

Annual Report of Acadia College.

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MINUTES

OF THE

TWENTIETH SESSION

OF THE

BAPTIST CONVENTION

OF

NOVA SCOTIA, NEW BRUNSWICK, AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

Beld at Berwick, Cornwallis,

Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday, August 19, 21, & 22, 1865.

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MINUTES.

BERWICK, N. S., August 19, 1365.

The Baptist Convention of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island, convened this day at 2 o'clock, P. M. V. P., Rev. D. W. C. Dimock, in the Chair. Prayer by Rev. S. Robinson.

CHURCHES AND SOCIETIES.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Lower Aylesford and Upper Wilmot .- Ansel T. Baker and Gardner Tufts.

Chester .- Rev. I. J. Skinner.

Milton.-Rev. Amos Weaver.

Pine Grove, Wilmot.—Revds. W. H. Porter and T. H. Porter; Maynard Wheelock, Thomas Marshall and John Dodge.

Nictaux.—S. L. Chipman, S. Randolph, W. C. Felch, Minard Beals and John Whitman.

Do. Union Society .- B. H. Parker.

1st Cornwallis, Canard.—Joshua Ells and Elisha Harris.

Halifax, Granville Street .- Dr. Parker and Brenton H. Eaton.

Lower Granville.-Rev. Isaiah Wallace, Reed Hall.

New Albany .- J. Melbourne Parker, (Lic).

3rd Cornwallis .- Abel Strong and Gideon Cogswell.

1st Horton.-S. Fitch, M. Cleaveland, D. F. Higgins and Dr. Barss.

Bridgewater.—Rev. S. March.

Farmouth.—Edward Heustis, Samuel Brown, Wm. Gridley and Jos. Snaw.

2nd Horton.—Rev. E. O. Read and — Martin.

Upper Aylesford.—Elisha D. Harris and John Graves.

5th Cornwallis.—James E. Rand, D. Sanford, Rev. D. Freeman and J. S. Witter. .

N. S. Western Association.—S. Wheelock, S. Freeman, and Jos. Shaw. N. S. Central Association —S. Selden, Rupert Eaton, F. Webber, and J. W. Barss.

N. S. Eastern Association.-Wm. Faulkner.

Ministerial Education Board .- Rev. A. H. Munro.

Acadia College.-Rev. Dr. Cramp.

Members in their own Right.—Revds. E. M. Saunders, W. G. Parker, Jas. Parker, W. L. Parker, D. O. Parker, A. S. Hunt, L. B. Gates, Wm. Hall, R. S. Morton, J. E. Goucher, A. W. Barss, J. Pryor, D. D., R. R. Philp, S. T. Rand, S. W. deBlois, W. G. Goucher, P. F. Murray, W. E. Hall, C. Tupper, D. D., D. W. C. Dimock, J. L. Read, A. Cogswell, Obed Parker, D. McKeen, C. Randall, Aaron Cogswell, A. Chipman, D. M. Welton, M. Freeman, S. B. Kempton, Henry Sanders, G. D. Cox, J. F. Tooker, Hon. Judge Johnston, A. Parker, H. Morse, A. Morse, T. H. Rand, Ebenezer Rand, Walter Witt, and Avard Longley, Esqs.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

St. John, Brussels Street.—Rev. S. Robinson, T. H. Hall.

St. John, Germain Street.—Revds. I. E. Bill, W. S. McKenzie, and G. M. Steves.

St. John, Leinster Street.-Rev. W. V. Garner.

Portland .- Rev. E. C. Cady.

Members in their own Right .- J. F. Marsters, Wm. Hunt.

INVITED.

Rev. W. Caldwell, Agent of the American Bible Union; N. P. Kemp, Treasurer of the N. E. Branch American Tract Society; Rev. J. D. Fulton, of Tremont Temple, Boston; C. E. Gates, D. Mosher, and Alfred Smith, of Boston.

COMMITTEES.

ON NOMINATION.—Revds. Dr. Cramp, A. S. Hunt, Jas. Parker, Wm. Hall, S. Robinson, I. E. Bill, Hon. Judge Johnston and Dr. Parker.

ON ARRANGEMENTS.—Revds. E. M. Saunders, J. L. Reed and James Parker; A. Parker, Geo. West, A. Pineo and Thomas White.

ON THE STATE OF THE DENOMINATION.—Revds. Dr. Cramp, Dr. Pryor, I. E. Bill, D. W. C. Dimock, E. M. Saunders, W. V. Garner, F. Webber, A. H. Munro; and S. Selden.

ON OBITUARIES —Revds. E. M. Saunders, Dr. Tupper, W. V. Garner, J. L. Reed.

TO AUDIT FOREIGN MISSIONARY TREASURER'S REPORT.—S. Selden, and T. H. Hall.

Resolved, That 2,000 copies of Minutes of this Convention be printed by S. Selden.

Committee on Nomination report, recommending that the Convention meet with the Brussells Street Church, St. John, next year, on the 18th of Aug., at 2 p. m., and that Rev. A. S. Hunt preach the Convention sermon, and that Rev. J. Pryor, D. D., be his alternate. Report adopted.

Report of Committee of Arrangements.—That the following be the arrangements for services on Lord's Day:—

			3 P. M.
Berwick Baptist House,	Rev.	S. Robinson, Rev.	W. A. Caldwell.
" Methodist "	6.6	J. Pryor, D. D., "	I. E. Bill.
Cambridge,	44	E. C. Cady, "	Wm. Hall.
Lakeville,		S. March.	
Black Rock,	6.6	S. T. Rand.	
Long Point,	6.6	P. F. Murray.	
Upper Aylesford,			W. G. Goucher.
Morris Town,	6.6	Wm. H. Porter, "	R. R. Philp.
Grafton,	6.6	A. H. Munro.	- 1
			3½ P. M.
Centreville,			. G. Parker.
Harbourville			E. Goucher.
Pleasant Valley,		" W	m. S. McKenzie.
Berwick Baptist House	at 7½,	P. M., Rev. J. D. Fulter	1.

(In consequence of the illness of Rev. S. Robinson, Rev. W. A. Caldwell preached in the Berwick Baptist House in the Morning, and Rev. Dr. Cramp in the Afternoon.)

That this Convention meet at 9 o'clock, A. M., each day, adjourn at 12 o'clock, and meet again at 2½ P. M., and that prayer meetings be held each morning at half-past 6, A, M.

Report adopted.

Convention adjourned. Prayer by Rev. W. A. Caldwell.

Monday Morning, Aug. 21.

In consequence of the illness of the President, Rev. I.

E. Bill, V. P., was, on motion, called to the chair.

The Convention Sermon was preached by Rev. W. V. Garner from Psalm exxvi. 5. "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy." Subject:—The exercise of a Christian Minister's emotional nature necessary to the successful proclamation of the word of God.

Prayer by Rev. I. Wallace.

After prayer by Rev. I. E. Bill the Convention adjourned.

Monday Afternoon Session.

Convention resumed business, Rev. I. E. Bill in the Chair. Prayer by Rev. Dr. Pryor.

The Minutes of Saturday's meeting read and approved.
On motion it was

Resolved, That Bro. W. V. Garner be requested to publish in the Christian Messenger and Christian Visitor, the sermon preached by him before the Convention this morning.

The Annual Report of the Governors of Acadia College and the Treasurer's Report and accounts, were read by the Secretary. Interesting addresses were delivered by the Hon. Judge Johnston, Revds. Dr. Pryor, I. E. Bill, Wm. McKenzie, Wm. Hall, Isaiah Wallace, J. D. Fulton, E. C. Cady, W. A. Caldwell, and T. H. Rand.

Report adopted.

ACADIA COLLEGE.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

The anniversary was held in the Baptist meeting house, Wolfville, on Tuesday the 6th of June, in the following order:—

Music,
Prayer,

ORATIONS BY UNDER-GRADUATES.

The Thinker,—H. Clifford Creed, Rawdon.
Christian Conservatism,—Joseph Murray, Brookfield, Queen's.
The Design,—Charles T. Andrews, Bridewater.

Music,

- - - "The earth is the Lord's."

Charity,—Thomas A. Blackadar, Hebron.
The Consecration,—William B. Boggs, Stewiacke.

Music,

"To be, or not to be,"—Thomas E. Corning, Yarmouth.

The Sybil,—Seth D. Shaw, Three Rivers, P. E. I.

The Prime Agent,—Eliakim N. Archibald, Stewiacke.

Music, - - - - "Songs of Praise the Angels sang."

Speculation,—Silas MacVane, Bothwell, P. E. I.

The Issue,—D. Allan Steele, Halifax.

Music, - - - - - "Heavenly Rest."

DEGREES CONFERRED.

Addresses by the President to the graduating class.

Music, - - - - - National Anthem.
Benediction, - - - - By Rev. C. DeWolf, D. D.

Messrs. Herbert C. Creed, Silas McVane, Charles T. Andrews, William B. Boggs, Thomas E. Corning, Eliakim N. Archibald, David A. Steele, Thomas A. Blackadar, Jos. Murray, and Seth D. Shaw, having fulfilled the prescribed term of study, were respectively admitted to the degree of Bachelor in Arts. Rev. G. W. M. Carey of St. Katherine's, C. W., Master in Arts of Rochester University, U. S., was admitted ad eundem of Acadia College.

The honorary degree of Master in Arts was bestowed on Mr. William Henry Jones of Woodstock, C. W.

Honor Certificates were at the same time awarded as follows:—

IN CLASSICS.

Senior Class.—To H. C. Creed, S. McVane, W. B. Boggs, T. E. Corning, and D. A. Steele.

Junior Class.-To L. S. Morse and J. F. Morton.

Freshman Class.—To W. Elder, J. McDonald, J. R. Wheelock, R. Douglas, and E. C. Spinney.

IN MATHEMATICS.

Freshman Class .- To W. Elder, and E. C. Spinney.

IN HISTORY.

Freshman Class.-To W. Elder, and J. McDonald.

There was a Rhetorical Exhibition in the Baptist Meeting House, Wolfville, on the 20th Dec., 1864, when Orations were delivered by the members of the Sophomore Class in the following order:—

The Bema,	W. E. Parker.
Theories,	
The Crusades,	Lewis F. Shaffner.
Decided Action,	Burpe Beckwith.
Waterloo,	W D. Dimock.
Compensation,	J. F. L. Parsons.
Genius,	J. W. Manning.

The students of the year have been conducted in general

agreement with the published Curriculum.

During the past year forty-three students have enjoyed the advantages of the Institution. Of these, thirty-eight were present at the final examination, thirty five being matriculated students. Their names, and their standing in College, are as follows:—

Herbert C. Creed,
Silas McVane,
Charles T. Andrews,
William B. Boggs,
Thomas E. Corning,
Eliakim N. Archibald,
D. Allan Steele,
Thomas A. Blackadar,
Joseph Murray,
Seth D. Shaw.

Leander S. Morse,
James S. Morton,
Albert J. Hill,
Thomas S. McLean,
George E. Tufts,
Obadiah E. Cox.

SOPHOMORES.

James S. Manning,
Jonathan F. L. Parsons,
Wilbert D. Dimock,
Wallace N. Graham,
Burpe Beckwith,
Lewis Shaffner.

William Elder,
John McDonald,
Isaac R. Wheelock,
Robert Douglas,
Daniel Eaton,
J. F. Tufts,
E. C. Spinney,
H. C. Messenger,
Lewis Hunt,
J. W. Johnston,
John Wallace,
Humphrey Bishop,

Hector Munro-sick.

The three following, viz.:—Peter McLeod, J. C. Steadman, and J. W. Titus were partial course students, and

also joined the Junior Theological Class.

In the Theological Department, Lectures on Theology and Ecclesiastical History were delivered to five members of the graduating class, who were candidates for the Christian ministry; and the same gentlemen were engaged during the year in the study of the Hebrew language; one of them (Mr. Steele) having commenced that study the year before. Mr. Steele read selections from the Psalms and the Prophets. The attention of the others was directed to the Grammar and exercises in the first term. In the second term they translated portions of the Pentateuch, and the principal Messianic Psalms.

The Junior Theological Class received instruction in Biblical Interpretation, in Ministerial and Pastoral duties,

and commenced the study of Theology.

Exegetical Exercises on the Greek Testament were conducted once a week.

The Theological students preached frequently in sur-

rounding districts during the year.

Your Board have every reason to express unmingled satisfaction with the internal management of the College.

The Faculty is composed of men in whom the denomination may have the most entire confidence. Unwearied in their efforts to advance the intellectual standing of those entrusted to their charge, the results as evinced in the thorough mental training received, are such as to afford the

highest gratification.

It is with extreme regret that your Board are compelled to report that the classical chair has very recently become vacant. By a notice handed to the Secretary, dated the 16th inst., Jas. deMill, Esq., A. M., has relinquished the post occupied by him with distinguished success the past few years. This notice has been so sudden and unexpected that as yet nothing has been done to meet the emergency.

The members of the Convention may rest assured, however, that every effort will be made in order to keep our

College up to its present standard of efficiency.

Immediate efforts will be put forth to secure the services

of an adequate successor to Prof. deMill, and your Board trust they will soon be able to announce that these efforts have been successful.

It is the pleasing duty of your Board again to place on record another of those astonishing displays of Divine power which our Institutions have so often witnessed. A series of meetings was held by the first Horton Church during the past winter, in which a number of the Theological students labored in connection with the Pastor.

Some thirty young persons belonging to the College and Academy were baptized, others also, not connected with our own denomination, gave satisfactory evidence of a change of heart, intending, when the opportunity was afforded, to unite with the Societies to which their friends belonged.

The Revival was characterized by deep feeling, but such feeling as is produced by a conviction of truth. The heart was deeply moved, but moved through an enlightened understanding, and an awakened conscience. Such Revivals are apt to produce permanent effects, and we trust the results

of the present awakening are of that character.

The accounts and financial statements will be presented by the Treasurer. Your Board would be gratified to be able to state, that in view of the blessing of God and as a thank-offering for past mercies, a liberal contribution had been made in answer to the appeal to the Churches. This, however, is so far from being the case that the returns are even less than those of previous years. It is greatly to be feared that unless a more vigorous and hearty response is given serious embarrassments will be the result. But little has been done in the way of Agency for the permanent Endowment Fund during the past year.

Rev. Jas. E. Balcom of Londonderry, N. S., so far as he could spare time from pastoral duties, has accomplished

something in this behalf.

Your Board are called upon to note the removal by death, during the year past, of one of their brethren, Nathan S. deMill, Esq., of St. John. Though he did not take a prominent part in the management and direction of affairs, Acadia College possessed no warmer friend. He was a steady and earnest advocate of her claims. Four of his sons were educated within her walls. He liberally

aided her by large pecuniary donations. Those who were present at the last meeting of this Convention will not soon

forget his impassioned appeals on her behalf.

By such dispensations occurring from time to time, we are reminded that the night cometh—we are called upon to do with our might whatsoever our hand findeth to do for God, and to look forward to the period when our service shall be uninterrupted, complete and joyful.

In accordance with the Act of Incorporation six of the Governors retire from office at this session of the Convention, subject to re-election or otherwise as the case may be.

Their names will be announced at the proper time.

The Committee appointed last year with reference to Dalhousie College will present a separate report to the Convention.

The following additions have been made to the College Library during the year:—

Vols. PURCHASED,-From DeWolf Legacy Fund,-Webster's Syntax and Synonyms of the New Testament; Dean Alford's Queen's English; McLcod's Earnest Student; Chambers' Book of Days, two volumes; Hugh Miller's Edinburgh; Mullens's Ten years in India; Rawlinson's Ancient Monarchies, vol. 2 ; Life of Dr. Andrew Reed; Memoir of Joseph Sturge; Dale's Life of J. A. James; Todhunter's Differential Calculus, Integral Calculus, and History of the Calculus of variations, three volumes; Brunnow's Spherical Astronomy; Bishop Wilson's Journal Letters; Statesman's Year-Book; Eighty years' progress of Canada, &c.; Prescott's Philip II., Mexico, and Robertson's Charles V., nine volumes; Parton's Life of Dr. Franklin, two volumes; Silliman's Journal; Merivale's History of the Romans under the Empire, seven volumes; Latham's History of the English Language; Max Muller's Lectures on Language, two volumes; Hansell's Novum Testamentum Graæcum, three volumes; Baird's Religion in America; Sibbes's Works, vol. 7; Charnock's Works, two volumes; Bancroft's History of the United States, eight vols.; Webster's Quarto Dictionary; Anderson's Hawaiian Islands; Revised Statutes, third Series; Annual of Scientific Discovery for 1865. 59

PRESENTED,-

By T. H. Rand, Esq., Superintendent of Education: -Blaikie's	7
Bible History	Ţ
By the Provincial Secretary:—Journal of the House of Assembly	1
for 1864	1
By His Honour Judge Johnston:—Journals of the Legislative Council, various years, thirteen volumes; Journals of the House of	
Assembly, various years, six volumes	19
Total,	90

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE MUSEUM.

By J. R. Willis, Esq., Halifax:—A specimen of the Pearl Mussel (Alanodon Margaritefera) from Annapolis River, preserved in spirits; specimens of birds' eggs; various minerals; fragments of stucco and marble from Pompeii; a fragment of Pompey's Pillar, Alexandria.

By P. R. Foster, student:—A specimen of wood, bored by marine animals.

By W. A. McKinlay, student:—Fossils from the New Red Sandstone of Prince Edward Island.

By A. J. Hill, student: - Specimens of coal, from Cape Breton.

By the Rev. John Geddie:—Spears, bow and arrows, tomahawk, and various articles of dress and ornament, from Aneiteum.

By the Rev. D. O. Parker, Brookfield, Queens Co.:—A Trilobite, from the Hamilton Group, N. Y.

Also, by H. N. Paint, Esq., Halifax.—A Royal Standard; four setts of swimming corks, for the use of students.

By an Act of the Legislature of Nova Scotia passed during the recent session (a copy of which will be found in the Appendix,) the Governors of the College are entrusted with the management and control of Horton Collegiate Academy; those of them who reside in Nova Scotia being constituted a special Committee for that purpose.

It is to be desired that a similar arrangement should be entered into with regard to the Fredericton Academy, so that the result of all our Educational efforts in both Provinces may be presented at the meetings of this Convention.

Horton Collegiate Academy under the able superintendence of Rev. T. A. Higgins, A. M., and two assistants, has made satisfactory progress during the past year. One hundred and four pupils have received instruction, the average attendance being seventy. The female department under the charge of the Misses Townsend has also maintained a high standing both with regard to members and to intellectual training, sixty-eight young ladies have received instruction during the year, average attendance fifty-five.

Efforts are being now put forth in Nova Scotia to provide suitable buildings for the Female department, the

necessity for which has been very strongly felt.

The Misses Townsend, much to the regret of all, resigned their positions at the close of last term. Efficient teachers have been engaged to supply the vacancies thus made.

The Institutions have so recently been placed under the control of your Board that a fuller report in reference to them must be deferred until the next meeting of this Convention.

In conclusion your Board can only point out the necessity for increased effort as respects our Educational enterprises. We believe that, humanly speaking, they are intimately associated with our prosperity as a denomination. To retrograde would be madness, and even to stand still would be to allow other bodies to take that place in this movement which is ours by right.

. All of which is respectfully submitted.

STEPHEN W. DEBLOIS, Secretary.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

August 1st, 1865.

To the Governors of Acadia College,—In presenting my annual report as Treasurer, it is hardly necessary to enter into details, as the same general remarks made last year would be suitable to repeat on the present occasion.

The account herewith in connection with the Endowment Fund shows but a small advance on last year. This arises from having no stated agent in the field, except during a very short period, when Rev. J. E. Balcom travelled in the Eastern part of the Province, meeting there with as much success as could be expected; had his services been secured for a longer period doubtless the results would have been more favorable.

The sums collected during the year, from the various sources mentioned in my account, amount to about £1800; which sum has been securely invested in Mortgages and Provincial Bonds; considering the latter securities a very desirable source of investment I ventured, against the

former instructions of the Convention, to avail myself of these in preference to mortgages; but if there be an objection entertained on the subject the bonds can easily be disposed of and invested in Real Estate. But my own conviction is that no securities now offering are better for permanent investment, and I would suggest that you ask a vote from the Convention empowering your body to continue to invest in these bonds whenever you may consider it advisable so to do.

The position of the Endowment Fund may be stated as follows:—

By comparing this with former reports it will be found that our position is gradually becoming more fixed and available. This fund in 1862, was estimated at £6000—in 1963, £7350—in 1864, £8750.

But in referring to 1862, (three years ago) it will be found that there was then but £2500 invested funds, whilst now we report £6000. Viewing these facts there are more grounds to encourage the completing of the Endowment, and raising it to a respectable amount, than ever before. But till this is done uncertainty and hesitation must press heavily on all your plans for progress and advancement.

Pursuing the course adopted a few years since, no debt for current expenses has been incurred during the year. On reference to my report of last year, it will be seen that I estimated the deficiency of income at £350. In March last, by a close calculation it was found that £300 might meet all expenses up to Sept. 1st, to obtain this the usual appeal and apportionment was sent to our churches in the three Provinces; but I regret to say with not very favourable results.

The Circular was forwarded to 112 churches, but of this number only 47 have replied, (less than one half) the amount received, £136, falls short, more than half the amount required. In view of this fact it becomes your body to consider if there be no other source of supply that

can be suggested more reliable than the one upon which we have recently depended. The churches declining to aid us in this matter, I am sorry to say, are among the oldest,

largest, and most able ones in the denomination.

To meet the deficiency of funds your Treasurer received £50 from the Extra Provincial Grant not anticipated when the appeal was made up. He also had to use about £100 collected for rents, which is much required for repairs, and should not be deviated from that channel, besides, there is £100 still due for the quarter's salaries ending with the month. I estimate the expenses and receipts of the coming year as follows:—

AMOUNT REQUIRED. 1000 0 0 incoming year,				-
To pay salaries now due,£100 0 0 incoming year,850 0 0 Incidentals,		£300	0	0
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	To pay salaries now due,£100 0 0 incoming year,£50 0 0	1000	0	0

It will be the duty of your Board to suggest ways and means to meet this deficiency, and not allow your Treasurer to suffer for want of funds to meet the just requirement of the College.

I might make suggestions about agency and other matters, but as these belong more especially to your Secretary to report, without further remarks I beg leave to present you with my annual financial report.

J. W. Barss, Treasurer.

ACADIA COLLEGE—Endowment Fund—in account with J. W. Barss, Treasurer.

1865.	To Cash invested in Mortgages, Do do in Provincial Bonds, Do paid Rev. A. D, Thompson, bal. Agency, in hand to new account,	875 21	0	6
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ACADIA COL	LEGE in General Account with J. W. Barss Treasurer.	9
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Paid Dr	due Treasurer, 1864,	0
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66	"Individual donations, 93 16 3 for diplomas and tuition, 11 10 0	
- 44	for Rent of rooms, Library-tax, and Real Estate, 145 19 0 for Interest on Notes and In-	
44	vestments, 509 12 10 for 2 Quarter's Provincial	
	Grant,	9

J. W. BARSS, Treasurer.

Wolfville, Aug. 1, 1865.

List of Contributions to Endowment Fund-Notes and Money.

D. McN. Parker, M. D., Halifax,	00
A N. Whitman, Esq, Canso, 400 (
Simon Vaughan, Esq., Quebec, 400	00
Rev. H. Eagles, Scholarship per Rev. J. Balcom, 40	00
Rev. B. Scott, Onslow, do 4	
J. McNeil, P. E. Island, 6	67
Samuel D. Miller, St John, N. B	00
Rev. H. Eagles, St. Mary's,	00
James McKeen, do	
Miss Matilda Faulkner, Truro,	00
Total \$1406	OFF

J. W. BARSS, Treasurer.

Wolfville, Aug. 1, 1865.

List of Donations to Current Expenses.

Rev. J. M. Cra	mp, D. D.,			 	\$325 00
Rev. J. Chase,				 	4 00
Jno Chaloner,	St. John, N. I	3.,		 	4 00
Dr C. C. Hami	lton, Cornwal	llis,		 	10 00
A. S. Blenkhor					
John Rounsefe					
S. N. Binney, H					
Friends-Yarm	outh, per Rev	v. J. Da	vis,	 	2 23
				-	
	Total			 	\$375 25

J. W. BARSS, Treasurer.

Wolfville, Aug. 1, 1865.

List of Churches contributing to Current Expenses, 1865.

Western Association. Brookfield,	Great Village,
#127 69 CENTRAL ASSOCIATION. Bridgewater,	Brussel's Street, St. John, 25 00 Germain Street, St. John, 25 00 Leinster Street, St. John, 20 00 Fredericton, 10 00 Total,\$501 74 Sums received from Churches after the above account was closed. 1st Cornwallis Church,\$40 00 1st Halifax "add'l. 14 00 Margaret's "add'l. 14 00 Margaret's "add'l. 14 00 West Newport " 5 00 Indian Harbor " 4 00 West Newport " 10 00 Ist Yarmouth " 23 00 Obslow "add'l. 2 00 Portland, N. B., " 15 50
Amherst,	J. W. Barss, Treasurer. Wolfville, Aug. 1, 1864.

The following Resolution was presented by Rev. S. Robinson, seconded by Rev. A. H. Munro, and supported by Rev. I. E. Bill.

Whereas, The chair of Professor of Classics in Acadia College is rendered vacant by the resignation of Professor DeMill, and whereas we are informed that Rev. E. A. Crawley, D. D., one of the original founders of the Institution and whose high scholarly attainments eminently qualify him to fill the vacant position with distinguished ability; and, whereas our absent Brother shares largely in the christian confidence and affection of the ministers and churches of this Convention:

Therefore Resolved, That this Convention recommend to the Board of Governors of Acadia College to extend to Dr. Crawley a cordial invitation to a Professor's chair in that Institution.

Passed. After prayer, by Rev. D. Freeman, Convention adjourned.

Monday Evening Session.

Met pursuant to adjournment, Rev. I. E. Bill in the Chair. Prayer by Rev. Wm. Hall. Minutes read and approved. The Report of Committee on Incorporation of Foreign Mission Board was read and adopted, as follows:

Your Committee appointed last year to take into consideration the Incorporation of the Foreign Mission Board beg leave to report, that they have attended to the matter; and that the following law was passed, during the last session of the Legislature:—

"An Act to Incorporate the Foreign Missionary Board of the Baptist Convention of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island.

(Passed 2nd day of May, 1865.)

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Assembly as follows:—
1. The Rev. G. Armstrong, the Rev. C. Tupper, D. D., Ansel T. Baker, the Rev. W. G. Parker, the Rev. I. E. Bill, the Rev. A. Stronach, the Rev. S. Robinson, the Rev. J. L. Reed, the Rev. James Parker, the Rev. W. H. Porter, the Rev. I. Wallace, S. Wheelock, A. McL. Seely, Ambrose Dodge, the Rev. N. Vidito, and such other persons as may from time to time, be appointed by the Baptist Convention of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and P. E. Island, to form the Board of Foreign Missions of that Body, are hereby created a body corporate, by the name of the "Foreign Mission Board of the Baptist Convention of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and P. E. Island."

2. The Corporation may purchase, take, and hold real estate, and may accept legacies or donations of real and personal property and may dispose of, lease, sell, convey, or mortgage the same, and may invest any moneys which may come into their hands, in such way as they may deem most advantageous for the purpose of carrying out the objects of the Corporation.

3. All the real and personal property in which the Foreign Mission Board is now, or may at any future time be interested, is, and shall be vested in the Corporation hereby established; without prejudice, how-

ever, to private rights."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. PRYOR, Chairman.

The Dalhousie College Question.

The following Report was presented by Dr. Cramp:

The Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Con-

vention beg to report as follows:

In the month of October last certain members of the Committee met the Committee appointed by the Wesleyan Conference at Halifax. It was then agreed that a Memorial should be presented to the Government by each Committee, setting forth the claims of the various denominations to equal support in the matter of education, and asking for redress of grievances. A draft of such Memorial was submitted and adopted, and it was forwarded to the Provincial Secretary by each Committee, signed by the Chairman and Secretary. The prayer of the Memorial was to this effect—that in the apportionment of aid to educational institutions from the provincial revenue, all denominations engaged in maintaining such institutions should be placed on an equal footing.

At a meeting held in Halifax last January, at which were present several members of the Executive Council, together with a representation of each Committee, intimation was given that a grant of £10,000, to be divided among the Collegiate Institutions of the Wesleyan, Baptist, Episcopalian, and Roman Catholic denominations, would be supported by the members of the Executive Council then present, and the Chairman of each Committee was requested to ascertain whether the Committees would accept such a grant on behalf of the Denominations represented by them.

The views of the members of your Committee were obtained by correspondence. It was unanimously resolved to accept the proposed grant, if it should be offered by the Legislature, not regarding it as a full equivalent for the extraordinary advantages gained by the Presbyterians, but as a peaceful compromise, yielded to for the sake of putting a stop to an agitation which, if continued, might be productive of injurious consequences.

Meanwhile, Petitions embodying the substance of the Memorial were transmitted to the Legislature by each Com-

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The Petitions were referred, by the House of Assembly, to its Committee on Education. A meeting of the usual supporters of the Government was also held, when it appeared that the proposed grant of £10,000 would not be sustained by them. They recommended, however, that the Government should demand repayment of the loan of £5000 advanced to Dalhousie College in 1823. The Committee on Education having invited a conference on the subject, a meeting took place in the Hall of the House of Assembly on the 29th of March, which was attended by the Governors of Dalhousie College, the Protestant Bishop of Nova Scotia, the representatives of the Wesleyan and Baptist Committees, and other persons. The claims of the Presbyterians were advocated by the Rev. G. M. Grant, those of the Wesleyans and Baptists by their representatives, and some observations were added, on the part of the Episcopalians, by the Bishop.

The result was that the Committee on Education resolved to recommend to the House an additional annual grant of £100 each to the denominations which were already in the receipt of £250 a year each for their Institutions—the Presbyterians excepted: but nothing was said respecting the repayment of the loan to Dalhousie College. Messrs. McMurray and Cramp signified their willingness, on the part of the Denominations they respectively represented,

in the following terms:-

"We are disposed to accept the grant of 400 dollars per annum to the Colleges named, and to regard the same, as far as we are concerned, as a settlement of the question relating to Dalhousie College. At the same time we can-

not but remark that the sum mentioned is by no means an equivalent for the superior advantages enjoyed by the Presbyterians."

When it appeared, in the course of the debate on this subject in the House, that it was not the intention of the Government to demand repayment of the loan to Dalhousie College, the Chairman of your Committee considered it his duty to write to the Provincial Secretary and inform him that such a settlement of the question would not, as he judged, be satisfactory to the Denominations which had petitioned the House. The following is a copy of the letter:—

"Acadia College, April 10, 1865.

" DEAR SIR,

"Since I wrote to you I have seen in the papers the notices of the Committee's Report. 1 regret to say that it is not such a Report as I

had expected to see.

"We petitioned last year for the repayment of the loan to the Governors of Dalhousie College. We asked this year that the other Colleges might be put on "an equal footing" with Dalhousie, that is, that the Presbyterians, who now hold Dalhousie, might not continue in the possession of the superior advantages thereby secured to them, without some compensation to the aggrieved Denominations.

"Your supporters, as we were told, refused to consent to a grant of £2500 each to the other Colleges, but recommended that notice should be given to the Governors of Dalhousie to repay the £5000 in two years.

"In signifying our willingness to accept the additional grant of £100 each per annum to the other Colleges, we could not imagine that such a grant would, of itself, be regarded as an equivalent for the great advantages enjoyed by the Presbyterians, including their interest in an income of £900 a year, and the free use of the College building. Nothing was said about the loan, but it was supposed, as a matter of course, that it would be recalled.

"The Baptist Denomination, I am persuaded, will not consider the additional grant as a settlement of the question, unless the repayment of the loan be demanded; and even then the Presbyterians will be much better off than the other denominations. We will submit to this, however, rather than continue the agitation. But if the loan is to be

cancelled the contest will be renewed.

"It is fair, and even necessary, to give you this information."

In reply to a note received from the Provincial Secretary, the Chairman wrote again, under date April 26th last, as follows:—

" DEAR SIR,

"An expression in your last seems to require some explanation on my part.

"You say that you were "disappointed and surprised" at my last letter to you. This can only arise, I think, from the want of a proper understanding between us.

"When Mr. McMurray and myself intimated our willingness to accept the proposal made by the Committee we did not imagine that it was intended to settle the whole question of Dalbousie College, but only so far as regarded the pecuniary compensation to the Denominations. We supposed that the Government retained the power to demand payment of the Loan, and hoped that the power would be exercised. We were greatly surprised, therefore when we learned that by the Report of the Committee it was proposed to offer the additional grants as a set-off to the advantages gained by the Presbyterians, the retention of the Loan being included therein. We felt that such an arrangement would be very unsatisfactory to the Denominations we represent, and we find that our views on that subject were correct.

"We hold that Dalhousie College is now a Presbyterian College. The Presbyterians have secured the following advantages, viz.:—

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"Granting that there are two Denominations, this is £625 each, the other Denominations receiving £350 each.

"If the loan be recalled, the income will be reduced to £600, and then the Presbyterians will receive £475 each.

"If re-payment be demanded, the agitation will cease: if not, I fear

"I may just add, that when Mr. McMurray and myself had sent in our letter to you, we conversed together on the subject, and agreed that the proposal made by the Committee, conjoined with the re-payment of the loan, might be regarded, all things considered, as a satisfactory settlement. But we did not imagine that the giving up of the loan

"We perceive the complexities of the affair, and the difficulties which the Government have to encounter. We have no wish to add to those difficulties, or to throw any obstacle in the way of their removal. But it is fair to inform you of the actual state of the case, as far as we are concerned. The whole negotiation will have to be reported to the public bodies with which we are connected. Our future course must be guided by their decisions. For my own part, I shall hall with pleasure any plan by the adoption of which the claims of all parties may be satisfied, on just principles, and harmony restored. I am,

Yours truly,

J. M. CRAMP."

Hon. Dr. Tupper, Provincial Secretary.

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Such, in brief, have been the proceedings taken in reference to this matter. The present position of the Presbyterians may be thus stated:—they enjoy the funds of Dalhousie College, amounting to about £900 a year, and they receive an Annual grant of £250, besides which they have the free use of the College building, the erection of which cost at least £12,000: the rent cannot be reckoned at less than £100 a year. If it be admitted, as is contended, that the Presbyterians are in fact two denominations, viz., the

Church of Scotland, and the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, then each denomination receives £625 a year, while the Wesleyans, Baptists, and Episcopalians receive only £350 a year each. The Roman Catholics, on the other hand, are permitted to draw public money for two Institutions, making their share £700 a year.

All this is inconsistent with the equality for which the

Wesleyan and Baptist Denominations have pleaded.

Your Committee observe that at the recent Anniversary of Kings College the Governors of that Institution were requested by the Alumni Association to decline the additional grant of £100 a year, if, in their judgment, the receipt of it would prevent them from pressing the claim to a more equitable settlement.

By order of the Committee,

J. M. CRAMP, Chairman.

An animated discussion followed in which the following brethren took part: Revds. S. W. deBlois, A. H. Munro, M. Beckwith, Esq., Dr. Pryor, Avard Longley, Esq., J. W. Barss, Esq., Dr. McN. Parker, Hon. Judge Johnston, Revds. Dr. Cramp, E. C. Cady, A. S. Hunt, and D. Freeman; and S. Selden.

The discussion was brought to a close by the passage of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Report of the Committee be adopted; but, that in adopting the report, this Convention do not accept the Grant of the sum of one hundred pounds per annum as an equitable and final settlement of the Dalhousie question, but hope that some occasion may arise for a more satisfactory arrangement; and, if the government are not content to pay the said sum with this explanation, the Governors of the College be directed to refund the amount already received.

A committee was appointed to nominate Governors of Acadia College, consisting of Revds. E. C. Cady, A H. Munro, and Bro. S. Selden.

After prayer by Bro. Philp, adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 10 a. m.

Tuesday Morning Session, August 22.

Rev. I. E. Bill, V. P., in the chair. Prayer by Rev. J. D. Fulton.

Committee on Nomination of Governors of Acadia College reported, as follows:

Committee appointed to nominate Governors of Acadia College report that they beg to recommend to the Convention to re-appoint the Governors whose term of office has expired, and to appoint Rev. E. C. Cady to the Governorship left vacant by the decease of the late Nathan DeMill, Esq.

All of which is respectfully submitted. Signed, on behalf of Committee,

A. H. Munro, Chairman.

Report adopted.

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Bro. J. W. Barss tendered his resignation as Treasurer. It was resolved that the resignation of Bro. Barss be not accepted.

Resolved, That the Convention approve of Provincial Debentures as security for the funds of Acadia College.

Rev. T. A. Higgins presented the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That this Convention, rejoicing in the progress that is being made in the cause of education generally, recognises, in the existing state of things, a loud call for provision for the higher branches of knowledge in the female as well as the male department.

2. That the Governors of the College be requested to adopt and carry into execution such measures as may be thought necessary, in order to secure a suitable building for a Female Seminary at Wolfville,

3. That all the Churches in Nova Scotia, and especially the pastors, be invited and most earnestly solicited to give their sympathy and hearty co-operation in securing this very desirable object.

Addresses were delivered by brethren S. T. Rand, J. W. Barss and A. H. Munro. Resolutions adopted.

Moved by Bro. Faulkner, seconded by Rev. D. W. C. Dimock, and

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Convention that the Ministers and Delegates, on their return to their several Churches, should bring the claims of Acadia College prominently before their congregations, and urge the necessity of raising annually a sum of not less than twenty five cents per member, until the Endowment Fund is completed.

The following resolution was presented by Rev. James Parker, and passed:

Voted, That the Board of Governors of Acadia College be instructed to secure the services of an Agent forthwith to canvass the I rovinces on behalf of the Endowment Fund.

After prayer by Rev. W. H. Porter, Convention adjourned to meet at 2½ p. m.

Tuesday Afternoon Session.

President in the chair. Prayer by Rev. S. T. Rand.

Voted, That, owing to the illness of Rev. E. M. Saunders, Convener of the Committee on Obituaries, that matter be left in the hands of Brethren E M. Saunders, Dr. Tupper and J. L. Reed, to prepare a report thereon hereafter.

The Report of the Board of Foreign Missions was read by the Secretary.

Report of the Foreign Missionary Board.

Great was the disappointment, and deep the grief, produced by the announcement, at the last meeting of the Convention, that Bro. Kempton's physical constitution did not admit of his being our Missionary in India. Keenly, however, as Bro. Crawley sympathized with these feelings, he nevertheless regarded it as a favor in Providence, that this was ascertained in time to prevent the useless sacrifice of a valuable life, or the rendering of an efficient laborer incapable of performing service in any part of the Lord's vineyard. It cannot fail to be gratifying to all concerned to know, that this faithful minister of Christ, though unable to occupy the field of his choice, is labouring zealously and usefully in the Home Missionary department, and is liberally aiding in the support of a native preacher in Burmah.

Your Board regret to state, that they have not yet been able to secure the services of a man in all respects suitable to be your Foreign Missionary. For this highly desirable object they earnestly request—in connection with the requisite contributions—a continuance and increase of fervent prayer to "the Lord of the harvest." They would also affectionately entreat young brethren whose minds are drawn toward the Christian ministry, to inquire whether it is not their duty to devote themselves to this vastly im-

portant and urgently needed work.

There is, however, at present an open and extensive field for cultivation by the employment of laborers converted from heathenism, and constrained by grace to publish the glad tidings of salvation to their benighted and perishing countrymen. None can be reasonably either discouraged or surprised at occasional instances of defection among men so employed, who have recently professed to emerge from a state of "abominable idolatries." It is well known that lamentable cases of this nature occur even in Christian lands, among preachers who have been piously trained from early youth. Brother Crawley is manifestly very strict with preachers under his supervision, and neither employs nor retains any whose moral conduct is not blameless, and whose efforts in the cause of Christ are not constant and earnest. Mis-sionaries in India, quite competent to form a correct judgment on the subject, whilst they deem it requisite to send brethren from home to instruct and superintend the nanative preachers, regard the latter as the principal means by which the light of truth is to be diffused in those dark regions, and souls are to be gathered into the fold of the Saviour. Rev. Mr. Smith, of Rangoon, says, "Burmah must look to her own pious young men to build up and plant churches throughout her borders, till the wilderness shall bud and blossom as the rose. And obviously it is one of the most economical ways in which the American churches can dispose of their strength, to train up and send forth pious, zealous young natives, who shall go up and down throughout the land, 'bearing precious seed.' " With reference to the manifest sincerity and freedom from self-interest evinced by numbers of these preachers, Rev. Mr. Bronson, of Assam, writes, "Some of these brethren have sacrificed government pay and good situations for less pay in mission service." (Mis. Mag. April 1865, p. 102, 104.)

A statement published last autumn in which Rev. Dr. Kincaid deplored that, for want of funds, he was obliged to dismiss zealous and efficient native preachers, who might have been sustained at "from four to five dollars a month," appears to have excited an increased interest in the subject of furnishing means to keep such men in the field. Measures, however, were speedily adopted in the United States to supply the funds required for this particular object.

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But while churches and individuals, both male and female, in these Provinces, were being prompted to acts of noble generosity in making provision for the support of Burman laborers—as shewn in the Treasurer's Report—a supply of

these was providentially furnished at Thongzai, much nearer the residence of Bro. Crawley, where they can be far more conveniently superintended by him. It appears that on the decease of Rev. Mr. Ingalls, his widow, with extraordinary fortitude and commendable zeal, took charge of the assistants under his supervision, and discharged that duty successfully for some years. At length, however, her health so failed that she was compelled to return to America. As these faithful and zealous men were left without either superintendent or support, Bro. Crawley, on whom the oversight of this field naturally devolved, was desirous to employ these laborers, provided the funds requisite should be placed at his disposal. Being Burmese, having families, and residing in large towns, they cannot be sustained by so small salaries as Dr. Kincaid's assistants, who seem to be. either Karens, partly supported by their Christian flocks, or single men living in the jungle, where the necessaries of life are much less expensive. The moderate sum, however, of one hundred dollars per annum is sufficient to secure the devotion of each one of these servants of Christ to the gospel ministry among those perishing for lack of knowledge.

As the funds required for support of several of these men have been recently provided, through the kindness of generous donors, your Board cannot state definitely what number of heralds of the cross are now sustained in Burmah by means furnished from these Provinces. It is obviously increasing; and, through the divine blessing, happy results may be reasonably anticipated. In an interesting letter written by our esteemed Superintendent—already published in our Provincial periodicals—dated "Henthada, Feb. 14th, 1865," he says, "I returned yesterday from the annual meeting of the Burmese Association, held at Thongzai"—the field occupied by several of the preachers for whose support provision has been recently made here. "The 4 churches comprised in the Association reported 75 baptized within the last year. The meetings were of unusual interest, and lasted four days."

In a letter just received from him, written at Rangoon, where it was needful for him to remain for a short time, and dated, "May 9th, 1865," he remarks, "During my absence

from Henthada I am in regular receipt of letters from the pastor of the church. He speaks of an encouraging state of feeling among the people generally a willingness to listen,

and a readiness to apply for tracts and books."

With regard to his itineracies in company with the native laborers, and the expense necessarily attending them, he says, "Preaching tours among the villages, where the Gospel is carried to the homes of the people, and its daily influence and power in transforming the lives of the converts, manifested in the most conspicuous manner before the eyes of the people, have proved, hitherto, the best method of effecting our object, namely of searching the hearts and convictions of the Burmese." He adds, "I have not one rupee for the support of preachers, nor for preaching tours, except what is received through you." He further remarks, "In my opinion, shared by all the Missionaries in this field, the importance of itineracy among the villages cannot be exaggerated. The American Baptist Missionary Union have not the means, in their present straitened circumstances, to aid us in this department of the work"

With reference to the Mission School, efficiently and usefully kept up by funds forwarded through your Board, Bro. C. says, "All that is absolutely necessary for the School"—independently of any special donation for prizes—"is about \$100." By a small addition to the sums contributed expressly for this object, your Board have forwarded what is indispensable for the present sustenance of this important institution. It is earnestly commended to the continued favor and the support of the Convention, and, indeed, of all the friends of education and of missions.

By reason of the expectation of sending out a Missionary last year, the usual summer remittance was not made till after the meeting of the Convention. Consequently the amount of disposable funds was smaller than it seemed to be. The receipts, disbursements, and present state of the funds, are shewn in the Treasurer's Report. A hundred dollars, from an anonymous friend in Charlottetown, P. E. I., to support a native preacher in Burmah, have been received since the Report was made out. There is still opportunity for the exercise of similar liberality. As Bro. Crawley speaks of more men at Thongzai ready for the work, so

Rev. Mr. Douglas, of Bassein, says of Burmese preachers, (Miss. Mag., July, 1865, p. 231,) "There are two other men of much promise . . . anxious to devote themselves entirely to labouring for their countrymen, and whom I would encourage to do so, if I could obtain from any source funds sufficient to furnish them the necessaries of life."

CHARLES TUPPER, Secretary.

Interesting addresses were delivered by Revds. Dr. Tupper, S. T. Rand and Wm. Hall.
Treasurer's Report read and adopted, as follows:

Foreign Missionary Board, in account with Ansel T. Baker, Treasurer.

1864.	Dr.		
	Paid Mrs. Burpe's allowance to Sept. 22, 1864, Paid Rev. J. F. Kempton, service and expenses, Remitted Rev. A. R. R. Crawley, Bill £112 stg. cost Do. Am. Bap. Miss. Union, Poston,—postages 50cts Paid for printing Minutes of Convention,	59 t 562 . 400	22½ 87 50
Feb. 27.	Remitted Rev. A. R. R. Crawley, Bill £80 stg., cost Paid Mrs. Burpe's allowance to March 22, 1865, Remitted Rev. A. R. R. Crawley, Bill £50 stg., cost Do. do. Bill £60 stg., cost Paid Mrs. Burpe's allowance to Sept. 22, 1865, Paid for postages and stationary,	t 252 t 301 40	$\frac{00}{75}$
	Balance in hands of Treasurer,	\$2205 1249	
		\$3454	40
1864.	Cr.		
Aug. 22.	By amount in hand, as per account rendered,	\$1490	25
Sept. 1. 12. 15.	Collected by Rev. J. F. Kempton,	. 42 . 12 . 4 . 87	52½ 30 00 03 25
1865.	Premium on N. B. money received,		

Feb. 16. 24. Mar. 24. 28.	Argyle Juvenile Missionary Society,	29 4 4 0	
April 28. May 23.	A Friend, per Rev. E. M. Saunders,	· 4 100	00
June 9.	New Brunswick Baptist Missionary Society, Female member of Truro Church, to support a na-	. 100	00
17.	Western N. S. Baptist Association,		
July 3.	Children in North Baptist Church, Halifax, Rachael Downing, New Annand, Rev. Samuel Thompson, A Friend, Amherst, John Bigelow, Pugwash,	. 1	00 75 00 00 50 00
8. 11.	Mrs. John Bigelow,	. 1 . 5 . 178	04 00 65
21.	School,	. 25 . 60 . 20	00 00 00 713
		\$3454	40

Audited and found correct,

S. SELDEN, T. H. HALL

*Of this sum, \$100 are from First Yarmouth Church to support a native preacher.

+ Of this sum, \$100 are devoted to support Ko Eing a year.

†This sum includes from:—Truro Church, for Moung Yan Gin, \$50; Amherst Church, for native preachers, \$42, and Miss. School, \$10; Antigonish Church for Miss. School, \$8; and Mira Bay, C. B, for Bro. Bixby, of the Shan Mission, \$20.

Note.—The Bequest of the late William S. Jacobs, of Liverpool, (\$2,000,) was received, and deposited in the Bank of British North America, Halifax, on the 14th day of November, 1864.

A. T. BAKER, Treasurer.

Resolved, That the amount of \$2,000, now in the Bank of British North America, to the credit of the Foreign Missionary Board, be invested in Provincial Debentures, and that Brethren Selden and Dr. Parker be a committee for that purpose, and to take charge of the same.

The Report of Foreign Missionary Board was adopted. Dr. Tupper presented the following:

Resolved, That the making of appropriations for the support of Native Preachers, and the sustaining of the Mission Schools in Burmah, be intrusted to the Missionary Board.

Voted, That the \$20 sent for the Shan Mission to Bro Bixby, be transmitted by the Secretary, for Bro. Bixby, to Bro. Crawley.

Voted, That a missionary meeting be held this evening, and that the Rev. W. A. Caldwell, Agent of the American Bible Union, be allowed to present the claims of the Union at that meeting.

The Report of the N. S. Ministerial Education Board was adopted, as follows:

N. S. MINISTERIAL EDUCATION FUND in account with D. McN. Parker, Treasurer.

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1864.	Dr.			
Dec. 16.	To Rev. A. H. Munro, Postage, &e,£ D. Allan Steele (cheque), for himself and eight	0	3	10
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	Western Association, per S. Selden, \$61.79\(\frac{1}{2}\). Central Association, per S. Selden, 25.72\(\frac{1}{2}\).	6	8	75
	£	23	18	10
Note.	Eastern Association amount in last year's acct.			
1865.				
	By Granville Street Church, per H. N. Paint,	\$	19	00

State of the Denomination.

Rev. Dr. Cramp presented the following report on the state of the Denomination which was adopted.

The returns of the Associations, somewhat corrected, present the following results:—

NOVA SCOTIA:-

Western Association, Central Association,	40 . "	188 Baptized. 192 "	7514 Members. 4840 "
Eastern Association,		118 "	3471 "
Totals,	-156	498	15825

NEW BRUNSWICK :--

Eastern Association, 62 Churches. 196 Baptized. 4807 Members. Western Association, 56 " 172 " 4108 " 8915 " 866 24740

Several church-books having undergone revision, the numbers on the lists are in some instances diminished, and consequently the clear increase is small—very small—being only ninety-one—not one-half per cent.

Six new churches have been formed, viz.:—in Nova Scotia—Caledonia, Queens Co.; 2nd, Ragged Islands:—in New Brunswick—Grand Falls; St. Andrews; Ludlow, Miramichi; Doaktown.

Five brethren have been ordained, viz.:-

July 19, 1864. Alexander Estabrooks, Tobique, N. B. Aug. 18, 1864. Hezekiah Harris, Grand Lake, N. B. Sept. 25, 1864. William E. Hall, New Germany, N. S. Jany. 4, 1865. G. Davenport Cox, Clementsvale, N. S. June 20, 1865. D. Allan Steele, Wolfville, N. S.

Eleven new meeting-houses have been opened, viz.:—in Nova Scotia, at Centre Rawdon; Cambridge, West Cornwallis; Tusket; Petite Passage, Long Island:—in New Brunswick, at Bathurst; Salmon Creek; St. Andrews; Hillsboro', Albert Co.; 3rd, Elgin (Gold Mountains); Jacksonville; Mechanics Settlement.

These statements are by no means so satisfactory as could be desired. While we have reason to be thankful that our numbers are not diminished, the smallness of the increase is greatly to be deplored.

If churches wish to be progressive they must be earnest. Are we as earnest as we ought to be? Is the tone of our piety primitive and fervent? Are we labouring for Christ, and seeking the salvation of souls?

The gracious promises of our Heavenly Father should stimulate inquiry and encourage effort. We should expect great things and attempt great things. Perhaps we are too cold and calculating—lacking confidence in God, and therefore deficient in enterprising zeal. Whatever the fault may be (and it is not safe to presume that there is no fault), let us search it out, confess and forsake it, and turn to the Lord.

The progress of education in these Provinces renders it imperative on the churches to secure a well-instructed ministry, and thus retain our hold on the young, as well as make provision for the exigencies of religious controversy.

Reviewing the whole, the Committee suggest that the churches be again recommended to observe the first Thursday in December as a Day of Humiliation and Prayer, with thanksgiving.

Respectfully submitted, J. M. CRAMP, Chairman.

Report of the Committee on Departed Brethren.

Your Committee have the painful duty of reporting that an unusually large number of brethren have been removed by death during the past year.

REV. HENRY VAUGHAN.—The last Session of this Convention in St. John, N. B., was marked by the sudden and alarming illness of the Paster of Germain Street Church. Medical men were called in immediately, but they pronounced his case a most serious one. About two weeks after this, he, who had participated in the opening exercises and business of the Convention, was translated to a higher sphere of spiritual activity. Brother Vaughan was the youngest son of Deacon Simon Vaughan, of St. Martin's, N. B. He had been through the course at the Baptist Seminary at Fredericton, and was pursuing his studies at Acadia College, when he experienced the change "from darkness to light" and was baptized by Rev. Dr. Cramp. He soon came to the determination to give himself to the work of the christian ministry, and took the usual theological course at Acadia College, and subsequently at Newton. From his mental cultivation, moral improvement, and intellectual acquirements, it was reasonable to regard him as well prepared for many years of usefulness to the church and the world, but the Lord's ways are not as man's. Being called to the pastorate of the Church at St. George, he was ordained on the 8th of January, 1862. He was married to Sarah, daughter of Bennet Smith, Esq.,

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of Windsor, N. S. In March, 1863, he became the pastor of the Germain Street Church in St. John. His short course here it 'icated a christian character of the highest type. His ministerial talents were such as to present a prospect of great usefulness. He was logical, instructive, and practical, leaving on his hearers a deep impression of the earnestness with which they should receive the message from Heaven. His private life was such as to endear him to all who knew him, and to secure great respect for his opinion. The new sanctuary in Germain Street was being built in a great measure under his direction, and the blow of his removal was keenly felt by the Church. He was taken ill on Lord's Day evening the 21st of September, and died on Monday, the 12th of August, 1864.

His early death must be left among the mysteries of Divine Providence; with the reflection—"Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right!"

REV. HEZEKIAH HULL has also ended his earthly pilgrimage. He died at Amherst on the 13th day of April, 1865.

For several years previous to his death he had been entirely unable to perform any public labor in the Master's cause.

Much of the early part of his ministry was in the eastern part of the province, and in the employment of the Missionary Board. He was a good man and sound in the faith, and his labors were not without tokens of the Divine favor.

During his severe and protracted illness he found consolation in the faith he had preached, and at the above date closed his eyes on the terrestrial, to behold, without a veil, the face of his Redeemer.

REV. WELLINGTON JACKSON experienced the power of Divine grace during the memorable revival of religion in Annapolis and Kings Counties in 1829. He was licensed as a preacher by the church at Nictaux in August, 1832, and immediately afterwards went to the Seminary at Wolfville, where he remained three years. In January, 1836, he visited Westport, and shortly after was invited to become the pastor of that church, and was ordained to the work of the christian ministry.

Our brother was a warm-hearted, zealous preacher of the gospel, and was considerably blessed in winning souls to Christ; but owing to organic physical disease, his last years were greatly beclouded, and although he partially rallied, so that he would sometimes preach with good effect, yet it was evident that his days of usefulness were past, and he gradually sank, until he fell asleep on the 9th day of October, 1864, aged 51 years.

Rev. James Palmer was baptized by Rev. Dr. Tupper in May, 1854, when seventeen years of age. He soon came to the conviction that he must give himself to ministerial work, but, apprehensive of his unfitness for so high an office, he purchased a farm and strove to get rid of the impression. In February, 1857, he was married to Julia, daughter of Deacon Oliver Cogswell. In 1859 he came to the conclusion that he must abandon worldly pursuits, and devote his life to the work of the Lord. He sold his farm, and spent two years in preparatory study. In November 1862, on a visit to Cumberland County, he had great encouragement to labor there, and on the 3rd of June, 1863, was ordained pastor of the Baptist Church at Advocate Harbor. Early in August, 1864, he was attacked by hemmorhage of the lungs. Continuing in a state of entire prostration, he was removed to his home in Aylesford, where he lingered till the 4th day of August, when he departed this life in full assurance of faith.

NATHAN S. DEMILL was for many years associated with the Baptist Churches of St. John, N. B. For 12 or 14 years, we believe, he filled the office of deacon in the Brussels Street Church, but subsequently united with the Church in Leinster Street, and was highly esteemed for his sterling christian integrity. He took a deep interest in the institutious of the Baptist denomination in these provinces; and was one of the governors of Acadia College for about 14 years. He lost no opportunity of manifesting his warm attachment to the gospel of Jesus Christ, and died rejoicing in hope, on the 26th day of December, 1864, aged 60 years.

REV. WILLIAM CHIPMAN fell asleep in Jesus just at sunset on Friday, July 14th, 1865, at the advanced age of \$3 years 7 months and 15 days.

The Memoir of this eminent and devoted servant of God contained in the Christian Messenger of the 16th and 23rd of August, 1865, from the pen of the Rev. J. M. Cramp, D. D., supersedes the necessity of a lengthened account of the character and life of this man of God. We

fully endorse the views of his Biographer.

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With the rationalistic tendencies of the age he had no sympathy. He held tenaciously to the plain teachings of the Word of God, and considered it important to give prominence to its cardinal doctrines in his pulpit ministrations. His interest in the moral and religious elevation of his fellow man did not decline with advancing years. As he grew older, his heart grew warmer; and he was tenderly laid, by an affectionate family and bereaved church and community, in an honored grave.

E. M. SAUNDERS, Chairman.

It was moved by Rev. I. E. Bill, and seconded by Hon. Judge Johnston, and carried unanimously:—

Resolved, That this Convention tender their warmest thanks to the members of the Second Cornwallis Church, and to the people of Berwick generally, of all denominations, for the kindness and christian hospitality extended to the delegates during the session.

It was also resolved,

That the thanks of this Convention be conveyed to the proprietors of the steamboats, and the managers of the Railways in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, for the favors shewn to the delegates in conveying them at reduced fares.

Also resolved, That the following brethren be requested to make arrangements with parties concerned for affording facilities of conveying delegates to the Convention next year:—Brethren I. E. Bill, E. C. Cady, A. Longley, S. Selden, and I. Wallace.

It was then resolved, That this Convention do now adjourn to meet at 2 o'clock, P. M., on Saturday the 18th day of August 1866, with the Brussels Street Baptist Church, St. John, N. B.

[The following Note was received after page 7 was printed.—S. S.]

Note to Page 7.—Mr. J. F. Tufts, a member of the Freshmen Class of last year, was not present at the final examination, but was examined afterwards. He gained two Honor Certificates; one in Classics, and the other in History.

AN ACT

TO ENLARGE THE POWERS OF THE TRUSTEES, GOVERN-ORS, AND FELLOWS OF ACADIA COLLEGE.

1. From and after the passing of this Act, Horton Academy shall be subject to the control and management of the Trustees, Governors and Fellows of Acadia College, in the manner hereinafter provided, and shall be called "The Horton Collegiate Academy.

2. The Trustees, Governors and Fellows of Acadia College are hereby authorized and empowered to accede to the request presented to them by the Nova Scotia Baptist Education Society, and to assume the trusts and ob igations of the said Society, its real property, assets and liabilities being also transferred to them.

3. Grants from the public revenue in favor of Horton Collegiate Academy shall be strictly and solely applied to the purposes of the same, as heretofore to Horton Academy.

4. The Trustees, Governors and Fellows of Acadia College who are resident in Nova Scotia shall be constituted a Special Committee for the management of Horton Collegiate Academy; and they shall report their proceedings from year to year, at the Annual Meeting of the said College, during the Session of the Baptist Convention of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island.

5. The Act 2 Vict. Chap. 29., entitled, "An Act for incorporating the Nova Scotia Baptist Education Society," is repealed.

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NOVA SCOTIA WESTERN ASSOCIATION.

HELD AT MILTON, QUEENS COUNTY, JUNE 10, 1865.

The (*) indicates that no letter was sent to the Association. The numbers of the previous year is therefore inserted in the tables.

CHURCHES.	Baptized.		CHURCHES.	Baptized.	Members.
Annapolis and U. Granville,		220	Middlefield		22
			Nictaux		384
			New Albany		71
			New Tusket		89
			Ohio		159
			Port Medway & Mill Village		207
*Caledonia			Pine Grove		244
Dalhousie			Pubnico		32
Digby			Parker's Cove		56
Digby Neck 1st		135	Ragged Islands		120
Digby Neck 2nd		90	*Ragged Islands 2nd		16
Greenfield			Sissaboo		108
Greywood			Springfield		44
Hampton			St. Mary's Bay		125
Hill Grove		71	Sable River		34
			Sherbrooke West		
			Tusket		
			Tusket Lakes		
Jordan River			Wilmot		
			Wilmot Mountain		
			Westport		
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NOVA SCOTIA CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

HELD AT CANARD, CORNWALLIS, JUNE 17, 1865.

CHURCHES.	Baptized.	Members.	CHURCHES.	Baptized.	Members.
Bridgewater *Burton Chelsea Chester Cornwallis 1st Cornwallis 2nd, (revised) Cornwallis 3rd Cornwallis 4th Cornwallis 5th Dartmouth Halifax 1st Halifax 2nd Hammonds Plains 1st Hammonds Plains 2nd Hantsport Horton 1st Horton 2nd	3 1 2 55 4 2 60 16	109 31 72 240 402 398 316 95 124 44 56 161 169 54 272 263 272	Indian Harbor	2 13 1	110 69 41 95 32 128 139 79 55 23 15 120 32 28 97 14 12 142

NOVA SCOTIA EASTERN ASSOCIATION.

HELD AT AMHERST, JULY 1, 1865.

Amherst 5 247 Amherst Shore 32 Antigonish 32 Bedeque, P. E. I 5 Brookfield 50 Cape Canso 84 Charlottetown, P. E. I 2 Coddle Harbor 14 Crowe Harbor 33 Diligent River 22 East Point, P. E. I 87 Five Islands 4		Baptized	Member
Foose River 7 37 Foshen 29 Frand Mira, C. B 19 Grand River, P. E. I 22 Freat Village 3 Freenville 1 76 76 Hawkesbury, C. B 9 Indian Harbor 75 saac's Harbor 65 Lot 49, P. E. I 10 Lower Stewiacke 66 Mabou, C. B 18	*Salmon River, C. B Sand Point *Schooner Pond, C. B St. Mary's 1st *St. Mary's 2nd St. Peter's Road Sydney, C. B Tatamagouche *Three Rivers, P. E. I Tracadie Truro Tryon, P. E. I Uigg, P. E. I Upper Londonderry Upper Stewiacke Wallace River Wentworth	10 1 2 13 1 1 1 2 1 3 11	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1

NEW BRUNSWICK EASTERN ASSOCIATION.

HELD AT BUTTERNUTT RIDGE, JULY 13, 1865.

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NEW BRUSWICK WESTERN ASSOCIATION.

HELD AT ST. ANDREWS, SEPTEMBER 15th, 1864.

CHURCHES.	Baptized.	Members.	CHURCHES.	Baptized.	Members.
*Maugerville Nashwaak New Jerusalem *New Zealand	2 9 5 4 1 1 1 3 37 1	15 112 61 71 80 90 28 14 15 19 136 44 110 42 25 56 96 45 38 32 36 37 134 93 84 66 23	North Esk	37 4 3 24 6 2	24 34 40 24 40 24 40 56 24 11 14 7 50 21 24 11 12 3 3 10 5
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Ordained Ministers.

Nova Scotia Western Association.

Rev. H. Angell, Yarmouth. H Achilles, Parker's Cove. G. Armstrong, Bridgetown. A. W. Barss, Ragged Islands. A. Cogswell, Beaver River. G. D. Cox, Clements. W. G. Goucher, Hebron. J. E. Goucher, Fort Medway. 1. B. Gates, Digby Joggins. W. Hall, Long Island. E. N. Harris, Liverpool. J. C. Morse, Digby Neck. A. Martell, Tusket. J. A. Moore, Hillsburg. P. F. Murray, Chute's Cove. R. S. Morton, Nictaux. J. McKenne, Sable River. M. Normonday, Tusket.

Rev. Obed Parker, Aylesford. W. G. Parker, Nictaux. D. O Parker, Brookfield, Q.C. W. L. Parker, Arcadia, Yar.Co. R. D. Porter, Hebron. W. H. Porter Wilmot. C. Randall, Weymouth. S. Richardson, Westport. W. H. Richan, Barrington. J.H.Saunders, Ohio, Yarmouth. J. A. Stubbert, Deerfield, do. A. Stronach, Aylesford. C. Tupper, D. D., Aylesford. J. F. Tooker. Digby. N. Vidito, Wilmot. Amos Weaver, Milton. Isaiah Wallace, Lower Gran-[ville.

Nova Scotia Central Association.

Rev. J. Bancroft, Newport East. W. Burton, Hantsport. J. M. Cramp, D. D., Wolfville. John Chase, Wolfville. Geo Dimock, Newport West. S. W. deBlois, Wolfville. T. Delong, St. Margaret's Bay D. Freeman, Canning. T. A. Higgins, Wolfville. A S. Hunt, Canard, Cornwallis. W. E. Hall, New Germany. S. B Kempton, New Minas. A. H. Munro, Halifax. S March Bridgewater. J.Parker, Billtown, Cornwallis. A. F. Porter, Dartmouth.

Rev. D. Pineo, Long Point. John Pryor, D. D., Halifax. R. R. Fhilp, Sackville. S. T. Rand, Hantsport. E. O. Read, Gaspereaux. J L. Read, Upper Aylesford. E. M. Saunders, West Cornwallis. I. J. Skinner, Chester. D. G. Shaw, Falmouth. J. Stevens, Rawdon. B. Taylor, New Germany. B. Vaughn, Kempt. D M. Welton, Windsor. R. Walker, Aylesford. Geo. Weathers, Newport.

Nova Scotia Eastern Association.

Rev. J. E. Balcom, Great Village. Rev. D. McKeen, Little Forks, M. A. Bigelow, Antigonish. T. Blakeney, Amherst Shore. Thos. A. Blackadar, Parsboro'. Obed Chute, Upper Stewiacke A Chipman, Pictou. E. Clay, Pugwash. D. W. C. Dimock, Truro. J. Davis. Ch. Town, P. E. I. W. Dobson, Wallace River. H. Eagles, St. Mary's. M.P.Freeman, Bedeque, P.E.I. J. H. Kempton, Mira, C. B. R. J. Langridge, Pictou. Geo. F. Miles, Amherst.

Maccan. R. McDonald, Margaree, C.B. Samuel McLeod, Uigg, P. E. 1. W. McPhee, Baddeck, C. B. D.P McQuillan, Mira Bay, C.B. T. H. Porter, Jr., Sydney, C.B. Malcom Ross, Bedeque, P.E.I. Hugh Ross, N. Sydney, C. B. Geo Richardson, Sydney, C.B. Jomes Reid, Bass River. John Shaw, East Point, P.E.I. Benj. Scott, Onslow. D. A. Steele, Canso. S. Thompson, Economy.

New Brunswick Eastern Association.

Rev. Samuel Bancroft, Butternut Rev. Donald McPhail, Buctouche. Ridge, Alexander Mutch, Fairfield.

David Blakeney, Petticodiac.
D. Crandal, Springfield, K. C.
Nathaniel Cleveland, Alma.
W. A. Coleman, Dorchester.

V. A. Crandal, Elgin.
W. A. Crandal, Flatlands.
W. A. Corey, Springfield, K.C.
W. T. Corey. Moncton. [W.O.
Jno. M. Curry, Norton. Hay's
Patrick Duffy, Hillsborough.
J. E. Fillamore, Turtle Creek.

J. T. Gooldrup, Coverdale,

James Herritt, Havelock.

J. H. Hughes, Hillsborough.

J. C. Hurd, M. D., Hopewell.

H. Harris, Millsove, G. L.

James Irving, Baltimore.

Thomas Lockey, Cambridge

Alexander Mutch, Fairfield.

A. B. McDonald, Hampton
Ferry
L. H. Marshall, Hopewell Hill.
W. Pulcifer, Hil sborough.
John Rowe, St. Martins.
J. A. Smith, Hillsborough.
Peter Spragg, Springfield.
T. Stone, Penobsquis, Sussex.
Caleb Spragg, Moncton Mountains.
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J. R. Spragg, Cole's Island,
G. W. Springer, Jemseg.

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J. C. Steadman, Elgin, Little
River.
Thomas Todd, Sackville.

Jas Trimble, Hammond Vale.
W. A. Troop, Springfield.
James Wallace, Coverdale.
Abel Washburn, St. Martins.

New Brunswick Western Association.

Rev. Geo. Burns, Macnaquack.

I. E. Bill, St John.
 J. W Blakeney, Up Gagetown.
 Joseph C. Blakeney, Carleton.
 W. W. Corey, Keswick.

E. C Cady, A. M., Portland.
T. W Crawley, A. M., St. Andrews.

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G. R. Campbell, L. Woodstock.
Henry Charlton, Kars.
W. M. Edwards, Blissfield.
G. Estabrooks, Simonds.
W. V. Garner, St. John.
Wm. Harris, Keswick.
W. L. Hopkins, Pennfield.
J. G. Harvey, Woodstock.

B. N. Hughes, St. George. E. Hickson, A. B., Newcastle.

Rev. B. Jewett. Tobique.
I. Lawrence, Newcastle, G. L.

E. McInnis, Carleton.
D. Outhouse, Dumfries.
Thos. Powers, Gloucester.
S. Robinson, St. John.
W. C. Rideout, St. David's.
Jarvis Ring, St. John.

B. F. Rattray, Jacksontown.
P. O. Rees, Maugerville
C. Spurden, D. D., Fredericton.
T. W. Saunders, Pr. William.
A. D. Thomson, St. Andrews.
James Tozer, Blissville.
L. H. Tupper, Oueensberough

J. H. Tupper, Queensborough. E. Webb, Nerepis. John Williams, Presquile.

James Walker, Mascareen.

Constitution of the Baptist Convention

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OF

NOVA SCOTIA, NEW BRUNSWICK, AND P. E. ISLAND.

I. That the Convention be called "The Baptist Convention of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island." and shall consist of the Members and Delegates hereinafter specified.

II. That the objects of the Convention shall be to maintain the following Institutions, namely, Acadia College and Foreign Missions; and to advance the interests of the Baptist denomination generally, by devising and carrying out, as far as possible, such means as may, by the Divine blessing, tend to promote its welfare.

It is earnestly recommended that at the Annual meetings of the Associations, brethren be appointed to furnish reports to the Convention on the State of Religion and the progress of the cause of God, within the limits of those Associations, respectively.

III. That the business of the Convention shall be conducted by a President, one or more Vice Presidents, a Treasurer, two Secretaries, (one residing in Nova Scotia, and the other in New Brunswick), and a Board of Directors, consisting of twenty-five members, all of whom shall be members of Baptist Churches, in good standing (in addition to Life Directors), to be chosen annually by the Convention.

IV. That every member of a Baptist Church, in good standing, who shall pay annually ten shillings or upwards towards any of the objects embraced in the Uinon Societies, or into the funds of the Convention, and also every ordained Baptist Minister in the three Provinces in good standing, shall be a member of the Convention; any person paying five pounds or upwards, shall be a life member; and the payment of twenty pounds, or upwards, at one time, shall constitute a Life Director. Every Church connected with an Association, and contributing ten shillings towards any of the objects embraced in the Union Societies, shall be a member of this Convention, and be at liberty to send one Delegate to represent such Church, and if five pounds are collected, two Delegates. Every local Union Society, collecting annually five pounds or upwards, shall be a member of this Convention, and shall be at liberty to send two Delegates to represent them therein, and one Delegate for every additional five pounds collected; so as no Church or

Union Society be at liberty to send more than five Delegates; and that each Association connected with the Convention be allowed to send five Delegates. The Missionary and Educational Board shall also be at liberty to send one Delegate each.

V. That all monies contributed by individuals for membership, or for the general purposes of the Convention, shall be appropriated, after the payment of, incidental expenses, as the Convention shall direct, unless otherwise ordered by the donors.

VI. That the Board of Directors shall be empowered to meet quarterly or oftener for the despatch of business, at such places as the Convention shall from time to time appoint; nine members shall form a quorum. The Board shall also be empowered to convene special meetings of the Convention, whenever the same may be judged necessary by a majority of its members.

VII. That the Convention shall meet on the first Saturday after the 18th day of August, annually, at such place as shall be agreed on by the body; when, in addition to the appointment of the Office-bearers and Board of Directors, and the transaction of such business as may be brought before the Meeting in accordance with Article 2 of this Convention, a Missionary Board or Boards shall be chosen, each consisting of fifteen members of the Convention, all of whom shall be members of Baptist Churches, in regular standing. These Boards shall hold their meetings at such places as the Convention shall annually appoint; at least one third of the members of each Board shall reside in the place of meeting, or in its vicinity; and five shall constitute a quorum.

The Convention shall also appoint, once in three years, six Governors of Acadia College, in place of six who will then go out in rotation, in accordance with the resolution passed by this Convention at its annual meeting in September, 1850, and in accordance with the Act 14 Vic. of the Legislature of Nova Scotia: Chap. 37.

VIII. That this Constitution may be altered or amended at any Annual Meeting of the Convention, by two-thirds of the members present.

Zules of Order.

Rule 1.—At every sitting, business shall be opened and concluded with prayer.

Rule 2.—Ministers and members of Churches, not Delegates, invited to a seat with us, may speak on all subjects under debate, but vote on none.

Rule 3.—No member of the Convention shall absent himself without leave of the Moderator.

RULE 4.—The names of Delegates leaving the Convention without permission of the body, before the conclusion of the business, shall be publicly reported in the Minutes.

Rule 5.—No subject shall be discussed without a motion first made and seconded.

Rule 6.—No person shall speak oftener than twice on any motion, unless by permission of the body.

RULI 7.—Motions made and lost shall not be recorded in the Minutes, except so ordered at the time.

RULE 8.—The Moderator of the Convention shall nominate all Committees, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention.

Rule 9.—These Rules shall be distinctly read from the Chair immediately after the opening of the Convention.

Time of Meeting of the Associations for 1866.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Western.—Second Saturday in June, at Lower Granville. Central.—Third Saturday in June, at Hantsport. Eastern.—First Saturday in July, at Sydney, C. B.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Eastern.—Second Thursday in July, ————
Western.—Third Thursday in September, ———

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