

MINUTES

OF THE

ELEVENTH SESSION

OF THE

WESTERN NEW BRUNSWICK

Baptist Association,

HELD AT GAGETOWN

*Saturday, Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 18th, 20th and 21st,*

WITH THE

CIRCULAR LETTER AND REPORT

OF THE

**H. B. B. Education Society.**

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Walker, March, J. A. Smith, and Brethren J. Estabrooks, Kinsman and Titus.

*Foreign Missions.*—Elders Wallace, Spurden, Thompson, J. W. Goucher, DeMill, Seely and Brethren W. S. Estey, Godsoe, C. Coy and Hunt.

*On the Bible Cause.*—Elders Clay, Demill, Brethren G. Coy, T. Bell, W. Buckhanon and Deacon Cowperthwaite.

*On Sabbath Schools.*—Bro. Geo. Day, Wheeler, S. F. Smith, Hunt, J. Brown, Godsoe, D. C. Stillwell, Gillis, Chaloner, and Elder Locky.

*On Christian Visitor.*—Bro. Fillmore, Elders Demill, Guilford, Miles, Thompson, March, Locky, J. A. Smith, Todd, Spurden, Robinson, Clay, Wallace, Brethren S. Smith, S. P. Estabrooks, G. W. Curry, G. W. Hoben, C. R. Bill.

*On New Churches.*—Elders Walker, Troop, Harris, Saunders, brethren Jewett and Wells.

*On Education.*—Elders Spurden, Wallace, Miles, Thompson, DeMill, Magee, Guilford, Seely, Brethren Day, C. R. Bill, Hughes, Hunt, Wills and Chaloner.

*On Candidates for the Ministry.*—Elders Wallace, Bill, Magee, Saunders, Harris, Robinson, Spurden, Miles and Bro. A. Bailey.

*On Claims of Seamen.*—Bro. Hunt, Elders Demill, Wallace and Bros. Hughes, Wills, Curry, Jewett and S. P. Estabrooks.

*To Correct the List of Ministers.*—Elders Howe and Harvey.

*On Temperance.*—Elders Clay, Guilford, Miles, Saunders and Robinson, Brethren Hughes, Q. Curry, Boney, Estey.

*On Desecration of the Sabbath.*—Elders Springer, Edwards, Troop, Lockey, Seely and Spurden.

*On Colportage.*—Bros. John Curry, Fillmore, P. O. Reece and Treadwell.

The Committee of Arrangement made their report which was accepted.

After prayer by Bro. Miles,

The Association adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock on Monday.

Preaching stations on Sabbath, viz:—

Upper Gagetown Chapel at 8½ o'clock, A. M., prayer meeting.

At same place " 11 o'clock, Thos. Todd. 3½ o'clock, Elder Bill.

do. do. do. " 7½ o'clock, P. M., Elder Wallace.

Fredericton preaching 10 o'clock, A. M., by Elder A. J. Smith,

Free Baptist Chapel, 10 o'clock A. M. Elder Miles.

do do 3½ o'clock, P. M., Elder Tupper.

do do 7½ o'clock, P. M., Elder Thompson.

Canning Chapel, 10 o'clock, A. M., Elder Clay, M. D.

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Magnuspit Lake, 10 o'clock, A. M., Elder Harris.

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MONDAY MORNING, Sept. 28.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Introductory sermon by Elder Clay, M. D., text Matt. 11 chap. 1 verse. After Prayer by Bro. Miles,

The letters from the following churches were read by the Committee appointed to examine and read letters.

*Gagetown*.—Elders W. M. Edwards, B. Coy, Brethren W. Estabrooks, G. W. Curry and John Curry

*Douglas*.—Elder James H. Tupper, G. W. Curry, S. B. Smith, and Thomas Jewett.

*Rushagornish*.—Brethren Adam, Noble, and Thomas Philip.

*North Esk*.—Elder J. Wallace.

*Dumfries und Queensbury*.—Bro. Geo. Jewett, and Deacon W. Clark.

*Carleton, St John*.—Elder E. Clay and Deacons J. S. Clark, J. Christopher, and W. Buchanan,

*Maugerville*.—Elder G. F. Miles, Brethren R. Cowperthwaite, G. K. Day, B. Hughes, J. L. Day, and George Treadwell.

*New Zealand*.

*1st St. George*.—Elder S. March and Brother H. A. Smith.

*Nashwaak*.—Bro. John Carter.

*Chipman*.—Elder W. S. Howe.

*Springfield*.—Elder J. G. Harvey, Deacon T. Bartlett and Bro. G. Howland.

*Northampton*.—Elder T. Todd.

*Germain Street, St John*.—Elder I. E. Bill, Bros: C. R. Bill, R. Wills, J. Chaloner, A. Boney and D. A. Curry.

*Jerusalem*.—Elders T. Lockey, E. Webb, Bros. J. Brown and D. More:

*Woodstock*.—Elder George Seely:

*Lower Woodstock*.—Elder George Campbell:

*Kingsclear*.—Bros: Geo. Kimber and B. Jewett.

*Newcastle, Miramichi*.—Elder J. Wallace.

*South Richmond*.—Rev: J. G. Harvey.

*Canning*.—Brethren P. O. Rees, J. Estabrooks, A. Cowperthwaite, J. M. Curry and S. P. Estabrooks.

*Marsh Bridge, St John*.—Elder E. B. DeMill, Deacons Godsoe, Bell and Drew.

*Fredericton*.—Elders Henry P. Guilford, C. Spurdon, G. C. Hunt, R. S. Bailey, G. C. Shaw and W. S. Estey:

*Portland*.—Elder J. W. Goucher, Dea. J. Ritchie, Bros. G. C. Dunham and J. S. May.

*Jackstown*.—Elder Thomas Todd.

*Keswick*.—Bro. C. Dumphy,

*Douglas African*.—Bro. Wheary.

*Canterbury*.—Elder Geo. Campbell.

*Second St. Patrick*.—Elder A. D. Thomson.

*Beekagumick*.—Elder D. Outhouse.

*Blackwell, Blissfield & Ludlow.*  
*Oromocto.*—Br. D. Smith.  
*Brussel Street.*—Elder S. Robinson, Dea. Kinsman and Titus,  
 Treadwell, Ackerley and Lugrin.  
*Prince William,*—Elder T. Saunders, Bros. Wheeler, Curry,  
 and Ludlow.  
*Cardigan.*—Elder Wm. Harris.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Bro. Hughes.

The Committee on New Churches report favourably in reference to Marsh Bridge church. The right hand of fellowship was given to the representatives of the above church.

*Voted:* That the Church of Ashland, according to request be dismissed from this Association.

*Resolved:* That our next session be with the church in Fredericton, 3rd Saturday in Sept. 2 o'clock, P. M.

*Voted:* That Rev. E. B. Demill preach the Introductory Sermon, and Bro. J. W. Goucher be his alternate.

*Voted:* That Bro. J. Tupper write the circular Letter.

*Voted:* That Bro. Bill take charge of the printing of the Minutes. That 1000 copies be printed.

*Resolved:* That Brethren Edwards, Bill, Miles, Robinson and Thomson, be delegates to the Convention.

*Voted:* That Bro. Robinson be Delegate to all the Associations in N. S., and pay his own expenses.

*Voted:* That Bro. Todd be the delegate to the Eastern Association.

*Voted:* That each Church be recommended to bear the expenses of their delegates to the Associations.

*Voted:* That Bro. Guilford read the circular letter.

*Voted:* That the Circular Letter be received and printed in the Visitor, and Minutes.

Moved and second. that we adjourn until 7 o'clock this evening.

Prayer by Bro. Magee.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Bro. Earle.

Missionary Meeting of the N. B. Baptist Association.  
 Bro. Robinson in the Chair.

The Committee presented the following report which was ably sustained by addresses by Brothers Robinson, Thompson, Bill, Clay, Earle, Harris, Spurden, Miles, J. A. Smith, Wallace, Tupper and P. O. Rees. Report was unanimously adopted.

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

The Committee appointed to consider the subject of Domestic Missions, have attended to the duty assigned them, and beg leave to report:—

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That while we have great occasion for gratitude of heart to the Giver of all Good, for the measure of success which has already attended our labors in the Home Missionary field, it becomes our especial duty to make renewed efforts in aid of this important enterprise; and as tending to this end, Your Committee beg leave to suggest to the various churches belonging to this Association, the propriety of organizing an auxiliary Missionary Society, in connection with each church, which Society shall hold membership with the N. B. B. H. M. Society, and make quarterly contributions into its treasury of all funds that may be collected for this object.

Your Committee beg leave also, to remind the Churches of the solemn obligations under which we all rest, to "pray the Lord of the harvest," to send more labourers into his harvest. In view of which, we submit the following Resolutions:—

1st. *Resolved*, That we recommend to each Church, the immediate organization of a Missionary Society, as an auxiliary to the N. B. B. H. M. Society; electing its own proper officers, and taking such local measures for raising subscriptions and donations, as in their judgement may be deemed the most expedient; each auxiliary representing itself by *delegation*, at each annual meeting of the Parent Society.

2nd. That we recommend that the first Monday evening in each month be observed as a season of special prayer in behalf of the missionary cause, both at *home* and abroad, believing that the God of missions will vouchsafe his blessing in answer to earnest prayer.

H. P. GULFORD,  
*Chairman.*

The Moderator resumed his seat.

After Prayer by Moderator,

Adjourned to meet to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

TUESDAY MORNING, Sept. 21.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Bro. Springer.

#### THE SABBATH.

The committee on the Desecration of the Sabbath beg leave to submit the following Report:—

The Sabbath is desecrated among us, we fear, not only by those who are not Professors of Religion, but by members of our Churches, many of whom seem to forget that they are under obligations to lay aside all worldly conversation light reading, visiting, and indulgence in sloth and business transactions; that the day should be observed a day unto the Lord, in the which they should render their bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto the Lord which is their reasonable service.

We recommend, therefore, that special attention shall be called

By Pastors of the Churches to this subject, urging the claims of the Gospel on the necessity of the right observance of the Christian Sabbath.

J. MAGEE,  
Chairman.

After addresses by Brothers Edwards, Coy, Walker, Harris, Robinson and Wells. It was adopted

Addresses from Brethren Bill, Thomson, Wills, and Walker. The report was received.

### SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools would submit the following report.—

That they learn with pleasure, from Sabbath School statistics, that success has attended the efforts of the superintendents and Teachers in this department of christian labour. But while they feel grateful for what has been done, they recommend that increased efforts be put forth by Pastors and members of Churches to make Sabbath Schools more interesting by introducing cheap religious Periodicals, especially the "Family Casket." They also recommend that Pastors of Churches organize Bible classes so as to qualify Teachers to labour more efficiently in the Sabbath School, and that this matter be attended to as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

G. E. Day, *Chairman.*

Addresses from Brethren Edwards, Geo. Smith, Thompson, Saunders, Geo. Day, Miles, and Wallace,

### COLPORTAGE.

Your Committee beg leave to Report: That they deem the work of the Colportage of vast importance, and would recommend to this Association the propriety of employing an efficient Colporteur to travel over this Province to disseminate the Word of Life and Salvation.

JOHN M. CURREY,  
*Chairman.*

### THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR.

The Committee appointed to report on the *Christian Visitor* have attended to the duty assigned them, and beg leave to say:—

1st, That the present Proprietor and Editor, the Rev. I. E. Bill, is anxious to transfer the paper into other hands, in order to relieve himself from the embarrassments and cares which it imposes upon him, and in order also, to be able to devote himself entirely to the work of the pastoral office.

2d, He proposes first, to make said transfer to any person or persons belonging to the Baptist denomination in this Province, having the confidence of the body, on condition that the party or parties purchasing, pay to him the sum of one thousand pounds,—or fifty per cent on the whole amount due the paper, which amount

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in round numbers, is about *two thousand pounds*. About two hundred and fifty pounds to be paid immediately, and the balance to be provided for by acceptable security, to be paid, in instalments of sufficient accommodation to enable the purchaser or purchasers to collect in the debts due the concern.

3d. Unless such transfer can be made to responsible parties in this Province, he will then feel himself at liberty to dispose of said paper to any other party or parties with whom he may be able to agree.

4th. The Committee beg leave, however, to express the hope, that in either case, the individual and denominational interest in the *Visitor* will remain undiminished, and that all of its friends may exert their utmost endeavours to extend its influence and circulation, and thus lend it their ample support.

S. H. FILMORE, *Chairman*.

After addresses by Bros. Spurden, Guilford and Bill,  
Report received.

### FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Committee on Foreign Missions beg to Report, That they contemplate with heartfelt gratitude, the Providence of God in the opening of wide and effectual doors, for the reception of the Gospel in Foreign lands.

*China* with its 300 millions of immortal beings is now accessible to our Missionaries and calls loudly for the Word of Life.

*Sweden* presents an inviting field.

Marvellous displays of God's mercy have been experienced there during the past year, but the destitution is still most melancholy. The operations of Colporteur Agents there, afford a most hopeful object for the benevolence of our Churches.

In *India* our esteemed Brother Crawley labours successfully in his Master's work, and your committee beg to commend him and the idolatrous thousands for whom he labours to the prayers and Liberality of the Churches.

The native preachers are labouring efficiently under his direction who are sustained from the Funds of the Convention, to which funds the friends of Missions in this Province contributed. Your Committee express their decided approval of the appropriation of said convention.

In view of the whitening fields abroad and their imperative demand for Missionary aid, your committee beg to suggest the desirableness of each church connected with this body, spending whenever practicable, the first Monday evening in every month, in prayer in behalf of Foreign Missions, and that the Pastors of the Churches be requested to gather and present before their people

what information they can with regard to the cause of Missions, and that collections be taken up monthly in behalf of the perishing heathen.

Respectfully submitted,  
ISAIAH WALLACE.

After Addresses from Bros. Clay and Wallace.  
It was adopted.

ON CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY.

Your Committee beg to report that they learn with pleasure that two young brethren have studied successfully under the auspices of the N. B. Baptist Board for Ministerial Education, during the greater part of the past year; and in view of the whiten- ed fields at home and abroad, and the fewness of the labourers, your Committee would humbly recommend the churches connect- ed with this body faithfully to aid and encourage those of their number who give evidence of being called of God to preach the gospel, in order that the Churches and fields now destitute may be supplied with the Ministry of the Word.

Respectfully submitted,  
ISAIAH WALLACE.

After an Address from Bro. Wallace,  
Report was adopted.  
Adjourned to meet at 2½ o'clock P. M.  
Prayer by Bro. March.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met pursuant to adjournment.  
Prayer by Bro. Harris.

BIBLE CAUSE.

The Committee on the Bible cause beg to Report: That it is with pleasure they look upon the movements of the different Bi- ble Societies in their work of love in diffusing the word of Life to a perishing world; and they cannot but rejoice in the success of the American Bible Union, and particularly in their late move- ment in sending Dr. Hackett to Greece; they would also recom- mend that the Churches do all they can to sustain these noble movements, particularly the latter in sending Dr. Hackett to the East. All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDWIN CLAY, *Chairman.*

Sustained by an address by Bro. Clay.  
It was unanimously adopted.

EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education beg leave to report:— That they have received with satisfaction the report of the Com- mittee of management during the past year, when the Seminary was under the direction of their esteemed Brethren Wallace and

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Day; the successful manner in which they conducted the affairs of the Institution reflects much credit on themselves, and the number in attendance especially during the winter months was most encouraging. The Committee confidently anticipate that now the Principal has returned to resume his duties, a fresh impetus will be given to the cause of education in connection with their Institution in this Province.

Soon after the opening of the present Session it was thought advisable to admit females, twelve years old and upwards, to the instruction imparted in the seminary. They are glad to learn that the experiment has proved successful as far as it has hitherto been tried, and they hope that it will prove highly beneficial in the future when it has come more fully into operation.

The report of Acadia College made to the convention, gives an encouraging statement of the members in attendance; the literary and theological departments evince the able superintendance of the present Professors, and although the financial difficulties surrounding the College are of a serious character, yet they trust that the measures adopted by the Governors, and the labours of the agents now in the field will eventually relieve the College from its embarrassments.

All which is respectfully submitted.

C. SPURDEN,

Chairman.

After Addresses from Brethren Spurden, Bill, Clay, Thompson, Guilford, J. A. Smith and E. B. Demill,

Report adopted.

#### TEMPERANCE.

The Committee on Temperance beg leave to report:—

That in the opinion of your committee, the present movements of the friends of Temperance are in the right direction, and that on the whole the state of the cause is encouraging. Still we believe that as *Baptists* it is our duty too stand firm by the principles of *Prohibition*, until the laws of our Land protect our sons and daughters from the invasion of the monster.

*Therefore Resolved*: That a petition be sent from this Association to the House of Assembly requesting them to take the matter into their consideration; signed by all the Ministers of this body, and that each Pastor be requested to get up a petition in each of their respective Churches; signed by the Church and congregation.

Your Committee would also desire to call the attention of the churches to the necessity of enforcing upon all Baptists their

DUTY in this matter, believing as they do that continued opposition to this cause, should be a matter of discipline.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDWIN CLAY, *Chairman.*

Addresses from Bros. Clay, J. A. Smith and Hughes.

This Association is under the painful necessity of placing upon its Minutes the following melancholy record respecting certain individuals, who are representing themselves to the people of N. B. as ministers of the gospel in connexion with the Baptist Denomination.

1st. Joshua B. Cogswell was charged in the County of Digby, Nova-Scotia, with gross immorality of conduct, for which he was tried by the laws of his country and found guilty; he was also on this account excluded from the church with which he stood connected and consequently deposed from his ministerial office. This Association is informed that subsequently he was partially restored, upon confession to one of the churches; but as he has never been restored to his ministerial office by the Nova-Scotia brethren, and has no standing in their Associations as a christian minister, this Association regard his attempts to preach in this Province as disorderly and calculated to disturb the peace of the churches and injure the cause of religion, and therefore cannot hold fellowship with him as a religious teacher.

2. A man by the name of Farnham, has a wife and family living in the State of Maine; but notwithstanding this, in violation of all law,—human and divine—has married a young woman in this Province. Under such circumstances the Baptist Churches of New-Brunswick can in no way countenance him as a minister of Christ.

3. A young man by the name of Alfred Parker has been traveling through different parts of New Brunswick representing himself as a licensed preacher of the Baptist Church at Nictaux, N.S. It has been ascertained from undoubted authority that he was never licensed to preach by the Nictaux Church, and consequently he is an imposter. His conduct in other respects is spoken of as altogether inconsistent with the requirements of Christianity. This Association therefore advise the churches it represents to hold no communion with the said Parker as a religious guide.

VOTE OF THANKS.

*Resolved:* That the members of this Association most heartily and unanimously tender their thanks to the church, Pastor and friends generally, who have so kindly and amply entertained the ministers, delegates and others who have attended our present session. And we desire to express our most earnest and affectionate wishes in their behalf, that God may sanctify the pleasant interviews enjoyed together during the few days past to the spiritual and eternal good of all concerned.

*Resolved:* That we now adjourn to meet with the Baptist Church, Fredericton, on the 3rd Saturday in September, 1859.

Closing Prayer by the moderator.

W. S. HOWE, *Clerk.*

G. G. HARVEY, *Asst.*

THOMAS TODD, *Moderator.*

## CIRCULAR LETTER.

*To the Churches embraced in the New Brunswick Baptist Association in 1858.*

DEAR BRETHREN:—Among the many important subjects claiming our attention as Baptists, and some of which should be embraced in our annual CIRCULAR LETTER, allow me briefly to ask your consideration.

1st. To the necessity of a more thorough, systematic and joint effort in behalf of the Baptist Home Missionary cause in this Province.

The moral field in which God has called us by His grace and providence to labor, is one of promise and consequent encouragement, provided that as "good stewards" we are faithful in the improvement of the means placed within our reach for the introduction and establishment of a simple, scriptural, experimental and soul-saving faith in "the Lord our Righteousness"; which faith presents in its outward developments a cheerful obedience to the divine ordinances and commandments of the New Testament.

To carefully detail all the means or agencies placed within our reach for carrying the gospel to the destitute, and for the organization of churches, would necessarily occupy more space and time than ought to be devoted to this letter. But though this cannot be done, we may appropriately instance a few of the agencies appointed of God to this end. And, by giving general character to the few, we may be able to comprehend the whole, as follows, viz:—

*A sanctified press; a living and devoted ministry called of God to preach the gospel; the earnest, and heart felt, and united petitions of "God's elect" at a "throne of grace;" the free and voluntary moneyed contributions of the churches and congregations; the organization of a Missionary Society in connection with each Baptist Church, (which society should hold a formal and real connection as an Auxiliary to the parent or general Missionary Society of New Brunswick,) the whole to act in harmony—the one with the other—each and all relying upon, and seeking to secure the gracious influences of the Holy Spirit. These general ideas embody the whole matter, as I apprehend, relating to what is meant by means and agencies for carrying forward the Home Missionary work in the spread of the gospel among the destitute, and*

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in planting churches of the Baptist faith. And let us not forget that the same class of general agencies employed by God for the spread of the gospel among the destitute, is ordained by Him as most conducive to the life, and health, and growth of the churches already established; so that by lending our aid to those who are needy, and who may be locally removed far from us, we are at the same time aiding ourselves, and the cause of Christ in our own immediate localities. Thus illustrating the truth of Scripture, "It is more blessed to give than to receive. And also, "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth." But, though these truths have often been strikingly illustrated, yet more frequently have we learned to our sorrow, that "there is that withholdeth more than it meet, but it tendeth to poverty."

As means and agencies within our reach, and which should be employed in behalf of the cause of Home Missions, I have intimated in a *sanctified Press*, for it has given us the printed *WORD* of God, instructive and profitable religious books, tracts and periodicals. I have mentioned the necessity of a living and devoted ministry, called of God to preach the gospel, because it has pleased God "through the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." I have referred to prayer, because "The effectual fervent prayers of the righteous avail much." And to the free and voluntary *moneyed* contributions of our churches and congregations without money, is it utterly impossible to sustain the institutions of religion; and to the importance of Auxiliary Societies in connection with all the churches, and to have said Societies hold a real, and not a merely *nominal* relation to the General Missionary Society because this course of action is not only feasible in all our different localities, but it would act as a conveyer of more direct information on the subject of missions; create a wholesome emulation among the brotherhood; awaken more of sympathy for one another in the good work; expand more uniformly the energies of the denomination; equalize more truly the burdens to be borne and the necessary expenses to be met; while such a course would tend to concentrate our endeavours to promote, the same great object and at the same time secure a readier and a larger supply of missionary funds, with which to enable the Parent Board to operate. I speak of the necessity of *harmonizing* throughout the entire body, for "in union there is strength;" and, of our firm and constant reliance upon the Holy Spirit, because "Paul may plant and Apollos water," but God alone has power "to give the increase."

With these brief suggestions, and with a view to the introduction of another important subject for your consideration, I forbear to extend my remarks upon the subject thus far presented, and now come to notice.

2nd. The solemn obligation resting upon us, to renew our covenant with God and with one another, that in the divine strength

We may be prepared to put forth special efforts for the up-building of all the churches represented in this Association, "in righteousness and true holiness," and in an extensive and general revival of the work of God.

While we have occasion to look up to Heaven in gratitude of heart for the increase of numbers and graces which have characterized some of the churches in this Association during the past year, yet, considered as a whole, it is to be feared that we are not in such a condition of religious prosperity as ought to distinguish a people so highly exalted as ourselves, in point of privileges and opportunities for usefulness.

Thus far, ever since the day of Pentecost, the Baptists have, under God, been largely indebted to Revivals of Religion for whatever of individual and associated prosperity has attended them. In every place, wherever they have hitherto obtained a standing and a name, it has been the result of the Revival of the work of God. As a people, to the praise of God be it spoken, they have ever cherished a love for and participated in the spirit of Revivals. So that if the entire history of the Baptists could be fully written out, it will be a history of continuous Revivals, from about the year of our Lord 33, to the year of our Lord, 1858. True, there have been seasons of declension and heart-wanderings from God. But never, in all their history, have they been suffered to decline in any community of which we have heard, so far, as to ignore the spirit of revivals. No! no! When here and there, for the sins we have committed, the Almighty has "in a little wrath hid His face from us for a moment." His everlasting kindness has soon poured in upon us, and His own work has been revived in His own time and way. Many times, during the past, in different sections, has God seemed to "hide his face from us," but soon, "with great mercies has he gathered us." And these gathering seasons have generally,—I don't know but in truth I may say—invariably, been in the midst and by means of Revivals.

But it may not be improper to raise the question in this connection. What have been the leading and most strongly marked characteristics in these revivals of religion among the Baptists, during the past? I answer.—Deep self-abasement, heart brokenness in the sight of God and man; earnest fastings and prayers; the unshrinking presentation and application of the great doctrinal and practical truths of the gospel; relating to the sinner's heart, and conscience, and life, being all sinful, and dangerous, and destructive. His utter inability to save himself; his lost and ruined condition; the absolute necessity of regeneration which has its only life and manifestations by the Sovereign Spirit of the Almighty, begetting within the human soul a living faith in the atoning merits of a crucified Redeemer; making salvation, "by grace through faith," guiding the souls of the redeem-

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ed into immediate obedience to the divine commands; influencing them to cleave to the Law and the testimony with one heart, and one mind; saying to the world, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, and he that believeth not shall be damned." Shall be saved! Not he may be saved.

One sentence more upon this point, and I hasten to a close, viz: The ordinary means of grace, the Baptists have hitherto relied upon, under God, for their prosperity, and the potency and Sovereignty of God will continue to be manifested through them in time to come, as in time past.

God is doubtless waiting to prove us. Not that he is, or has been unacquainted with the slightest secrets of our hearts.— For "all things are naked and open unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do." But God would prove us to ourselves. He would have us see and feel our unworthiness, our dependence and our want.

Let us not longer abuse his mercies or presume upon his long forbearance. Souls are perishing around us and passing on to the solemn Judgement. Shall we suffer them still to pass on, unwarned and uninvited! God forbid. Let the love of Christ, and our own pressing necessities lead us all to join in the prayer of the prophet, with all the fervency and energy of immortal beings, 'O Lord revive thy work.' But let us stop not here. It is well to pray but we must watch, and labor, in connection with prayer. If we pray for God to revive his work, let us hold ourselves in readiness to be employed by him as instruments through whom his work shall be revived. Praying that God may incline our hearts to bring all our "tithes" into his "storehouse" that we may prove Him, and that He may "open the windows of heaven" and pour us out a blessing equal to our warmest desires.

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# ABSTRACT OF THE STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

STATIONS.	Date of Formation.	Add's.			Removed	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.
		Baptised.	By letter.	Restored.					
Kingsclear,	1825				8		1	32	
Lower Woodstock,		3	1					30	
Woodstock,	1842	13					3	0	
Jerusalem,		18	1					45	
Germain Street, St. John		1	7	5	17	10	1	223	
Springfield, Y. C.,	1857	4	1				1	20	
Chipman,	1845		1			3	1	50	
Nashwaak,	1804	2			2		1	66	
St. George,	1806		1		5	8	2	80	
New Zealand,	1857		2					22	
Maugerville,	1839					5	1	97	
Gagetown,	1855	6					1	37	
Carleton, St. John,	1841		6	2			9	134	
Dumfries & Queensbury	1855				4			22	
North Esk, Miramichi,		7			13			21	
Rushagornish,	1846	1						25	
Douglas,	1844	7				3		83	
Oromocto,	1855					1	1	42	
Blackville, Blissfield and Ludlow,						2	2	95	
Beckaguimic,	1833	4						54	
2nd St. Patrick,							2	58	
Douglas African Church,								19	
Keswick,		12	4					122	
Jacksontown,	1846		73	25	3		1	117	
Portland,								209	
Northampton,	1856	9	4			4		28	
Fredericton,	1814	25	2			1		138	
Marsh Bridge,	1858							43	
Newcastle, Miramichi,						1	3	1	
Canning and Sheffield,	1800					9	11	2	
South Richmond,	1843					1	1	35	
Cardigan,	1820	15				43	1	46	
Prince William,	1800	69	13	20		2	3	1	
Brussels Street,	1850	1			9	3	2	3	
Can'tbury & S'thampton		4						3	
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# LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS,

IN CONNECTION WITH THE WESTERN NEW-BRUNSWICK BAPTIST  
ASSOCIATION.

NAMES.	RESIDENCE.	DATE OF ORDINATION.
James Tozer,	Simonds,	March, 1826
William Harris,	Prince William,	February, 1830
T. W. Saunders,	St. John,	July, 1832
Samuel Robinson,	St. George,	August, 1832
James Walker,	St. Andrews,	January, 1839
A. D. Thompson,	Nashwaak,	May, 1835
John Magee,	Arestook,	January, 1840
Geo. Rigby,	Queensbury,	March, 1842
J. H. Tupper,	Penfield,	March, 1844
W. L. Hopkins,	Gagetown,	November, 1845
W. D. Fitch,	Simonds,	January, 1844
G. Eastabrooks,	Jacksontown,	July, 1847
Thos. Todd,	Nerepia,	October, 1848
E. Webb,	Carleton,	October, 1850
E. McInnis,	St. John,	October, 1859
I. E. Bill,	Fredericton,	March, 1820
C. Spurden, A.M	Carleton,	
E. Clay,	Woodstock,	August, 1852
George Seely,	Miramiehi,	April, 1856
Isaiah Wallace,	St. George,	July, 1856
Stephen March,	Chipman,	August, 1856
W. S. Howe,	Fredericton,	March, 1840
H. P. Guilford,	Howard Settlement,	March, 1857
G. R. Campbell,	New Jerusalem,	January, 1857
Thomas Locke,	Springfield,	June, 1854
W. A. Troop,	Mair,	April, 1857
A. H. Esty,	Beckaguimic,	
D. Outhouse,	Woodstock,	February, 185
J. G. Harvey,		

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W. Gremley, R. Wells, W. Annis, Alexander Estabrooks, Benjamin Jewitt, G. E. Day, T. P. Davis, D. C. Stillwell, Benjamin Hughes.

*The following Missionaries labour in connection with both Associations.—Elders J. Bleakney, D. Crandell, and Isaiah Wallace.  
French Missionary.—Rev. Peter Knight.*

*Monies received at the Association by Mr. G. Curry, Treasurer*

		PRINTING MINUTES.			
		Brought forward,		£8 18	
Kingsclear,	£0 5 0	Maugerville,	0 12 0		
Macnaquack,	0 8 9	New Zealand,	0 5 0		
Nashwaak,	0 6 3	Marsh Bridge,	0 14 0		
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Jerusalem,	0 7 6	bury,	0 3 9		
Canning,	0 10 0	Oromocto,	0 2 6		
Upper Gagetown,	0 7 6	Beckaguimick,	0 6 3		
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African,	0 2 6	Germain Street,	1 0 0		
Prince William,	0 5 0	Rushagornish,	0 3 1½		
Portland,	1 0 0	Fredericton,	0 12 6		
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		FOR DOMESTIC MISSIONS.			
		Brought forward.		£18 10 0	
African Church, G.	£0 5 0	Thomas Bridges, Jr.,	1 0 0		
Weary,	3 5 0	James Bridges,	0 19 0		
Maugervill Church,	0 5 0	Mrs. W. Esty,	0 5 0		
John Carter,	0 10 0	Adam Noble,	0 10 0		
Stephen March,		D. Currie,	0 3 1½		
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G. W. Hoben, Esq.	1 0 0	Charles Coy,	1 0 0		
David More,	0 5 0	Abraham Eastabrooks,	2 10 0		
Mrs. I. E. Bill,	1 5 0	Thomas Coy,	1 0 0		
Rev. T. H. Tupper,	0 5 0	Mrs. Moses Lawrence,	0 5 0		
Samuel B. Smith,	0 5 0	Rev. John Magee,	0 10 0		
David Smith,	0 0 0	Mrs. J. Frides,	0 5 0		
D. S. Ireadwell,	0 15 0	J. W. Travis,	1 0 0		
Rev. Mr. Spurden,	1 0 0	D. Fitzgerald,	0 3 0½		
Rev. G. F. Miles,	1 5 0				
Rev. J. A. Smith,	0 5 0	PUBLIC COLLECTIONS.			
Mrs. James Gerow,	1 5 0	Upper Gagetown, Sun-			
Rev. T. Wallace,	0 5 0	day and Monday,	7 4 2		
Rev. Dr. Clay,	0 10 0	Canning, Sabbath,	3 0 3		
Moses Dykeman,	0 5 0	Free Baptist,	0 19 6½		
Joseph Read, Jr.	0 7 6	FOREIGN MISSIONS.—FOR BRO.			
T. P. Davis,	0 10 0	CRAWLEY.			
St. Andrews Church,	0 7 0	Capt. John Anderson,	2 0 0		
		Mrs. D. Anderson,	1 0 0		
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# A. B. Education Society

## REPORT.

The Committee of the N. B. Baptist Education Society, in presenting their 22nd Annual Report beg to submit the following statements.

1. The operations of the Seminary have been conducted during the past year under the efficient supervision of the Rev. Isaiah Wallac; assisted by Bro. Geo. E. Day.

2. The number of students attending the Seminary during the year has been 65; the average number has been somewhat less than in previous years, owing chiefly to the uncertainty and lateness of the date of the commencement of the Summer Term.

3. The Branches taught during the year are Reading, Writing, Written and Mental Arithmetic, Composition, English Grammar, Geography, Book keeping, Algebra, Plain and Solid Geometry, Navigation, Natural Philosophy, Natural History, English and Roman History and the Latin, Greek and French Languages.—From the Report of the Teachers your Committee are gratified to learn that the classes generally have made highly satisfactory progress.

4. The first half year closed with a Public Exhibition consisting of Declamations, Dialogues, and an Original Essay.—The second half year closed on the 4th of June, with a Public Examination of the classes and the delivery of several Original Essays eliciting the highest commendation.

5. A course of these Lectures on Scientific and other subjects, were delivered by Bro. Day in the month of April for the special benefit of the students. The public were also admitted.

6. The Theological Class studied Dr. Angus' Bible Hand Book during the greater part of the year under the direction of the Principal, besides writing sketches of sermons weekly for criticism and receiving a course of Lectures on Ministerial and practical duties.

7. Your Committee would express their high appreciation of

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the services of Brethren Wallace and Day, during the past year, and as Bro. Wallace is now called by other engagements to retire from the Institution, he bears with him the best wishes of the Committee of Management, and doubtless a consciousness of having faithfully discharged his duty.

8. Your Committee learn with pleasure that the Rev. C. Spurden is expected in a few days to resume his former post in the Seminary and in conclusion they commend him and the Institution over which he has so long and efficiently presided to the sympathies, prayers and benevolence of the Churches.

I. E. BILL, *Secretary.*

The Baptist Education Society in account with the Committee of Management.

1857.		Dr.	
	Painting and Papering, Mr. Weeks,		£4 12 0
	Hall Lamp and Fluid,		1 6 3
	Repairs, Mr. Haines,		2 12 14
	Mr. Foster's Bill for Paper,		1 14 6
	1858. Sundries,		5 12 7
	Stewards attending School Rooms,		8 0 0
	Principals Salary,		175 0 0
	Assistant Teachers Salary in part,		121 6 9
	Balance,		16 4 6
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	Balance in hand of Committee,		4 15 4
	1857. Tuition Fees,		77 14 5½
	8 Loads slabs,		1 4 0
	1858. Cash from Deacon S. Kelley, per Rev. S. Magee,		1 5 0
	Legislative Grant,		250 0 0
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# CONSTITUTION.

## OF THE WESTERN N. B. BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. This association composed only of Ministers and Delegates, who shall be members of "Churches which they represent; shall be styled "The Western N. B. Baptist Association."

Art. 2. The Association shall meet annually, at 2 o'clock, P. M., on the second Saturday in Sept, at such place as they shall appoint; notice of which shall be given in the Minutes. The Meeting shall be opened with Social Conference, after which the Officers and Committees shall be appointed. Every meeting held by adjournment from time to time during the session of the Association, shall be opened and concluded by prayer.

Art. 3. Each Church shall have the privilege of sending one Delegate or more; but no Church, however numerous, shall be entitled to a greater number than five, in addition to their Pastor.

Art. 4. At each meeting of the Association the Moderator of the preceding year shall call for the vote of a Moderator, and the person who shall be chosen by a majority of the members present, shall, upon his acceptance lead the meeting to the choice of a Clerk. It shall be the duty of the Moderator, to preside in all the transactions of the meeting, nominate Committees, and maintain due order among the members. It shall be the duty of the Clerk, to keep a fair and impartial record of all the doings of the Association during the session, and furnish a correct copy of the same for the press.

Art. 5. It shall be the duty of each Church to send by its Messengers a letter to the Association, giving an account of its state, particularly of the additions and diminutions within the last year: and generally of whatever relates to its place and prosperity, together with the whole number of members in communion. It shall also forward money for the printing of the Minutes.

Art. 6. When any Church shall desire admittance into this body, application must be made by letter and satisfactory evidence furnished of their faith and order; this being done, and a vote of acceptance taken, the Moderator shall, in behalf of the Association, give to one of their Messengers, if any be present, the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 7. When a church shall neglect to make any communication to the Association for three years successively, it shall be considered as having withdrawn from us, and shall be dropped from the Minutes, unless two or more members shall request its continuance, and shall engage to enquire into its standing and report at the next meeting of the Association.

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Art. 8. Although as an Association, we disclaim all power over the Churches, so far as respects any interference with their independence and discipline, yet we deem it our privilege to judge for ourselves of the propriety of continuing any Church or Minister in our connexion, which to us shall appear to be *unscriptural in principle or irregular in practice*. In order, however, that we may not withdraw our fellowship without sufficient reason from any Church or Minister against whom a complaint is made by two members of this body, it shall be the duty of the Association to appoint a Committee to investigate the points of complaint and report the result of their inquiries to the Association, that they may decide by the evidence produced.

Art. 9. Alterations or amendments may be made in this Constitution from time to time such as experience may dictate.

### CHURCHES NOT REPORTED.

Simonds, 79; Howard Settlement, 32; St. Francis, 24; Second Falls, St. George, 84; Scotch Town, 14; Newcastle, Grand Lake, 95; Presque Isle, 45; Hodgson and Richmond, 67; Pennfield, 58, Keswick, 122, 1st. St. Patrick, 50; Little River, Sheffield, 32, Andover, 20; Salmon Creek, 24; Ledge, St. Stephen, 43; Oak Bay, 25; Dipper Harbour, 18; Arestook, 43; Pobique, 34; St. Davids, 26; St. James, 18; Greenwich, 22. Total not reported, 975. These added to the number reported on page 18 give a total of 3053.