philip, 10; River John, 14; Schooner Pond, 10; Strait of Canso, 9; Salmon River, C. B., 19; Tracadie, 69; Tatamagouche, 30; Three Rivers, P. E. I., 29; Tryon, P. E. I., 42; Westchester, 15; Wentworth, 53; Glenville, 31. Total, 645.

On Lord's day there was preaching in the Presbyterian Chapel at 11 o'clock, by Rev. B. Scott; at 3 o'clock, P. M., by Rev. Wm. Burton; at 7 P. M., by Rev. S. W. DeBlois. In the Baptist Chapel, Great Village, at 3 P. M., by Rev. Levi H. Marshall; at Portauisque at 11 o'clock A. M., by Rev. J. Davis; at 3 P. M., by Rev. H. Eagles; at Greenville, at 11 A. M., by M. P. Freeman; at 3 P. M. by Wm. Hall.

Monday, July 7.

Met by appointment, at 10 A. M. Rev. J. Davis preached the Introductory Sermon. From Gal. ii. 19, 20.

A collection was then taken in aid of Home Missions, as also at the several preaching stations on the Lord's day.

The Letters from Five Islands and Brookfield were then read.

Report of Special Committee adopted. (Appendix A.)

Resolved,—That the Brookfield (New Church) be received into the Association.

The hand of fellowship was extended to one of the delegates by the Moderator.

Committee on Circular Letter recommended that it be read.

Report of Committee on S. Schools read and adopted.—(Appendix B.)

Brethren John King, A. S. Blenkhorn, Wm. Cummings, J. Layton, and B. Douglas, were appointed Delegates to the Convention at Moncton N. B.

Rev. B. Scott was chosen Delegate to the Central Association next year. Also all ministering Brethren attending the Central, Western or N. B. Associations be considered Delegates.

After prayer by Rev. E. F. Foshay, adjourned at half-past 12 to meet again at 2 P. M.

Afternoon Session.

Met at 2 P. M.

Prayer by the Moderator.

Moved, That Bro. Selden be requested to print 700 copies of the Minutes, for which he shall receive \$42.

Also, That \$8 be appropriated to prepay the postage on the Minutes, and that Bro. Selden give the Association an account of the appropriations for this purpose next year.

Moved, That Revds. G. F. Miles, E. F. Foshay, J. E. Balcom, Wm. Dobson, and Bro. Black be a Committee to advise where the Association shall be held next year.

Resolved, That Rev. J. E. Balcom preach the Association Sermon next year, and Rev. D. McKeen be his alternate.

Resolved, That Rev. G. F. Miles write the next year's Circular Letter.

The Circular Letter was read, adopted, and ordered to be inserted in the Minutes.

Bro. Rob. L. Wetherbe was invited to take a seat with us.

Report of Committee on Education was presented through Prof. Jas. DeMill. Animated Speeches were made by Prof. Jas. DeMill, Rev. J. Davis, Brethren Jas. Fountain, A. S. Blenkhorn, J. King, Rev. S. W. DeBlois, S. Selden, Revds. G. F. Miles, D. McKeen, T. Higgins, and Wm. Burton.

Report adopted. (See Appendix C.)

Resolved, That this Association meet next year with the Church at Bedeque, P. E. I.

After prayer by Rev. H. Eagles, adjourned at half-past 5, to meet again at 7 P. M.

Monday Evening Session.

Met at 7 P. M.

Prayer by Rev. B. Scott.

The subject of Education was further considered.

Resolved, That we postpone the Missionary meeting until to-morrow, to allow the Rev. Dr. Forrester time to address the Association on the subject of Education.

Resolved, That the Association meet on Tuesday at 9 A. M.—Sabbath School Convention at 10 A. M., and Home Missionary Society at 11.

After Introductory remarks by the Moderator.

Rev. Dr. Forrester addressed the Association upon the Common School Education of this Province, occupying about an hour and half, and was listened to with the deepest attention.

Remarks were made by Bro. R. L. Wetherbe. A vote of thanks was given to the learned Doctor for his able and very interesting address.

After prayer by Rev. J. Davis adjourned to meet on Tuesday 8th, at 9 A. M.

Met at 9 A. M.

Tuesday, July 8.

Prayer by Rev. I. J. Skinner.

Resolved, That the column of "Removed" in Statistics of the Churches be struck out.

Voted, That Bro. R. L. Weatherbe be allowed thirty Minutes to advocate the cause of the Associated Alumni.

Resolution in behalf of the Associated Alumni adopted.—
(Appendix D.)

The Association then suspended its sitting, that the Sabbath School Convention might be held.

SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The President, Bro. Selden, in the chair. Bro. T. H. Rand read several interesting letters from several of the Sabbath Schools in various parts of the Province.

Encouraging statistics were presented, showing that there is a fair amount of interest in these institutions.

Rev. W. Burton gave a pleasing account of the Sabbath Schools of Yarmouth County.

Rev. G. E. Miles then addressed the Convention, and in an animated speech enforced the importance of the Superintendants and Teachers taking a deeper interest in the work, and relieving the Ministers. He showed the necessity of having pious Teachers; that they be punctual in attendance, and that all the religious community take an interest in the work.

Rev. D. McKeen related some thrilling incidents that had come under his own observation showing the happy results of Sabbath School instruction.

Rev. M. A. Bigelow also addressed the meeting in a touching manner.

Rev. E. F. Foshay showed the necessity of having a good library.

The President on behalf of the Convention thanked the brethren and friends for the attention they had given to the subject and declared the Convention adjourned.

A meeting of the Home Missionary Society was then held. The Report was read, and after speeches by Bro. S. Selden, who read the Annual Report, Revds. Jas. Reid, J. Davis, H.

Eagles, W. Corey, B. Scott, G. F. Miles, A. F. Porter, D. W. C. Dimock, and M. A. Bigelow. Adopted.

The Association resumed its sitting. Bro. J. King gave account of monies placed in his hands in behalf of building a Meeting house in Pictou. Has in his possession the sum of £36 5s. 9d.

Resolved, That Bro. J. King be treasurer of the funds to be paid in for this purpose.

Rev. J. E. Balcom made the Home Mission a donation of the money voted to pay his expenses to Central Association.

The Treasurer's report read and received.

Resolved, That all monies not appropriated be given to Home Missions.

Resolved, That the Treasurer pay over to Bro. Selden the money required for printing and posting the Minutes.

Resolved, That we continue and finish the business of this Association during the present sitting.

Report on Temperance adopted. (Appendix E.)

Report on Foreign Missions adopted. (Appendix F.)

Report on *Christian Messenger* read and after a few speeches adopted. (Appendix G.)

Report on Union Societies, adopted. (Appendix H.)

A special collection was taken up for the Rev. H. Hull, Infirm Minister, amounting to \$9.45.

Resolved, That a request from this Association be sent to the Western Association, asking for a donation toward the support of Infirm Ministers.

Resolved, That this Association hear with great pleasure of the present condition and prospects of the French Mission, and will cheerfully respond to any appeal that may be made to them in aid of that Mission.

The Report of the Committee on Home Missions was presented and adopted. (See Appendix I.)

Resolved, That in view of the pressing claim of our religious and denominational institutions, and in view of the small amounts contributed by so many of the Churches as reported in their letters, this Association do hereby affectionately and most earnestly invite the attention of the Churches, Pastors, and each member of the churches to a serious consideration of this subject, and

urge upon them greater exertions—more system, and far larger contributions.

Resolved, 1. That in Art. 5th, the Constitution of this Association be amended by the insertion, after "Committees," of the words "*not otherwise provided for*."

2. That the present Article 6th, be Article 7th and be amended by the words "in agreement with the religious sentiments of this body," being inserted after the words "faith and order".

3. That the present Article 7th be Article 8th, and the present Article 8th be Article 6th.

Resolved, 1. That Rev. J. Davis furnish a digest of the Sermon delivered by him before this Association, for publication in the *Christian Messenger*.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be tendered to the Rev. Mr. Wyllie and his congregation for their act of Christian kindness in placing their House of Worship at the disposal of this Association for its present Session.

Resolved, That the sincere thanks of this Association be given to the friends in Great Village and neighbourhood for their kind hospitalities to the Delegates.

Resolved, That this Association do adjourn to meet next year with the Church at Bedeque, Prince Edward Island.

Prayer by the Moderator.

D. W. C. DIMOCK, *Moderator*.

A. F. PORTER, *Clerk*.

T. H. RAND, *Assistant Clerk*.

Circular Letter

*From the Eastern Baptist Association, to the Members of
the Churches of which it is composed.*

DEAR BRETHREN,—

The subject to which we now call your attention, is the Union of Religious knowledge with Piety. Piety, or religion, is the result of the Divine operations on the soul, enlightening and renewing it, begetting in it a pure and holy principle, producing love and reverence for God, and devotion to Him.—The christian life has its crigin in this implanted principle, nothing else can be substituted for it, and in this world of change, reform, and deception, it is requisite that this fundamental doctrine of the Gospel, in which piety has its origin, should ever be prominently held forth, and persistently pressed upon the attention of the people. Never, for one moment, should the essential truth, that piety has its seat in the heart, and is the result of the Holy Spirit's influence, be lost sight of. But, while we thus admonish you to contend earnestly for this fundamental principle of piety, we would also urge you to strive after the acquisition of *Scriptural knowledge*, which is essentially requisite to the true development of the christian character.

Knowledge is communicated to the soul by the Holy Spirit in regeneration. Christ said, "He shall take of mine, and shall show it unto you." John xvi. 15. "This is life eternal, that they might know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent." John xvii. 3. We are here

taught that piety cannot exist without knowledge—knowledge of God and Christ; but many, doubtless, rest satisfied with a very limited and superficial knowledge of the divine character, and the great truths presented to their view by the Holy Spirit's agency. Entertaining the hope that God has converted their souls, they settle down "at ease in Zion," and do not "grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." 2 Pet. iii. 18.

With a view to your advancement in the divine life, brethren, we proceed to point out, for your meditation, some of the advantages of "religious knowledge."—

First :—Clear conceptions of God's requirements of us. This is very important. God has claims of the highest order upon every christian. The work of grace which has been performed upon their souls is a mark of his special favour, and lays them under obligation to Him for time and Eternity. The Bible says, "Ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." 1 Cor. vi: 20. But these claims, by the majority of christians, seem to be imperfectly understood, comparatively few appear to realize their true position as servants of God, and the cause may be their contentedness with superficial knowledge, without entering into the spirit and depth of it. Probably one cause, and the main one, of the weakness of our Churches, and the little that is accomplished by them for God, arises from the Members of which they are composed not having set out in the beginning of their Christian course with a determination to seek from the bible a clear knowledge of their true position, and a just conception of God's requirements of them. It you desire your christian life to be vigorous, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly." Col. iii: 16.

Secondly :—Stability of character. So far as our knowledge of christians extends, we invariably find those who are the most enlightened, possessing the clearest views of the character of God and Christ, and the office work of the Holy Spirit,

and the doctrines, promises, ordinances and duties of the bible, the most stable, and in their daily intercourse with the world, exhibiting most the peculiar excellencies of the christian religion. They are the "pillars in the church of God," the Sampsons in the "christian warfare."

There is very much in the great truths of the bible to produce stability of character: they reveal to us one infinitely glorious God; let the loveliness of his person, the benevolence of his character, and the wisdom of his designs be realized, and will they not be as a strong cord binding the soul to Him?—They present the doctrine of our lost, wretched condition, and redemption only through Christ, let us possess a clear knowledge, and true conception of these truths, and will it not cause us to cleave to Christ, with purpose of heart, saying with Peter, "Lord to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of Eternal life." John vi. 67.

Thirdly:—For christian comfort. If the truth is known and believed it is productive of comfort to the soul, the more extensive our knowledge of that truth is, the greater must be our consolation. If the young convert derives comfort from knowing that through Christ his sins are forgiven, how much greater must it be, when he obtains a clearer and more enlarged view of his fulness, ability and faithfulness, "The same yesterday, and to-day, and forever." Heb. xiii. 8. If he is happy at first in the thought of going to heaven when done with time, how much greater must be that happiness, when he has by studying God's word obtained a clearer idea of that heavenly world, its inhabitants, employments and enjoyments? A clear knowledge of the stability of the promises contained in the purposes of grace, is also calculated to produce an increase of holy joy in the believer. The sweet influence of the Holy Spirit in the soul, producing a revival there, and giving renewed evidence of our acceptance with God, is a source of great consolation, and to many the only one. When they do not feel that quickening, comforting influence, they are cast-down

and unhappy, as though they had no ever-living Saviour, and no unchanging God. The antidote for this will be found in a clearer knowledge of the purposes of grace, and a firmer belief in the promises of God. Gospel truths clearly understood, and cordially received, will be productive of a well-grounded consolation from day to day. This has been evinced in the lives of the most eminent christians of all ages, Paul said, "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." 2 Tim. i. 12. Hence his continual joy.

Fourthly. For purity. Purity of heart and life are required of christians. So the bible teaches, and the new, spiritual life, imparted to the soul in regeneration agrees therewith. This purity is not attained at once, but only as the soul is established in the principles of truth, and the life, through their influence, becomes freed from many foolish and hurtful practises contracted before conversion. The tendency of "religious knowledge," is, to elevate the affections, and produce contemplation on things pure and heavenly. No where else can such subjects be found for contemplation, reflection, and holy elevation of soul as are contained in the Bible;—the character of the infinitely glorious God, the loveliness of Christ, the office work of the Holy Spirit, the nature of angels, and the magnificence, holiness, and bliss of the New-Jerusalem.—Let these be made the subjects of your study and meditation, and they will exert a conservative influence over your lives; low and carnal thoughts and desires will be dispelled in proportion as these holy subjects are received; trifling and injurious things will be given up, and, "Holiness unto the Lord," will be more clearly marked upon your every day life. To accomplish this desirable object is evidently the mission of divine truth. Christ prayed, "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." John xvii: 17. David said, Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against thee." Psalm, 119: 11.

Fifthly:—That we may be enabled to contend successfully for our principles. Why is it they have not taken a firmer hold of the minds of the people? Perhaps the inability of many of our members to state them clearly, and maintain them scripturally is the reason. Probably but a small number are so rooted and grounded in the truth, from their own personal research and sound knowledge, as to be able to contend, successfully, as well as “earnestly, for the faith once delivered to the saints.” We believe that the Scriptures are the only authority in matters of faith and practise, and that our views of the gospel system of salvation are more scriptural than those held by any other Denomination, now, while taking this high ground, it is requisite, if we would maintain it honourably, for us to be able to give a reason for it, drawn, not from the traditions or teachings of men, but the word of God. Hence the necessity of studying that word, and possessing, as far as possible, a clear knowledge of it. Piety, without knowledge, may gain for one, from others, the admission of being a christian, while he may fail to gain from them that respect, which would be granted to one who could give a Scriptural reason for the views he holds. “That the soul be without knowledge, it is not good.” Prov. 19 : 2.

Finally, dear brethren, we ask you to give this subject your serious attention; neglect of it is the result of not considering its importance. "Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction and understanding." "For the price of wisdom is above rubies." Prov. xxiii : 23; Job, xxviii : 18. Bible truth is the Divinely appointed food for the soul. "Desire the sincere milk of the word that ye may grow thereby." 1 Peter, ii. 2. We learn from the Apostle's language to the Church at Ephesus, how desirous he was they should drink largely from the streams of spiritual knowledge. He says to them, "For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,—That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able

to comprehend with all saints, what is the breadth and length, and depth and height; and to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God." Eph. 3: 14, 17-19.

MINISTERS IN THE EASTERN ASSOCIATION, 1862.

Names.	Residence.	Date of Ordination.	Place of Ordination.
Rev. J. Balcom,	Great Village,	March 26 1853	Long Island.
" M. A. Bigelow,	Antigonishe,	Sep. 14, 1859.	Guysboro.
" Obed Chute,	Up. Stewiacke,	Feb. 7, 1850.	Westchester.
" D.W.C. Dimock	Truro,	Dec. 6, 1841.	Chester.
" J. Davis,	Ch. Town, P.E.I.	June—, 1829.	Southsea, G. B.
" W. Dobson,	Wallace River,	.....	.....
" H. Eagles,	St. Mary's,	Aug—, 1842.	Kempt, Hants,
" E. F. Foshay,	Pugwash,	Mar.—, 1856.	Harvey, N. B.
" Geo. F. Miles,	Amherst,	.....	.....
" D. McKen,	L. Forks, Maccan	Sep. 13, 1854.	River Hebert.
" D. McDonald,	Margaree, C. B.	.....	.....
" D.P. McQuillan,	Mira Bay, C. B.	.....	.....
" A. F. Porter,	Guysborough,	July 19, 1858.	Billtown.
" T. H. Porter,	Canso,	Nov. 13, 1833.	Billtown.
" T. H. Porter Jr.	Lw'r Stewiacke,	Nov. 6, 1861.	Lower Stewiacke.
" Malcom Ross,	Bedeque, P.E.I.	June 3, 1843.	North River, P.E.I.
" Hugh Ross,	N. Sydney, C.B.	Sep. —, 1847.	Mira Bay, C. B.
" Geo Richardson	Sydney, C. B.	March 5, 1822.	Hammonds Plains.
" James Reid,	Bass River,	June —, 1840.	Onslow.
" John Shaw,	East Point P.E.I.	.....	.....
" Benj. Scott,	Onslow,	Sep. 18, 1832.	P. E. Island.
" A. Shields,	Margaree, C. B.	July 18, 1852.	Hantsport.
" S. Thompson,	Economy,	Sep. —, 1852.	Westbrook.
" John Whidden,	Antigonish,	Nov. 7, 1832.	.....

APPENDIX.

(A)

The Special Committee have examined the letter from Rev. D. Forrester upon the subject of Common School Education addressed to the Moderator requesting to be heard before the Association upon the Subject.

They would therefore recommend that Dr. Forrester have one hour to present this Subject on Tuesday morning immediately after the meeting of the Sabbath School Convention.

B. SCOTT, *Chairman.*

(B)

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee believe that Sabbath Schools are one of the most important means by which Christians may convey a knowledge of the way of life and salvation to the children of men, and they are of opinion that this Association should endeavour to induce every church of which it is composed, to organize and sustain one or more of these institutions within its borders, and gather in young persons and adults to read and examine the Sacred Scriptures, and commit to memory the truths contained therein.

Your committee regard the Sabbath School Convention as well suited to secure and combine the statistical information from the various parts of the province concerning these "nurseries of the churches." Until meetings of that body can be held at other times than during the Sessions of the Associations, your Committee are of opinion that there should be a suitable portion of time appropriated specially for the consideration of this subject.

Your Committee recommend that one hour be set apart, commencing at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 10 o'clock on Tuesday morning, for the

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purpose of reading the Report of the Secretary, and hearing an address from Rev. G. F. Miles, and for discussion of the subject of Sabbath School instruction.

Respectfully submitted.

S. SELDEN, *Chairman.*

(C)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Your committee beg leave to report as follows:—

That the blessing of sound healthy instruction should be widely diffused throughout the Provinces; that the returns from the recent census of Nova Scotia indicate a state of things in this connection which calls loudly for improvement; and that this can best be effected by introducing into this Province the system of *taxation for education*, which cannot fail to be as successful here as it has been in other countries.

Your committee rejoice to believe that, as a denomination, we are not behind others in fostering and encouraging educational enterprises.

Horton Academy, now in the thirty-fifth year of its existence has an honorable history. At no period was its position more flourishing, or its prospects more favourable than at the present. Under the able and efficient superintendence of Rev. T. A. Higgins, A. M., assisted by worthy coadjutors, 120 in the male and 90 in the female department have received instruction during the past year. Modifications and improvements have also been effected in the course of study, which holds out to those entering its walls inducements of no ordinary character.

The present condition of *Acadia College* is highly encouraging. Ten young men graduated at the last Anniversary. Twelve are expected to enter at the beginning of the ensuing term, and this number would have been much larger if the standard of admission had not recently been elevated. The establishment of a fourth Professorship will increase the efficiency of the present staff of Professors, and the appointment of one so well known as the Rev. Dr. Pryor, has given unusual satisfaction.

The labours of the Rev. A. D. Thompson, though necessarily intermitted, have already afforded abundant proof of the sa-

gacity of the Governors in securing his services for the completion of the Endowment Fund. The Treasurer has been assiduously employed, having given almost the whole of his time to the duties of his office, and since the last Convention a very fair proportion of the Endowment Fund has been collected and invested.

The appeal for aid which was this year made to the churches, will probably be repeated for some years to come, but the financial affairs of the College are in a far sounder condition than ever before and are steadily improving. The great cause of education is now fully appreciated by our people. At Acadia College this cause has been advanced under the influence of religion. And your committee believe that the Institution which has been so often owned and blessed of God will never cease to be cherished in the hearts of our people and remembered in their prayers. With such resources as these it cannot fail to have a glorious future.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES DEMILL, *Chairman.*

(D)

ASSOCIATED ALUMNI OF ACADIA COLLEGE.

Resolved, That inasmuch as the future prosperity of our Educational Institutions depends on the fidelity and energy of those who have gone forth from their walls, and inasmuch as the object of the Associated Alumni Society is the consolidation of these with the friends of education generally, the solicitude and support of this Association is due to that Society, and in the opinion of this Association it is the duty of every friend of our Schools in these lower provinces to give his aid, and countenance, and prayers for the material and spiritual prosperity of that organization.

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ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee report, that notwithstanding all the efforts that have been put forth for the suppression of intemperance,

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the evil still exists to an alarming extent. Property, time and talents are shamefully squandered—the tone of morality is lowered, and the cause for which the Saviour died is much retarded in its progress. Hence every christian is loudly called upon to use all his influence to remove this scourge from the world. Your committee are of opinion that one defect in the ordinary Temperance organizations, is that they have not a purely religious basis upon which to stand. They have done much good, but they seem very soon to lose their vitality and power. Your Committee would therefore most affectionately and yet most earnestly recommend that the churches composing this Association endeavour to exert a more powerful, continued, and direct influence against this evil,—that the members of age and experience, especially the ministers and deacons, see to it that this work is not left altogether to the young and to Temperance lecturers, but that a direct and religious influence brought to bear upon intemperance.

E. F. FOSHAY.

(F)

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

"The world by wisdom knew not God," and still by its wisdom does not find out the way of life. To instruct the nations in the knowledge of salvation, the church has long since received the commission, to go "into all the world," to "teach all the nations." But has she obeyed the Lord's injunction? The command is not revoked,—the church alas is tardy in obeying.

The world is yet in ignorance, the church is still slumbering, while the nations, by millions, are perishing for lack of the knowledge of the gospel. She has the means of salvation,—she is made the depository of the word of God and the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit, and is therefore equipped for her work. The command is "Go,"—the promise, "*I am with you.*"

The church has also the ability to convey these tidings of redeeming mercy to the perishing. God has given to her gold and silver, by which she may send forth the word of life,

and sustain and nourish the bodies of those who will go and unfold the precious truth. How stintedly she gives of her wealth, how world-like she grasps, and holds and hordes, or expends for her own gratification, to administer to her carnal tastes what her Lord commits to her as his stewards, and to be employed to send the means and the terms of reconciliation which have emancipated her and may emancipate others!

More careful *thinking* is required,—the churches and the individual members should not live year after year in the enjoyment of the spiritual privileges without carefully looking at this subject. Pastors should bring it before their congregations, each of us should enquire of the Lord our duty in the matter.

More prayer,—prayer for the heathen, and prayer for quickening grace for ourselves, is needed. And more,—far more benevolent and larger contributions are imperatively demanded, if the nations are to be saved by our instrumentality.

These thoughts, your Committee beg leave to suggest, to be recommended to the churches. Nor can it forbear recording the sympathy of this body, with their Presbyterian brethren in the late reverses of their Foreign Mission, and to acknowledge the Providence that, amid so much danger, has preserved the lives of their Missionaries, in their late escape from Erromanga and Tana, while we sincerely pray that the mysterious Providence that allowed the murder of a Gordon and his companion, and has again permitted the evacuation of a mission station through the ferocity of the natives, who, not understanding or appreciating the blessings they have despised, have driven from them the message of Christ, may result in the furtherance of the Gospel among them.

Respectfully submitted.

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

(G)

REPORT ON THE *CHRISTIAN MESSENGER*.

The Committee on the *Christian Messenger* report,—That in their opinion it is worthy of the warmest support of the Baptist denomination. At no period of its history has it been better conducted, or more efficient than now.

Your Committee heartily approve of the editorials, and would like to impress every Baptist with the importance of striving to increase its circulation, and uphold it to the extent of their influence.

Respectfully submitted.

J. E. BALCOM.

(H)

ON UNION SOCIETIES.

Your Committee on Union Societies report as follows:—
They are impressed with the belief that our denomination in these Provinces yet need to *realize* the well-established truth that "Union is Strength;" such mottoes as those of Voluntary systematic division of Labor and Expense, United Plans and Operations, Method, System, need to become practical familiarities in our churches.

About twenty years ago the Union Societies,—now known by us chiefly, it is to be regretted, as a thing of the past—were organized in Nova Scotia, and for a time very successfully worked. Your Committee respectfully, but earnestly recommend the Churches,—not here and there one,—but all the churches within this Association to *revive during the present year* these Societies.

They further suggest the following improvements—already successfully adopted by a few churches—upon the original scheme, viz., that the objects of christian benevolence thus comprised be *four* instead of six,—Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Ministerial Education and Infirm Ministers; that the Annual Subscriptions for these be paid quarterly; and that the collectors be *sisters* in our churches.

In conclusion, your Committee urge on the *Pastors* of our churches a new consideration of this subject. To quote from Menno's letter in C. M. of May 21st, 1862, (to which letter we cannot do better than to refer all who would engage afresh in this enterprize,) "All that is required is that the matter shall be zealously taken up by our pastors. No paid agency is necessary." And as one aid in this direction, your Committee modestly suggest that this report, if deemed worthy, be brought somewhat prominently before our churches.

ALFRED CHIPMAN, *Chairman*.

ON HOME MISSIONS.

In glancing at our Home Missionary work, we find these several elements. We have an extended field; including obscure corners, too apt to be neglected, and more important positions, inadequately occupied, if occupied at all. A diminished amount of labour is bestowed upon this field. The indebtedness of our Treasury is indeed decreased. Not in the best way, however, by an increase of funds to sustain labour; but by a decrease of labour making demands upon our funds. Meanwhile the demand for labour is not less than heretofore, but rather more, demanding an increase of funds for its supply. The opening of our gold fields, for instance, is bringing a new population among us, whose claims ought not to be overlooked. Our commission remains unrepealed, and our encouragements to press forward in obedience to its requirements are as ample as ever. Our work is growing upon us. Difficulties beset us indeed in our attempts to grapple with it. But God is with us, while we are with him. Your Committee trust that, in view of these various considerations, the brethren may be aroused to a sense both of their duty and privilege; and be led in this matter to test more largely what virtue there may be in the saying of our Lord, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Respectfully submitted.

J. DAVIS, *Chairman.*

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1862.	Dr.	
Aug. 14.	To paid Mr. Hull	£2 10 0
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1861.	Cr.	£4 10 1
June 29.	By balance of account rendered.....	£4 6 9
July 22.	By Cash from Association.....	1 11 9
	Balance in Treasurer's hands.....	5 18 6
	Amherst, July 5th, 1862.	£1 8 5

**THE EASTERN N. S. BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,
in account with H. C. UPHAM, Treasurer.**

1862.	Dr.	
July 8.	To paid S. Selden for Treasurer of Home Missionary Society.....	\$282 95
	Less proportion of expenses.....	33 95
	Forwarded Rev. C. Tupper D. D.....	150 42
	Less proportion of expenses.....	18 04
	Wm. Churchill for French Missions.....	132 38
	J. W. Barss Esq., for Ministerial Educa- tion and for Acadia College.....	8 40
	B. Douglas for Rev. H. Hull.....	14 54
	S Selden for Minutes and Postage.....	2 00
	Rev. J. E. Balcom, Delegate.....	50 00
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	Cr.	458 32
	By Cash per statement.....	
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Great Village, July 8, 1862.	H. C. UPHAM, Treasurer.	

ACCOUNT OF MONIES RECEIVED AT THE EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, AT GREAT VILLAGE,
LONDONDERRY, JULY 5, 1862.

CHURCHES.	Home Mission.	Foreign Mission.	French Mission.	Ministerial Education.	Acadia College.	Ministers.	TOTAL.	
Amherst,.....	\$54 52½	46 71	.....	.....	.....	.....	101 23½	\$20 for Female Bur-
Isaac's Harbour,.....	8 16	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 16	man School.
Antigonish,.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	
Onslow,.....	14 94½	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14 94½	
St Mary's 1st,.....	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 00	
St. Mary's 2nd,.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	
Upper Londonderry,.....	20 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 00	for a mission to Aca-
Cape Causeau,.....	8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 00	dia Mines by Rev.
Great Village,.....	6 12½	8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	14 12½	S. Thompson.
Truro,.....	40 00	60 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	100 00	\$50 for Native
Grand Mira,.....	12 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 00	Burman Preacher.
Five Islands,.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	

Parrshoro,..... 1 25
 Lower Stewiacke,..... 5 00
 Mira,..... 8 00
 Pugwash,.....

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OF NOVA SCOTIA.

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, and such others as may, by the Association, be invited to sit in Council.

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 the Churches, and shall in no cases 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 monies contributed for the purposes of the Association, and dispose of them according to its direction. All the Officers shall remain in office till 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 letters, 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 first handed in, from which the Secretary shall immediately make out a list of Delegates.

RULE 2nd.—After religious worship the officers shall be chosen. The choice of the Moderator shall be made by ballot. No brother shall be chosen Moderator two years in succession.

RULE 2rd.—The first letter read shall be from the Church with which the Association is assembled.

RULE 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.

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

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

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

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

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

RULE 10th.—No delegate shall leave the Association before the business is finished, without permission of the body.

RULE 11th.—These rules shall be read by the Moderator at the commencement of every annual sitting of the Association.

PROVINCIAL Baptist Sabbath School Convention.

Meetings of this Convention were held in connexion with each of the three Baptist Associations,—at Liverpool, Lakeville and Great Village. The statistics sent to the S. School Boards, and to the Association in the letters from the churches, were read by the Secretaries of the Boards and addresses were delivered on the subject.

The Annual meeting was held with the Central Association at Lakeville on Tuesday, June 24th, 1862.

The following officers were chosen :

General Board for the Province :—

S. Selden, President ; Rev. A. H. Munro, Secretary ;
—Treasurer.

*Central Board :—*Rev. T. A. Higgins, Chairman ; Rev. D. Freeman, Secretary ; Thos. Rand, Treasurer.

*Western Board :—*Rev. H. Angell, Chairman ; Rev. J. H. Saunders, Secretary ; S. Brown, Treasurer.

*Eastern Board :—*Rev. D. W. C. Dimock, Chairman ; T. H. Rand, Secretary ; David Page, Treasurer.

Resolved, That Rev. A. H. Munro be requested to deliver an Address before the next meeting of the S. S. Convention with the Central Association.

It was also resolved, 1st., That this Convention recommends the holding of County Sabbath School Conventions for the mutual encouragement of teachers and friends, and for promoting an increase of interest in Sabbath School work.

2nd., That General Sessions of the Convention be held within the boundaries of each of the Baptist Associations, at suitable times and places during the present year, under the direction of the several Boards.

A. H. MUNRO, *Secretary*.

N. B.—The Annual Meeting next year will be held with the Eastern Baptist Association at Bedeque P. E. I.

[The number of Scholars returned in the following tables is 4355, and of Teachers 485. If full returns had been made from every School, in connection with the Baptist Churches, a much larger number would have been the result. If each School would send their report on a separate sheet of paper, distinct from their Church letter, it would facilitate the making up of the tables.—S. S.]

SABBATH SCHOOL STATISTICS.

WESTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, JUNE 17TH, 1862.

SCHOOLS.	SUPERINTENDENT OR SECRETARY.	Lord's Days School kept.	SCHOLARS.			TEACHERS.			No. in Bible Class.	Members of Church in S. S. and B. C.	Vols. in Library.	Expended during the year.
			Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.				
1st Yarmouth,	Wm. Churchill,	51	95	130	225	11	17	28	60	80	375	\$65.00
2nd Yarmouth, Hebron, .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	150	.....	.....	20	.....	150	150	40.00
3rd Yarmouth, Deerfield, .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75	.....	.....	13	.....	130	130	9.00
West Yarmouth, Chegogin,	Geo. Crosby,	32	54	47	101	.....	.....	10	.....	200	200	20.00
South Yarmouth,	Geo. Trask,	33	42	53	95	10	5	15	10	30	252	23.50
Lake George, .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	130	7	11	18	27	30	311	.....
Tusket,	Ira Porter, .....	.....	.....	.....	75	6	6	12	20	33	150	10.00
Central Chebogue, .....	.....	37	33	42	75	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....
Beaver River,	James E. Nickerson, .....	.....	.....	.....	40	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....
Digby Town,	Wm. S. Raymond,	28	60	53	113	.....	.....	8	.....	.....	.....	.....
1st Hillsburgh, .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100	.....	.....	22	25	100	12.50	.....
2nd Hillsburgh, .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	28	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hill Grove, .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	8	.....	.....	.....	.....
Long Island, .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	34	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lower Cove,	Isalah Thurber, .....	.....	.....	.....	60	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....
Middle of the Island,	John Plumb,	20	50	70	120	9	8	17	9	23	400	12.00
Petite,	Robt. Blackford,	20	9	15	24	2	2	4	4	30	300	.....
New Albany, .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Nicauz, .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	120	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lower Aylesford & Upper Wilmot, .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	249	.....	.....	14	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kempt, Queen's Co.,	Rev. C. Tupper, D.D.	121	128	145	273	17	19	36	.....	345	50.00	.....
Greenfield, do, .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	42	.....	.....	7	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lower Granville, .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	170	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
					2201			240				

Jos. H. SAUNDERS, Secretary of Western Board.

CENTRAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, JUNE 24TH, 1862.

SABBATH SCHOOL STATISTICS.—CONTINUED.

SCHOOLS.	SUPERINTENDENT OR SECRETARY.	Lord's Days School kept.	SCHOLARS.			TEACHERS.			No. in Bible Class.	Members of Church in S. S. and B. C.	Vols. in Library.	Expended during the year.
			Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.				
Chester, Town.....	I. J. Skinner.....	24	67	45	112	8	7	15	20	140	\$15.20	
" Basin.....	Alex. Anderson.....	22	23	36	59	4	4	8	10	100		
" Windsor Road.....	Jos. Webber.....	15	10	12	22	2	4	5				
" Canaan.....	"		11	12	23	1	2	3				
5th Cornwallis, Pereaux.....	G. N. Davison.....		30	40	70	5	6	11				
" Canning.....	J. E. Rand.....		57	68	125	6	5	9		200	12.50	
Halifax, Granville Street.....	Henry N. Paint.....	52	34	42	76	6	6	12		3	165	
" North.....	George Robins.....		61	64	125	6	14	20	32	500	80.00	
Lakeville.....	John Moser.....				80			32	25	100		
Weston.....	C. E. Sanford.....				50	4	5	9	200	24.00		
Greenwich.....	Gideon Beardsley.....		36	30	66	3	3	6	144			
Falmouth.....	Andrew Shaw.....				60	6	3	9	30	15	300	
Hantsport.....	William Davison.....				120			9			20.00	
New Germany No. 1.....	"				60							
" No. 2.....	"				36							
Newport West.....	"				60							
First Cornwallis Ch.....	Dea. Thos. Rand.....				46			6		200		
Berwick.....	Geo. W. Fisher.....				230			6		200		
					114			13		600		
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DAVID FREEMAN, Secretary of Central Board.

EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, JULY 8TH, 1862.

Cape Cansean.....	Rev. T. H. Porter.....	25	50	40	3	3	6	25	16	70	.....
Lower Stewiacke.....	E. C. Banks.....	.....	37	.....	.....	.....	4	15	.....	182	.....
St. Andrew's Settlement.....	E. C. Banks.....	.....	15	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	20	.....
Brookfield.....	.....	28	62	5	4	.....	9	8	.....	20	.....
Indian Harbour.....	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....
Goose River.....	.....	.....	30	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grand Mira.....	.....	.....	33	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....
Parsboro Village.....	.....	.....	30	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	150	.....
East Point P. E. I.....	.....	.....	60	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sand Point.....	.....	.....	30	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....
Truro.....	.....	.....	60	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....
Amherst.....	.....	.....	20	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....
Charlottetown, P. E. I.....		44	86	48	2	2	3			350	\$10.00
Onslow.....			75				11				
North River.....	Jas. Desbrisay.....		40				15			480	24.00
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.....			60				8				
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GRAND RIVER, P. E. I.—“Sabbath School large and well attended.”
 PUGWASH.—“Sabbath School in prosperous condition.”
 DILIGENT RIVER.—“We keep up one Sabbath School.”
 PORTAUPIQUE.—“Two Sabbath Schools.”
 GREAT VILLAGE.—“Sabbath School,—a fair attendance”
 GUYSBORO.—“Three Sabbath Schools in operation.”

T. H. RAND, Secretary of Eastern Board.

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REPORT

OF THE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
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FEMALE DEPARTMENT,
Whole number 1.

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In addition to the ordinary English branches, classes have been instructed in History, Ancient and Modern, Mental, Moral and Natural Philosophy, and

THE MEMBERS ENGAGED IN THE VARIOUS STUDIES,
The whole number in Mathematics &c.

THE MEMBERS ENGAGED IN THE VARIOUS STUDIES,	
The whole number in Mathematics during year,.....	75
“ “ Latin and Greek “	88
“ “ French “	21

By comparing the above with the reports of past years, it will be seen that, notwithstanding a depression, generally felt in the financial interests of the Province, the Institution continues to enjoy a good share of public patronage.

At the Examinations, during the year, your Committee could not fail to perceive that the pupils were making solid progress in a sound and well conceived Academic Course. Six of the pupils have recently matriculated, and some others expect to enter the College the ensuing term.

Your Committee are happy, in the assurance they strongly cherish, that the course of study, now pursued at the Institutions is practical, sound and judicious, and that the youth, enjoying the advantages of the school, can hardly fail in being well equipped for the various positions of life they may have to fill.

The Committee are assured, that with like confidence they may review the moral aspect of your Institutions, cases requiring severe discipline rarely occurring, while a willingness to submit cheerfully to established regulations at all times is distinctly manifest. Upon this subject Mr. Higgins reports as follows :—

The conduct of the pupils has been good. So large a number must of course include a considerable variety of character. Some irregularity and impropriety are to be looked for and dealt with. But by far the larger proportion of the pupils, have given the teachers every reason to love and respect them ; and the government of the school has, upon the whole, been a very easy and simple matter.

RELIGIOUS ASPECT.

A considerable number of the older pupils are professors of religion. There has been no revival influences in the school nor in the community, but the meetings have been well attended and it can not but be hoped that through the united efforts of our pastor, the Sabbath School, Bible class, and personal christian effort seed has been sown which shall hereafter bring forth fruit. One member of the Female Seminary has been recently baptized and received into the church at Wolfville.

As on former occasions, your committee would again appeal to the entire Baptist Denomination of N. S., for the benefit of whose rising generation the friends of Education have labored with unflinching resolution, and solicit a yet more enlarged expression of a permanent and growing attachment to a cause, worthy the love of every christian man and true

patriot. The conviction yearly deepens, that, although we enjoy enlarged prosperity, yet the average attendance is considerably below what your committee might expect. How largely the prosperity of Acadia College, is identified with success in Horton Academy, must to every thinking man be most apparent.

Our appeal demands no other arguments than those long before the public mind, and long imprinted on the hearts and consciences of the Baptists of this Province. The present aspect of the Institutions, their History,—and they have a history of no ordinary interest,—distinctly and strongly embody the views and purposes of this Denomination in relation to this most important enterprise. Let us be true to ourselves brethren, and to our children, and the fruits of our labors will gladden and bless unborn generations.

Your Committee would invite especial attention to the result of efforts but recently made to found at Horton an Institution for Female Education. One year and a half since, after mature deliberation, your Committee entered upon this new field of labor, then a mere experiment, now a complete success. Of the course of instruction, the point of advancement reached, and the encouragement to continuance, your Committee can speak in language most confident, and rejoice, that we now have in healthful operation a Female Seminary, affording to young ladies a high and thorough course of Academic instruction. The large number of pupils in constant attendance sufficiently indicates a most hearty appreciation of our labors in this direction. Your Committee may here remark, that the plan suggested at the beginning, of uniting some of the classes with those in the Academy, under the instruction of Mr. Higgins and Mr. Jones, is found most advantageous, affording, a high course of study, for a very moderate charge. Your Committee would express its entire confidence, in the well proved ability of the Principal, and doubt not that his untiring energies will secure yet enlarged results.

Up to the close of the last Term, the Seminary was under the management of Miss Shaw, whose experience and well-known ability, eminently qualified her for the important trust. The hopes relative to the labors of this valued and esteemed preceptress, have been fully realized. Fears were, however, felt, that, Miss Shaw's health would not equal her activities and resolutions. These, we lament to say, have been realized,

and in consequence Miss Shaw was constrained to vacate her chosen and loved employ.

The following Resolution, passed at a recent meeting of the Committee, will doubtless express the feeling, alike felt by all in any way connected with the Seminary :

This Committee would convey to Miss Shaw, late Principal of the Female Seminary at Horton, an expression of the high value they have ever placed upon her services, and the high esteem in which she is regarded.

Most deeply do they regret, that Miss Shaw's health constrains her retirement to private life, especially at a time, when the cause of Female Education demands those labors for which they are assured her high literary attainments so eminently qualify her.

The Committee would assure Miss Shaw that she carries with her the most profound respect and esteem of all acquainted with her public labors and private deportment. They trust that God's blessing will rest upon and long preserve her life for usefulness—and the enjoyment of His highest and best blessing.

To secure the services of one well adapted to the office of Principal of a young Ladies Seminary, requires the exercise of no ordinary prudence and forethought. Of this your Committee is profoundly impressed, for notwithstanding the best regulation, and wisest economy, almost every thing must depend on the controlling mind of the lady at the head of the Institution. The Committee, therefore, early took this matter into consideration, and correspondence was opened with parties, whose services we hoped to secure, and we are happy in being able to state, that an engagement has been made with Miss Reed of New York, a lady, your Committee believe, in every respect well qualified for her position. Miss Reed will enter upon her duties on the first of August.

It is generally known that the house occupied by the Seminary was rented, and for which sixty pounds per annum was paid. The building has recently been sold and consequently we now have to do with new owners, we however hope, in some way, to secure its continued occupancy. In the mean time, if the Denomination decide upon sustaining a Female Institution at Horton, efforts must be put forth, for erecting upon our own grounds a suitable edifice. Nothing has as yet been done beyond the mere suggestion of the idea. Plans, raising of funds &c., are yet to occupy your attention, and your Com-

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mittee trusts that some scheme, wise and congenial to the dispositions and abilities of the denomination, will be produced, and that the Baptist people, in their devotedness to this branch of our Educational effort will give a response, worthy of themselves, and of the educational convictions, so long and nobly fostered. The following "general remarks" by the Principal deserve our serious attention.

GENERAL REMARKS.

The time has come for the Baptists of Nova Scotia to take higher ground with reference to the great work of education. The system adopted should take a wider scope. The College can flourish only in the same proportion as the Academy is liberally sustained and efficiently worked. The latter is the foundation, not in a financial but in an educational point of view, of the whole fabric. Let the foundation grow weak and the building must fall. In order that the Academy may become really vigorous and be able to meet the demands of the denomination some effort and improvement are indispensable.

1. A Primary Department should be at once established. The inhabitants of Wolfville have a right to claim this at our hands. The Academy takes the older of the pupils while the younger both male and female are left in a worse condition than in ordinary school districts. If we profess to educate the community the scheme should meet the wants of all.

2. Female education should be promptly and efficiently provided for.

The denomination has a right to claim this.

We throw our educational burden upon the churches. We say "it is your duty to support, uphold and protect." The churches are composed of brethren and sisters. Without the sympathy of both we can not prosper. Here we have a right to say to every one thirsting for knowledge of whatever age or sex "we are making provision for you, and can offer advantages second to none in this country."

In order to secure the two things referred to above, a thorough Primary School and an efficient Female department, commodious buildings, thoroughly fitted and furnished are indispensable, and the time has fully come for the friends of education to take hold of the work.

Your Committee while viewing the past with grateful emotions, would thank God and take courage, assured are they that God has owned the labors of his servants, and made your society in His hand a blessing of priceless value. Our trust is yet in him from whom cometh our help. Ever desir-

ing to realise this, we would, before all other claims, seek the prayers and christian sympathy of our brethren in the Lord, that all our deliberations and labors, may harmonise with that scheme of eternal truth, which contemplates in its every feature the Glory of God and salvation of men.

A. S. HUNT, *Secretary.*

June 23rd, 1862.

N. S. BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY in account with
S. SELDEN, Treasurer.

1861.		DR.	
July 5.	To J.W. Barss, for purchase of Academy Furniture,	£77	13 0
	To Rev. T. A. Higgins' salary, to June, 1862,.....	125	0 0
Aug. 12.	To 2750 copies of Report bound with Minutes,....	3	10 0
Oct. 20.	To S. Faulkner, Repairs,.....	13	6 8
Nov. 29.	To Johnson, Hunter, & Co., for bal. of bell,.....	5	13 9½
1862.			
Jan'y. 8.	To J. W. Barss, Dyke Rates to 1855,.....	23	17 6
	To Postage,	0	0 6
	To Balance in hand,.....	45	19 4
		£295	0 9½

1861.		CR.	
June 1.	By balance from last year,.....	£45	0 9½
July 4.	By Provincial Grant,.....	62	10 0
Oct. 3.	By Provincial Grant,.....	62	10 0
1862.			
Jan. 2.	By Provincial Grant,.....	62	10 0
April 5.	By Provincial Grant,.....	62	10 0
		£295	0 9½

FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

N. S. Baptist Home Missionary Society.

The N. S. Baptist Home Missionary Society held their Annual Meeting at Lakeville, Cornwallis, on Tuesday, June 24, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

J. W. Barss, Esq., the President, in the chair.

The report of the proceedings of the Society for the past year was then read by the Secretary and adopted.

Brethren Normondy, J. E. Balcom, A. H. Munro, Allen, Dr. Pryor, S. Selden, A. S. Hunt, N. Viditoe, and Secretary addressed the meeting.

The following resolution, moved by Rev. A. H. Munro and seconded by Rev. D. Freeman, passed unanimously.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Society are due and are hereby tendered to Brother R. N. Beckwith, for his gratuitous services as Secretary for the past year.

The following were appointed the officers of the Society and Board of Managers for the ensuing year :

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.

J. W. Nutting, Esq., *President*.
 J. W. Barss, Esq.,
 John King, Esq., } *Vice Presidents*.
 D. McN. Parker, Esq., M. D., *Treasurer*.
 R. N. Beckwith, Esq., *Secretary*.
 George Robins, Esq., *Auditor*.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Rev. J. E. Balcom,
 " J. M. Cramp, D. D.,
 " D. W. C. Dimock,
 " S. W. deBlois,
 " D. Freeman,
 " A. S. Hunt,
 " G. F. Miles,
 " A. H. Munro,
 " J. Pryor D. D.,
 " James Parker,
 " T. H. Porter,

W. Ackhurst,
 J. F. Burnham,
 Mayhew Beckwith,
 H. R. Cunningham,
 Hon. J. W. Johnston,
 Hon. J. McCully,
 Daniel Mosher,
 Henry N. Paint,
 Alex. Robinson,
 S. Selden,
 Thomas Wesley,
 Francis Webber.

REPORT.

In submitting this the Fifth Annual Report of the N. S. Baptist Home Missionary Society, your Board regret that, for the want of sufficient means, the work, during the past year, has been much restricted, in consequence of which they cannot shew as large an amount of labour performed or so much apparent good resulting from their deliberations as they would desire.

They have abstained from incurring liabilities much in advance of their receipts, as past experience has shewn the expediency of such a course.

Your attention is directed to the following few brief particulars :—

HALIFAX COUNTY.

Rev. R. R. Philp, by appointment of Aug. 5, 1861, performed 6 months missionary labour at Dartmouth and other places in the vicinity.

He reports 96 sermons preached, 38 Prayer and Conference meetings attended, 384 miles travelled, 85 families visited.

Bro. Philp says : " I found the cause at Dartmouth in a very depressed state, they had been for a long time without a stated minister, the result was that the congregation was scattered and the members greatly discouraged, there were a few however though faint, still pursuing."

At Cole Harbour there was a good attendance upon the means of grace, a growing interest and steady increase was manifested. On several occasions quite a number were unable to obtain seats and remained standing during the service.

At Tuft's Cove my efforts were a complete failure to all appearances, I did not succeed in obtaining a congregation.

At Bedford my visits were always welcomed by a few who expressed their gratitude to the Board for remembering them. We humbly hope that our efforts there were as "bread cast upon the waters." I also visited Hammonds Plains and Windsor Road.

The field as a whole is certainly not one of the most promising and yet in my humble opinion it ought not to be abandoned. I do not know of any other place that can be regarded so much as missionary ground as Dartmouth. The mission will, of necessity, be an expensive one, the work laborious, the good resulting may not be seen for a long time, yet with all these discouragements the mission ought to be prosecuted."

Since Bro. Philp left Dartmouth the Granville Street and North Baptist Churches, have united for the purpose of assisting their brethren there in sustaining public worship every Sabbath afternoon.

GUYSBOROUGH COUNTY.

Rev. A. F. Porter, by appointment of 2nd Dec., laboured 6 weeks at Sand Point and New Harbour.

"Travelled 375 miles; preached 30 sermons; organized 1 Church; baptized 13; attended 8 Conference, Prayer and other religious meetings; visited 60 families; distributed 300 pages of tracts."

He writes May 1862: "There has been a great work at New Harbour, a Church has been organized there of 23 baptized believers, all of whom there is good hope to believe have been 'born again.'"

They have an efficient Sabbath School, hold a weekly prayer meeting which is attended by all, and their monthly conferences are never neglected. A number are waiting for an opportunity to follow Christ in baptism. A faithful missionary should be sent to this county for a year, and great good would be the result. "The fields are white for the harvest."

Rev. M. A. Bigelow performed 10 weeks labour at Sand Point and 2 weeks at Goshen.

Preached 43 sermons; attended 55 Prayer meetings; visited 71 families; baptized 18.

Under date 27th May, he writes: "When I commenced labouring at Sand Point in January last, there was but one family altar erected in that region and only three or four that

took any part in religious meetings. Since then God, I trust, has effected a great change, the disheartened have been made to rejoice, careless sinners converted and the swearing have become praying men and women.

Over 50 have spoken and prayed in public, 18 have been baptized, one of whom was a woman over 70 years of age, who has been blind for 30 years.

Bro. Grant is making himself very useful in the little Church as well as in the Sabbath School. I hope the Board will not forget this long neglected field."

Rev. M. A. Bigelow performed 4 weeks missionary labour at the Bay of Islands and neighbourhood.

Preached 10 sermons; made 30 family visits.

In writing to the Board Nov. 22nd, 1861, Bro. B. says:—"There are 14 professing Baptists in this place, but for the want of the preached gospel and the ordinances of the church, they have grown cold and careless. I do not know a place that is more in need of missionary labour at the present time. I received a warm reception, had good attendance. The time was too short to expect to see results. A church might have been organized, but the uncertainty of having a minister to labour with them lead me to defer it. I hope the Board will be able to send a missionary for a longer time than four weeks to this most destitute region."

CAPE BRETON.

Rev. Hugh Ross performed a mission of 6 months among the Gaelic people, on the Island of Cape Breton.

Preached 90 sermons; made 208 visits; travelled 1,600 miles.

Under date May 25th, 1862, he says: "I have been labouring in the service of the Board for 6 months. A small part of what I have desired to do has been accomplished, yet something has been done, I hope. Some drops of mercy have fallen upon us and we hope the rain is at hand, our meetings are well attended and interesting, the prospects of the future are still encouraging. I have preached at Baddeck, St. Anns, Salmon River, and Schooner Pond."

Bro. Ross also laboured 7 weeks in the service of the Board in the Central part of the Province, preaching and soliciting aid for the Gaelic Mission.

Rev. A. P. Shields spent 6 weeks in the Northern parts of Cape Breton.

Travelled 304 miles; preached 29 sermons; visited 62 families; 5 other persons; delivered 1 Lecture on Temperance; distributed 2000 pages of Tracts, 10 copies of Dr. Cramp's Lecture on "What will become of the wicked;" 8 copies of Booth's "Death of Legal Hope;" 6 Gaelic Bibles, 2 English Bibles. These were all distributed gratuitously.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

Rev. John Shaw performed 4 weeks missionary labour on the Island. He writes under date May 20th:—"In compliance with the request of the Board I left home on the 17th Nov. 1861, and spent a month at Grand River, with the exception of one Lord's day at West and Dog River. Preached as often as I conveniently could; gave one lecture on the first chapter of Hebrews; visited as many families as I possibly could, attended one prayer meeting, one Conference meeting, gathered and reorganized the Church at Grand River, set in order the things that were wanting. Ordained deacons and broke bread with the disciples, in fellowship with brethren Davis and McLeod, who by request came to help me, 'In the multitude of counsellors there is safety.' The number of miles I travelled I cannot tell."

The labours of Rev. John Davis at Charlottetown are still retained, a portion of his time being spent in the service of the Board. He writes May 24th,—“Last September I went out as far as Ingonish, at the north-western extremity of our Island. There I spent a few days including a Sabbath, preached four times, and delivered a Temperance Lecture. I found several persons there who had believed in Jesus, and were desirous of following their Lord in baptism. Should I be able to visit them again in the course of the present summer, I hope to find them fully prepared to put on Christ in his own ordinance.

Returning from Ingonish, I spent a second Sabbath at St. Eleanor's and Summerside, preaching three times, and lecturing again on a week evening on Temperance, travelling at that time some 225 miles.

Last February I made another missionary excursion to Dundas and its neighbourhood, lying towards East Point,

Brethren Shaw and McLeod were also there. I preached at that place four times and lectured again on Temperance. During this excursion I travelled some hundred miles.

As to results, I have but little to say. In the city and at St. Peter's Road we are still confronted by strong Pædobaptist influences, yet we hold on to our plan for New Testament truth, and New Testament ordinances. Why should we think that we do so in vain? "Our work is with our God" and "in due time we shall reap if we faint not."

COLCHESTER COUNTY.

Rev. Jas. Reid, with the permission of his Church, spent 3 Sabbaths in Missionary labour. Preached one Sabbath at Clifton near to Shubenacadie River and two Sabbaths at Five Islands.

Bro. Reid says, "in both places good attention was paid to the word. The followers of Christ seemed to be comforted and others appeared to be concerned for the salvation of their souls. But it is distressing to witness the great destitution and disregard to eternal interests that prevail along our shores, and in our back settlements.

There is great need of more missionaries to visit the destitute parts of our Province. We need especially an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. May the Lord soon bestow it upon us for our Redeemer's sake."

PICTOU COUNTY.

Rev. John Davis, with consent of his Church, has performed 12 days missionary labour in the above county.

Preached 4 times at Pictou and administered the Lord's Supper. Preached once at River John.

In reporting the result of his mission, Dec. 12th, 1861, Bro. D. writes: "My best congregations were on the Lord's day evenings. Some 400 were present on the evening of my first Lord's day in Pictou, while there was a respectable attendance on that of the second, notwithstanding the pouring rain. At River John, I preached in the Temperance Hall to perhaps some fifty people. The Baptists have never given Pictou a fair trial. May there not be a future for them yet?

Who will enter upon this field? It is time that question was entertained. There is Pictou itself with its three or

four thousand inhabitants, and its populous neighbourhood, there are River John and Merigomish, with places within their reach that ought to be visited at least occasionally. It is high time that something were once more attempted by our body in this field. And so the question returns, is there any one who will enter on it? I just add that our brethren at Pictou acted with great liberality on my recent visit; thus affording a pledge as to their willingness to give pecuniary aid to their power, if not beyond their power—if only they had a missionary among them."

SHERBROOKE.

Rev. I. J. Skinner reports to the Board as follows.—

"Having obtained leave of absence from my people for a short time to be employed in Missionary labour. On the 15th Feb. I went to Sherbrooke, where I remained till the 25th of the same month, labouring as far as practicable in public and from house to house.

Stormy weather and bad roads rendered it very disagreeable for persons to come to meeting, yet the meetings were well attended, some coming the distance of 9 or 10 miles.

We held 6 preaching meetings, 2 prayer meetings, 1 Conference and attended 1 Temperance meeting.

The Baptists are comparatively few and considerably scattered and consequently labour under many disadvantages.

They need pastoral aid, and yet they are so situated that unless they can join with some other church in the support of one minister it cannot be obtained.

We have no conversions or additions to report, nevertheless we trust that our visit was not altogether in vain. We endeavoured to scatter the seed of Divine truth, the springing up and fruit bearing must be left to him who alone can 'give the increase.'"

**Condensed Account of Missionary work performed
during the Year.**

No. of Missionaries employed, all ordained ministers.....	8
Weeks services.....	95
Sermons reported.....by 8.....	315
Prayer and Conference Meetings held...by 4.....	102
Family Visits.....by 6.....	516
Baptisms.....by 2.....	31
Miles travelled.....by 5.....	2,988
Tracts distributed.....by 2.....	2,300

10 Copies of Dr. Cramp's Lecture on "What will become of the wicked?" 8 copies of Booth's "Death of Legal Hope," 6 Gaelic Bibles, 2 English Bibles,—distributed by 1 gratuitously.

1 Church organized.

5 Lectures on Temperance delivered.

Gross Receipts and Expenditures.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasurer's hand June 1, 1861.....	\$5 10
Received during the year, per Treasurer's account.....	715 91½
Collected by Missionaries.....	456 79
	<u>\$1177 80½</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Collected and retained by Missionaries.....	\$448 59
Travelling expenses do	8 20
Disbursed per Treasurer's account for labour performed to May 31, 1861.....	397 98
Do for labour performed to May 31, 1862.....	331 26
" S. Selden, for Reports &c.....	37 80
" A. & W. McKinlay for Map.....	1 50
Balance in Treasurer's hands June 1, 1862.....	52 47½
	<u>\$1177 80½</u>
Present Liabilities of the Board.....	\$176 23
Less amount in Treasurer's hands.....	52 47½
	<u>\$123 75½</u>
Actual deficiency.....	\$123 75½

It will be seen by the foregoing statement that the number of Missionaries employed during the past year is considerably less than in former years, and what naturally follows, the results are less.

The reason of this will however be apparent to all. Last year there was paid into the Treasury \$1043,88½ and at the close there was a debt of \$392,89. The present year the receipts have been but \$715,91½ and the debt is now reduced to \$137,80½. The debt of the Board therefore is nearly wiped out, but it has been at the expence of our Missionary operations, and not by any increase of the freewill offerings of the Churches.

Your Board would be sorry to attribute this result to any general decline of the Missionary Spirit in the Denomination. They trust that such may not be the case, for were it so, it would be a sad omen of our future prosperity. They believe the cause of God is as near the hearts of his servants as ever, but it surely concerns us all to arouse ourselves to meet the calls of duty in the Home Missionary Field with more prayerfulness, vigour and liberality than we have hitherto manifested.

It will be observed that in most of the localities where the Missionary labour has been or should be expended, the Southern and Eastern shores of the Province, the recent discovery of Gold is greatly increasing the population, and that it is therefore of the first importance that every effort should be made to establish in such places a sound and healthy religious influence as early as possible, for it is evident that by the existence of such an influence must the future character of the population be determined.

Your Board would acknowledge the generous act of a few of our churches, in consenting to their Pastors engaging for occasional periods in Missionary labour in destitute districts, without expence to the Society, in response to an appeal made to them from the Board. May the number of such be largely increased during the ensuing year. The Board feel assured that the labours of these experienced brethren, will not only be highly appreciated by those to whom they are thus given, but under the divine blessing prove most valuable in their results.

The expediency of appointing an agent to bring the cause of Home Missions more immediately before the brethren, has been under the consideration of your Board, but they have

deferred making the appointment, trusting at the annual meeting to obtain the co-operation of the brethren upon the subject.

It does not seem necessary that the Board should extend their remarks on the present state of our Home Missions. They trust they need not say anything to the Baptists of Nova Scotia to urge the necessity of sending the Gospel to the destitute: "Freely ye have received freely give." Let it not be a reproach to us that we have forgotten a duty so dear to our fathers in this Denomination,—sending the word of life to those who are ready to perish.

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CONTRIBUTIONS.

HALIFAX COUNTY.

Collected by Rev. R. R. Philp.

HALIFAX.

D. McN. Parker, Esq., M.D.	\$4 00
W. M. Atkins & Co.	4 00
R. N. Beckwith,	2 00
S. Selden,	2 00
Mr. J. McVean,	1 00
Geo. Robins,	0 62½
J. W. Nutting,	2 00

DARTMOUTH.

Mrs. Lowe,	2 00
Mrs. George Coleman,	2 00
Mrs. Crips,	2 00
Mrs. Hyde,	3 00
Mrs. McNab,	3 00
Mr. Graham,	2 00
Mrs. Katsman,	2 00
Mr. Smith,	1 62½
Miss C. Innis,	1 50
Miss Sarah Meagher,	1 00
Mrs. Jones,	1 00
Miss Sarah Coleman,	0 50
Mrs. Shiels,	1 00
Mr. Corkum,	2 00
Mrs. Bettinson,	0 25
Mrs. Graham,	0 25
Mr. E. White,	1 00
Mr. Bartlette,	0 50

COLE HARBOUR ROAD.

J. Eisner,	1 50
Mr. Eisner,	1 00
Josiah Ross,	1 00
Stephen Bisset,	1 50
S. Cross,	0 30
J. Cross,	0 25

BEDFORD.

W. H. Beals,	2 00
Miss Beals,	0 50
Miss F. Beals,	0 25
R. W.,	0 25
James Ward,	0 25
J. Martin,	0 25

SACKVILLE.

Francis Webber,	4 00
Nathan Ellis,	2 00
Mrs. James Webber,	0 37½
John Davis Senr.,	1 00
John Davis Junr.,	0 25

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HAMMOND'S PLAINS.

James Mason,	0 50
John Thomas,	0 32½
Mr. Hays,	0 32½
John Thompson,	0 25
Samuel Thompson,	0 25
James Thompson,	0 12½

Total.....\$58 70

COLLECTIONS.

Dartmouth,	2 60
Cole Harbour Road,	1 01
Bedford,	2 09½
Truro Road,	0 72
Sackville,	4 08
Hammonds Plains,	2 00

Total.....\$71 20½

CAPE BRETON.

Collected by Rev. A. P. Shields.

Mrs. Rachel Potter.....	\$0 50
Mrs. Wm. Frizzell.....	0 50
Isaac Smith.....	0 50
David Smith.....	1 25
A Friend.....	0 25
Contribution.....	1 05

Do at Port Dolphin.....	1 45
Do at Point Aconi.....	0 25
Do at North side of Bras D'Or	1 66
Donald McLean.....	1 00
Mrs. Ann Moffat.....	0 50
Mrs. Margaret Shields.....	1 00
	\$9 91

GUYSBOROUGH COUNTY.

Collected by Rev. A. F. Porter.

Isabella Graham.....	\$0 50
Submit Songster.....	0 62½
William Songster.....	0 12½
William Laddington.....	0 12½
Mrs. Chas. Taylor.....	0 22
A Friend.....	0 25
Albert Horton.....	0 25
Mrs. Jas. Grant.....	0 50
Mrs. Jas. Atwater.....	0 50
Collected by Esther Strophe.	0 85
Collections at Sand Point..	0 71
“ at New Harbour.	0 37½
A Friend.....	1 00
A Friend.....	1 00
A Friend.....	1 00
A Friend.....	1 00
Collection at New Harbour.	2 10
Col. by Margaret Myers...	0 71
Col. by Elizabeth Henderson	2 00

Col. by Catherine Horton..	0 75
Col. by Mary Peddy.....	11 67½
Col. by A. F. Porter.....	1 00
Col. by Mrs. A. F. Porter..	1 00
	\$28 26½

Collected by Rev. M. A. Bigelow.

Collected at Sand Point.	\$12 00
Collected at Goshen.....	6 00

Collected at Bay of Islands.

Mr. Shires.....	\$0 50
Mrs. Shires.....	0 25
Jacob Moser.....	0 75
William Moser.....	0 50
A friend.....	4 00
	\$6 00

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

Collected by Rev. Jno. Shaw.

From Bro. McPhee.....	£0 3 0
“ Deacon Burhee..	0 5 0
“ Mary Burhee....	0 1 6
“ James Burhee...	0 0 6
“ Thomas Clay....	0 5 0
“ Malcom Nicholson	0 5 0
“ a friend.....	0 10 0
“ a friend.....	0 5 0
“ a friend.....	1 0 0
“ Donald Lamont..	0 5 0
“ Collection.....	0 9 10
“ East Point Church	6 5 2

P. E. I. currency....£9 15 0
N. S. currency..... \$32 50

Collected by Rev. Jno. Davis.

At Charlottetown.....	£6 0 0
“ North River.....	2 14 0
“ St. Peter's Road....	1 4 0
“ Dundas.....	0 18 0
“ St. Eleanors—	
“ Mrs. Holman.....	0 5 0
“ Collections.....	0 6 7
Kildare do	0 6 9
Bedeque do	0 14 0

P. E. I. currency...£12 8 4
N. S. currency..... \$41 40

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

N. S. BAPTIST HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

I. This Society shall be called "The Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Society."

II. The object of this Society shall be the preaching of the Gospel throughout Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland, the assistance of feeble Churches, and the planting of new ones.

III. Any person may become a member of this Society by contributing five shillings and upwards, annually, to its funds. Any person contributing five pounds at one time, shall be a Life member. Any person contributing twenty pounds at one time, or whose contributions shall amount to that sum, shall be a Life Director. Every Association or Auxiliary, which contributes annually to this Society, shall be entitled to be represented by one Delegate for every five pounds so contributed; and every Baptist Church contributing annually to the funds of the Society, shall also have the privilege of sending a Delegate. Should the funds so contributed exceed five pounds, such church shall be entitled to send one delegate for every five pounds contributed.—*Provided*: That no Association, Auxiliary, or Church, shall be entitled to send more than five Delegates at one time.

IV. The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and Auditor, who shall be annually appointed by the Society from among its members.

V. The Society shall annually appoint a Board of Management, consisting of twenty-four members, seven of whom shall reside in the place designated, from year to year, as the location of the Board, or in its neighborhood, and seven shall constitute a quorum. The officers above named shall be *ex officio* members of the Board. The following shall be the duties of the Board, viz:—To meet from time to time for the despatch of business, due notice of such

meeting being given ; to appoint Missionaries, and assign their respective spheres of labor ; to expend the funds for the objects of the Society, provided that all amounts contributed for any specific purpose shall be faithfully applied, as far as possible, in accordance with the wishes of the donors ; to employ agents for the collection of funds, and for the general advancement of the interests of the Society ; and to furnish a report of the proceedings of the past year at the Annual meeting.

VI. Every Auxiliary Society which shall agree to commit all its funds to the direction of this Society, shall be entitled to receive Missionary labor in such field as it may designate, to an amount at least equal to its contribution ; provided that such designation be intimated at the time of payment.

VII. The members of Auxiliary Societies shall be members of this Society. Life Directors shall be entitled to attend and vote at meetings of the Board.

VIII. The Annual meeting of the Society shall be held at such time and place as shall be determined upon at a previous Annual meeting. At that meeting, the officers of the Society for the ensuing year shall be appointed, and such other business transacted as the members then present shall deem expedient.

IX. No alteration of this Constitution shall be made without an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present at an Annual meeting.