

MINUTES
OF THE
EIGHTEENTH SESSION
OF THE
Western Baptist Association,
OF
NOVA SCOTIA,
HELD AT LONG ISLAND, DIGBY COUNTY.
Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday, June 20th, 22nd & 23rd, 1868.
TOGETHER WITH
THE CIRCULAR LETTER, &c.

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MINUTES.

LONG ISLAND, Saturday, June 20th, 1888.

THE WESTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION convened according to appointment with the Baptist Church at Freeport, Long Island, at 10 o'clock, A. M., in its Eighteenth Anniversary.

The Association was called to order by Rev. N. Vidito, Moderator.

The Association held a devotional meeting while the Clerks retired to the vestry to prepare a list of Delegates.

The Clerks reported the delegates as follows:—

Tusket.—Rev. W. H. Richan.

Ohio.—Rev. J. H. Saunders.

Lower Granville.—Rev. Isa. Wallace.

Annapolis and Upper Granville.—Rev. G. Armstrong and Bro. Ansley Brown.

Long Island.—Rev. J. A. Moore, Deacons Isa. Thurber, George Thurber, Bro. John Plumb.

Hebron.—Deacons B. B. Moses, W. R. Doty, Brethren William Doty, Stephen Potter and Jas. Moore.

St. Mary's Bay.—Revs. L. B. Gates, L. Normondy, Deacon W. H. McNeil, Brethren G. Clements, I. Hay, and C. McNeil.

Caledonia.—Rev. P. F. Murray.

Digby Neck 1st.—Rev. J. C. Morse, Brother C. E. Gilliland.

Litchfield.—Rev. H. Achilles.

Brookfield.—Revs. P. F. Murray and D. O. Parker.

Pine Grove.—Revs. W. H. Porter and T. H. Porter, Senr.

Hill Grove.—Rev. L. B. Gates and Deacon W. H. Marshall.

Beaver River.—Rev. A. Cogswell, Deacon W. H. Goudy and Brother Nath. Powers.

Clements.—Rev. G. D. Cox and Brother J. Wright.

Wilmot Mountain.—Bro. J. Charlton.

Mill Village.—Rev. J. F. Tooker and Deacon T. Munro.

Nictaux.—Rev. W. G. Parker and Deacon M. C. Beals.

Pubnico.—Rev. W. L. Parker.

Kempt.—Brethren P. R. Foster, (Licentiate), and Jas. Rawding.

Sable River.—Rev. J. McKenne.

Yarmouth 1st.—Deacons Saml. Brown, W. H. Gridley and Bro. Jos. Shaw.

Jordan Bay.—Rev. J. F. McKenne.

Louis Head.—Rev. J. F. McKenne.

Ragged Island 2nd.—Rev. J. F. McKenne.

Port Medway.—Rev. J. F. Tooker.

Argyle.—Rev. W. L. Parker.

Hampton.—Brother G. W. Wilson.

South Yarmouth.—Brother J. Robbins, Licentiate.

Westport.—Rev. J. A. Moore, Deacon H. E. Payson, Brethren A. Collins, I. Peters and J. Harris.

Greywood.—Deacons D. McLelland and Abram Thomas.

Lower Aylesford and Upper Wilmot.—Rev. C. Tupper, D. D., and Deacon A. T. Baker.

The Association was organized by Rev. I. Wallace, being elected Moderator; Rev. D. O. Parker, Clerk, and Rev. W. H. Richan, Assistant Clerk; Bro. B. R. Haines, Treasurer; Dea. A. T. Baker, Assistant Treasurer.

The Rules of Order were read, and the following Committees appointed:—

To EXAMINE LETTERS.—Revds. W. Hall, J. F. Tooker and J. McKenne.

To READ LETTERS.—Rev. W. H. Porter, J. E. Balcom, and J. H. Sanders.

OF NOMINATION AND ARRANGEMENT.—Revds. J. A. Moore, G. Armstrong, J. C. Morse, N. Vidito, G. D. Cox and W. G. Parker, H. E. Payson, S. Brown and S. Selden.

Resolved, That the Committee of Nomination have, in addition to their present duties, that of nominating the Missionary Boards, and that the standing regulations be amended accordingly.

The Committee of Nomination retired and the devotional exercises continued.

The Committee of Nomination reported in part as follows:—

That the time of meeting and adjournment be as follows:—Meet at 10 A. M.; adjourn 12½ P. M. Meet 2½ P. M.; adjourn 5½ P. M. Meet at 7½ P. M.; adjourn at pleasure.

Arrangements for Lord's Day as follows:—Preaching at Freeport at 10 o'clock, A. M., by Rev. Dr. Tupper. At 3 P. M., Rev. G. Armstrong, at 6½ P. M., Rev. W. G. Parker. Westport, at 10 A. M., Rev. N. Vidito. 3 P. M., Rev. I. Wallace. 6½ P. M., Rev. J. E. Balcom.

COMMITTEE ON QUESTIONS IN LETTERS.—Revds Dr. Tupper, J. C. Morse, C. Randall. Received and adopted.

Prayer by Bro. P. R. Foster.

Saturday afternoon Session, June 20th.

Opened by singing and prayer, by Rev. S. T. Rand.

Minutes of last Session read and approved.

Letters from the churches were then read.

Rev. I. Wallace stated that the letter from Litchfield Church had been lost, and reported the Church's statistics.

Rev. D. O. Parker having been called away by intelligence of the death of his father, Rev. R. D. Porter was appointed Secretary in his stead.

On motion, it was voted that the Church organized during the past year at Mills Village, Queen's Co., be received into the Association.

Also, that the 2nd Sable River Church, organized last November, be received into fellowship.

The Moderator gave the hand of fellowship to Bro. Thos. Munro of the former church, and to Rev. J. McKenne of the latter.

The hymn "Grace 'tis a charming sound" was then sung.

In the absence of a letter from the _____ Church, Rev. Pérez F. Murray reported, verbally, the statistics of the church.

On motion, voted that Rev. A. H. Munro be added to the Committee of Arrangements.

Committee of Arrangements further reported. Adopted as follows:—

We recommend that a Temperance Meeting be held at the Baptist Meeting house, Freeport, this evening, at 7½ o'clock, and that the Revs. N. Vidito, I. Wallace, W. H. Porter, W. G. Parker, address the meeting on the subject of Temperance, to be followed by addresses by other friends of the cause.

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.—Revs. W. H. Porter, S. Brown, G. D. Cox, D. O. Parker, B. B. Moses, I. Thurber, H. E. Payson.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.—Revs. Dr. Tupper, A. H. Munro, Wm. Hall, A. Cogswell, W. L. Parker.

Speakers Revs. Dr. Tupper, I. Wallace, J. E. Balcom.

We recommend on presentation of report from Domestic Missionary Board, that Revs. W. H. Porter, W. H. Richan, J. McKenne and T. H. Porter, Jr., address the meeting on the subject of Home Missions.

That on the presentation of the report of French Missionary Board, Revds. C. Randall, J. H. Saunders, M. Normond, G. D. Cox, R. D. Porter, address the meeting on the subjects contained therein.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.—Revds. I. Wallace, J. E. Balcom, D. O. Parker, G. Armstrong, J. A. Moore; S. Selden, and H. E. Payson.

That the speakers on that subject be Revds. W. Hall, A. Chipman and J. C. Morse.

We recommend that the Domestic Missionary Board be reappointed, and that its location and officers be the same as last year.

We also recommend that all the pastors in the County of Yarmouth, together with Revds. C. Randall, J. C. Morse, Brethren C. Sabeau, William Lent, Joseph Shaw, W. H. Gridley, S. Brown, William Churchill, B. B. Moses, C. Tedford, W. R. Doty, Cyrus Perry, W. S. Raymond, I. Crosby, and C. McNeill, constitute the French Mission Board, and that said Board be located at Hebron, Yarmouth.

COMMITTEE ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.—Rev. J. F. Tooker, L. B. Gates, P. F. Murray, A. Cogswell, H. Achilles.

COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS.—S. Brown, Isaiah Thurber, Jesse Harris.

COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.—Rev. A. Chipman, P. R. Foster, H. E. Payson, S. Selden, Revd. T. H. Porter, A. T. Baker.

COMMITTEE ON CIRCULAR LETTER.—Revds. A. H. Munro, J. C. Morse, N. Vidito.

COMMITTEE ON "CHRISTIAN MESSENGER."—Revds. Dr. Tupper, J. C. Morse, C. Randall, A. H. Munro; S. Brown, H. E. Payson, Rev. Geo. Armstrong, N. Vidito.

We recommend that all Committees and Boards meet at 8 o'clock, A. M.

We recommend that collections for Home Missions be taken up at all the services on Lord's Day, and on Monday morning.

On motion adjourned. Prayer by Rev. C. Randall.

Saturday Evening Session, June 20th.

Temperance meeting opened by singing, and prayer by Rev. G. D. Cox.

Opening address was given by the Moderator, when Rev. N. Vidito delivered an extended and forcible address, followed by brief remarks by Rev. W. G. Parker.

Closed with prayer by Rev. P. F. Murray.

On Lord's Day the services were held at Freeport, Westport and Petite Churches, as previously arranged.

Monday, Morning Session, June 22nd.

The Association Sermon was preached by Rev. N. Vidito from Gal. vi. 14 :—" But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.

The Minutes of last session were read and approved.

On motion it was voted that in the absence of bro. G. E. Day, Rev. A. Chipman be appointed convener of the Committee on Sabbath Schools.

The Committee on the Circular Letter reported as follows :—

That the Circular Letter has been duly examined, and is recommended as suitable to be read, and if approved by the Association it be published in the Minutes.

The Letter was then read by the writer, Rev. W. H. Porter.

On motion it was voted that the Circular Letter be adopted and printed with the Minutes.

The Committee on Questions in Letters reported. (See Appendix.)

On motion, after some discussion, the former part of the report was adopted, and further consideration of the report deferred until the afternoon session.

Committee of Arrangements further report that they recommend that in the afternoon the subject of Education be taken up, and that the evening be occupied with the subject of Missions.

Prayer by Rev. N. Vidito. Adjourned.

Monday Afternoon Session, June 22nd.

Meeting opened with singing, and prayer by Rev. W. H. Porter.

The latter part of the Committee on Questions in Letters was read, and after discussion adopted.

The report on Education was then presented, and after having been spoken to in a highly interesting manner by Revds. W. Hall, J. C. Morse, A. Chipman, Bro. C. F. Myers, and Rev. I. Wallace, was, on motion adopted.

Committee on Temperance reported.

The report having been spoken to by Revds. W. H. Porter, and N. Vidito, was, on motion adopted.

The Committee of Arrangements further reported, recommending a change in the time of meeting of the Association; the place of meeting next year; the preacher of the annual sermon, and the writer of the Circular Letter.

On motion, report accepted, and its recommendations severally adopted, as follows:—

1st. That the Association meet next year with the church at Hebron. 2nd. That Art. 4 of the Constitution indicating the time of meeting of this body be so amended as to read "the last Saturday in September," instead of "the second Saturday in June." 3rd. That the Rev. A. H. Munro preach the Annual Sermon, and that Rev. J. C. Morse be his alternate. That the Rev. I. Wallace write the Circular Letter.

On motion, voted, that brethren J. H. Saunders, J. F. Tooker, and P. R. Foster, deliver addresses on the subject of Sabbath Schools when the report of the Committee on that subject is presented.

* On motion, it was voted, that the ministers of this Association attending the Central and Eastern Association of this Province, or the Associations of New Brunswick, be our delegates.

Report on Sabbath Schools presented. Spoken to by Revds. J. H. Saunders, and J. F. Tooker.

On motion, voted, that this discussion be adjourned until Tuesday morning.

On, motion, voted, that the Rev. R. D. Porter be a Committee to prepare a digest from the Letters of the Churches, to be printed with the Minutes.

On motion, voted that bro. Selden be requested to publish the Circular Letter in the *Christian Messenger*.

Prayer by Rev. H. Achilles. Adjourned.

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Monday Evening Session, June 22nd.

Opened with singing, and prayer by Rev. L. B. Gates.
Minutes of last session read and approved.

On motion, voted, that Brethren A. T. Baker, S. Brown, George Dodge, H. E. Payson, and Avar Longley, be delegates from this Association to the Convention.

Voted, That 1000 copies of Minutes of this Association be printed at the *Christian Messenger* Office at the same rate as last year, and that 50 copies be reserved for the use of the Association at its next Anniversary; and that Bro. Seiden be earnestly requested to have them ready for distribution within four weeks.

Report of the Home Mission Board presented by the Secretary, Rev. W. H. Porter.

Very interesting and highly effective addresses were delivered by Revs. W. H. Porter, W. H. Richan, J. C. Morse, T. H. Porter, jr., N. Vidito, and G. Armstrong.

On motion, report accepted.

Prayer by Rev. C. Randall. Adjourned.

Tuesday Morning Session, June 23rd.

Session opened by singing, and prayer by Rev. W. Hall.
Minutes of last session read and approved.

Report of Committee on Sabbath Observance presented.
Accepted.

Discussion on Sabbath Schools being resumed, addresses were delivered by bro. P. R. Foster, and Rev. A. H. Munro. Report on Sabbath Schools adopted.

French Mission Board presented their report. (See Appendix. Spoken to by Revs. C. Randall, J. H. Saunders, M. Normandy, G. D. Cox, W. H. Porter, and R. D. Porter. Further consideration of the subject deferred until the afternoon session.

On motion, voted, that Rev. I. E. Bill, of St. John, N. B. be invited to a seat with this Association.

Voted, That Rev. J. E. Balcom be Treasurer for Acadia College, *pro tem*.

Voted, That Bro. Samuel Brown be Treasurer for American and Foreign Bible Society, *pro tem*.

Voted, That the Treasurer of the Association be instructed to pay the sums appropriated, to the Treasurers of the different Societies, respectively.

Voted, That the account of the Treasurer of the Home Mission Board be accepted.

Prayer by Rev. I. E. Bill. Adjourned.

Tuesday Afternoon Session, June 23rd.

Session opened by singing, and prayer by Rev. A. Chipman.

The Minutes of last session read and approved.

Discussion on French Mission being resumed, addresses were delivered by Revds. I. E. Bill, and W. Hall. Subscription for French Mission, promises taken up, amounting to \$295.50. On motion report accepted.

On motion Resolved, That the French Mission Board be authorized to apply to the Legislature for an Act of Incorporation.

The Committee of Arrangements finally reported as follows :

Your Committee recommend that the following be the order of business for the next session of this body.

1st. That the session of Saturday morning be appropriated to devotional exercises, while the clerks are preparing a list of delegates.

2nd. That at the close of the devotional exercises the Association be organized; and the Committee of Nomination and Arrangements be appointed.

3rd. That in the afternoon the Letters from the Churches be read and the Committee of Nomination and Arrangements report.

4th. That a Temperance meeting be held on Saturday evening.

5th. That all Committees meet on Monday morning, at 8 o'clock.

6 h. That the Annual Sermon be preached, and the Circular Letter be read on Monday morning.

7th. That on Monday afternoon, Home Missions be considered, and in the evening of that day the French Mission.

8th. That Tuesday morning be appropriated to Sabbath Schools and Education.

9th. That on Tuesday afternoon reports of other Committees be presented.

10th. That on Tuesday evening a Foreign Missionary meeting be held.

On motion, the report of the Committee was adopted.

Foreign Mission Board reported through their Secretary Rev. Dr. Tupper.

Spoken to by Revds. Dr. Tupper, I. E. Bill and J. E. Balcom.

Report accepted.

Report of Board of Infirm Ministers' Fund presented.

On motion, accepted.

Voted, That Rev. L. B. Gates be added to the Infirm Ministers' Board.

The Committee appointed last year to aid the Shelburne Church reported :

That they have obtained the deed of land referred to in the last letter from the Shelburne Church, but one of the two surviving trustees having withheld his consent to the sell the land for the benefit of the church, arrangements have not yet been made for effecting the sale.

The church is in a low and scattered condition.

W. H. RICHAN.

On motion, *voted*, that \$30 be appropriated from the Infirm Ministers' Fund to Rev. Henry Saunders.

Also voted, That the sum of \$20 be appropriated to Rev. George Richardson of Sydney, C. B.

Report of Committee on *Christian Messenger* presented.

On motion, adopted.

Resolved, That Brother Selden be requested to furnish to the churches of the Association blank forms of letters similar to those furnished for us last year. Passed.

Resolved, That we tender our hearty thanks to the church and congregation of Freeport for the kind and hospitable entertainment they have extended to us during this session of the body; as also our thanks to the lady who presided at the organ and to the choir or their part in the services.

Voted, That the Committee to aid the church in Shelburne be re-appointed.

On motion, *Voted*, That the Association do now adjourn to meet with the church in Hebron, on the last Saturday in September, 1869.

ISA. WALLACE, *Moderator*.

R. D. PORTER, *Clerk*.

W. H. RICHAN, *Assistant Clerk*.

Statistics of the Churches in the Western Baptist Association, 1868.

CHURCHES.	Date of Organization.	PASTOR.	Year of Settlement.	CLERK, AND POST OFFICE ADDRESS.	INCREASE		DECREASE		Present Members'p.
					By Baptism.	By Letter, &c.	Dismissed.	Died.	
1 Annapolis & U. Granville	G. Armstrong	1854	Walter Ricketson, Bridgetown, An. Co.	..	..	..	..	3
2 Aveyie	W. L. Parker	.....	Heman Nickerson, Aveyie, Yr. Co.	4	1	..	..	4
3 Brookfield	P. F. Murray	1828	A. J. Leadbetter, Arberdale, Q. Co.	6	..	2	..	3
4 Barrington	W. H. Richan	.....	Josiah Smith, Barrington Passage	..	..	..	..	2
5 Beaver River	A. Cogswell	1846	W. S. Raymond, Beaver River, Y. Co.	..	..	..	..	47
6 Clements	G. D. Cox	.....	Jas. Foster, Clements	..	..	..	..	6
7 Caledonia	Richard Telfer, Caledonia, Queens Co.	30	3	1	..	204
8 Dalhousie	John Hannam, West Dalhousie, An. Co.	6	..	..	..	34
9 Digby	A. Martel	1867	E. C. M. Marshall, Digby	..	..	..	..	1
10 Digby Neck, 1st	1869	1869	J. C. Morse	2	2	..	..	34
11 Digby Neck, 2nd	J. C. Morse	.....	Joseph Denton, Little River, Digby Neck	..	..	..	..	46
12 Greenfield	Nathaniel Freeman, Greenfield, Q. Co.	29	6	3	1	114
13 Greywood	A. B. Smith, Graywood, An. Co.	18	3	1	..	123
14 Hampton	J. M. Parker	1861	J. Chute, Hampton, Chute's Cove, An. Co.	..	1	..	..	56
15 Hill Grove	L. B. Gates	1824	S. T. Bacon, Hillgrove, Digby Co.	..	..	..	..	75
16 Hillsburg, 1st	1823	1823	Wm. Dunn, Hillsburgh, Digby Co.	6	5	..	..	1
17 Hillsburg, 2nd	A. Martel	.....	John S. Thomas, Smith's Cove, Dy. Co.	6	5	..	..	67
18 Jordan Bay	J. F. McKenne	1866	John Dall, Sand Point, Shelburne	..	1	..	..	184
19 Jordan River	Byron Hayden, Jordan River, Sh. Co.	3	..	2	1	61
20 Kempt	P. R. Foster, Lic.	1856	W. R. Delong, Kempt, Queens Co.	23	6	2	..	24
21 Liverpool	A. H. Munro	1867	G. S. Parker, Liverpool	68	10	1	5	128
22 Lake George	J. A. Stubbert	1851	Chas. Crosby, Lake George, Yr. Co.	..	..	..	..	3
23 L. Aylesford & U. Wilmot	C. Tupper, D. D.	1851	Enoch Gates, Melvern Square, Wilmot	..	..	..	..	255
24 Lower Granville	Isaiah Wallace	1828	D. C. Sprawle, Granville Ferry	1	..	8	2	144
25 Litchfield	H. Achilles	D. C. Sprawle, Litchfield, An. Co.	517
26 Long Island	J. A. Moore	John Israel, Long Island	25	..	1	..	379
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27 Lewis Head..... 1841 J. F. McKenne..... Wm. Herkins, Louis Head..... 15..... 1 54
 28 Milton..... 1829 J. H. Hughes..... 1867 G. W. Freeman, Milton, Queens Co..... 51 5 2..... 2 243
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23	L. Aylesford & U. Wilmot	1839	G. A. Soudert	1839	Wm. Herkins, Lonis Head	1	54
24	Lower Granville	1828	C. Tupper, D. D.	1851	G. W. Freeman, Milton, Queens Co.	2	243
25	Litchfield	.....	Isaiah Wallacs	1861	Elkanah Morton, Middlefield, Q. Co.	2	28
25	Long Island	.....	H. Achilles	.....	Wm. Morse, Middleton, An. Co.	3	398
25	Long Island	.....	J. A. Moore	.....	Asaph Whitman, New Albany, An. Co.	1	68
27	Lewis Head	.....	J. F. McKenne	1841	Patrick Rowlan, New Tusket, Dy. Co.	2	128
28	Milton	.....	J. H. Hughes	1829	Z. C. Vickery, Ohio, Yarmouth Co.	3	147
29	Middlefield	.....	W. G. Parker	1809	Curtis Manthorn, Port Medway	5	108
30	Nictaux	.....	.....	1829	E. P. Christopher, Mills Village, Q. Co.	1	66
31	New Albany	.....	.....	1829	Rev. T. H. Porter, M'dleton, Wilmot, An.	2	276
32	New Tusket	.....	Chas. Randall	1843	Freeman Larkin, Lower Pubnico	2	41
33	Ohio	.....	J. H. Sanders	1852	Andrew Clarke, Parker's Cove	1	56
34	Port Medway	.....	J. F. Tooker	1822	X. Z. Chipman, Locke's Island	3	144
35	†Mill Village	.....	J. F. Tooker	1868	Joseph Hardy, Ragged Islands, Sh. Co.	2	20
36	Pine Grove	.....	W. H. Porter	1861	David Hayden, Shelburne	2	20
37	Pubnico	.....	W. L. Parker	1867	Chas. Randall, Weymouth	1	128
38	†Parker's Cove	.....	.....	.....	Israel McNeil, Springfield, An. Co.	4	45
39	Ragged Islands 1st	.....	R. D. Porter	1806	Nathaniel Westcott, Brighton, Dy. Co.	2	164
40	Ragged Islands 2nd	.....	J. F. McKenne	.....	James Dunlap, Sable River	1	60
41	Shelburne	.....	.....	.....	T. A. Wilson, Dalhousie East, Ks. Co.	2	37
42	Sissibon	.....	Chas. Randall	1799	W. H. Gabel, Tusket Lakes, Yar. Co.	3	94
43	Springfield	.....	.....	.....	Smith Lent	4	57
44	St. Mary's Bay	.....	L. E. Gates	1845	A. Marshall, Paradise, An. Co.	8	365
45	Sable River	.....	J. McKenne	1856	John Charlton, Port Williams, An. Co.	3	108
46	Sherbrook West	.....	.....	.....	Jessie Harris, Westport, B. I.	4	200
47	Tusket	.....	.....	.....	W. Churchill, Yarmouth	1	9
48	Tusket Lakes	.....	W. H. Richan	1834	James Crosby, Hebron, Yar. Co.	9	485
49	Wilmot	.....	A. Cogswell	.....	Edw. Crosby, Pleasant Valley, Yar. Co.	3	288
50	Wilmot Mountain	.....	N. Vidito	.....	George Robbins, Arcadia, Yar. Co.	22	178
51	Westport	.....	J. M. Parker	1835	George Trask, Chegoogin, Yar. Co.	1	213
52	Yarmouth 1st	.....	J. H. Moore	1809	E. F. Pearce, Lower Sable River, Sh. Co.	2	148
53	Yarmouth 2nd	.....	G. E. Day	1797	.....	.....	16
54	Yarmouth 3rd	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
55	Yarmouth South	.....	A. W. Bars	1853	.....	.....	.....
56	Yarmouth West	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
57	†Lower Sable River	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
						410	8025
						167	137
						127	8030

*No Letter—†New Churches.

Circular Letter.

PASTORAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

THE CIRCULAR LETTER OF THE WESTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, CONVENEED AT LONG ISLAND, JUNE 20TH, 1868, TO THE CHURCHES OF WHICH IT IS COMPOSED.

Dear Brethren,—

It is beyond the limit of human ability to calculate the greatness of a Christian Pastor's work. It is more important than the painter's, because it aims to place the most inimitable and impressive picture, on imperishable canvass. It is more important than the sculptor's, because it aims to carve from the most precious and enduring material, images to the universal and eternal fame of the most worthy Being. It is more important than the inventor's, because it brings to the possession of the most lowly, instruments by which, in the utmost poverty and weakness, he can "do all things." It is more important than the explorer's, because it discovers to the soul new regions of unbounded extent, of invariable fertility, of exhaustless wealth, and of the "fulness of God." That we may be incited to make fuller "proof of our ministry," and to lead forward to their high and wondrous destiny, the souls entrusted to our care and guidance, is the design of the remarks that will follow.

That the Christian Pastor is divinely called, and "made overseer" of a particular flock, either by means of special indications of Providence, or of both, we assume as admitted facts. Passing from these, let us notice that as the first duty of an Officer is to obey, so the first duty of a

Pastor, is to do the will of Christ. The Apostle says, "Be ye followers of me, as I also am of Christ," and no man should attempt to mould the religious character of a people, without like Josiah, imposing the same religious obligations *first* upon himself.

Indeed the Saviour has placed the duty of obedience the first, as well for the teacher as the taught. Matthew v. 19: "Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven." May it never be said truthfully of us, Ministers and Pastors, as it was of the Scribes and Pharisees, "They say, and do not. For they bind heavy burdens, and grievous to be borne, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers."

But as it is sometimes difficult and self-crucifying to apply the teachings and requirements of the gospel to one-self, so may we expect that the application of them will be to others. Yet who that is a faithful and trustworthy physician, will withhold the requisite medicine, because it appears offensive, or refrain from probing the wound or adjusting the fracture because it occasions pain. And yet is it not to be feared that we who profess to be physicians in a higher and more responsible sense, even the physicians of souls, occasion many to go sickly and limping through life simply because we shrink, in the time when it is needed, from applying the doctrines, reproofs, or corrections, which the Bible enjoins, and the church requires. Many, no doubt, in all our churches, as in the churches of all time, by the repugnance which they manifest to the plain, pointed, practical, preaching of God's Word, say to their ministers, as was said to the prophets of old, "Speak unto us smooth things." But it

is our duty as much as it was theirs to "preach the preaching that He bids us," "Whether they will hear or whether they will forbear," "He that hath a dream let him tell a dream, and he that hath my Word, let him speak my Word faithfully, what is the chaff to the wheat, saith the Lord. Is not my Word like as a fire, saith the Lord, and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?"

The doctrines of the gospel, however offensive to the carnal professor, will prove the best food for a converted church; and however repulsive to the natural heart, they will nevertheless kill its cancer, and prepare for the healing balm of grace.

The precepts, reproofs, and corrections of the Word, may cause many to go away and walk with us no more, but the remaining few will be like the select residue of Gideon's army, through whom the weapons of the Lord and of his servants will be more than victorious. Though the doctrines of the gospel should disturb the feelings, or even excite the enmity of men, though the precepts of the gospel should confound and arouse to defence the hearers thereof; though others should rebel at the painful corrections and reproofs of the Word, yet may it never be said of us as it was of the ancient prophet, "They have healed also the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly. Saying peace, peace, when there is no peace."

But again, the duty of a pastor to his people, which may be considered as the mainspring of all the rest is to *love* them. He should love them as no other minister can, and as he loves no other people. He occupies the relation of spiritual father to them, and should love them as a father loves his children. He stands in Christ's stead to them, and should love them, in his measure, as Christ loves his church.—(Philippians i. 8. 1 Thessalonians ii. 7, 8.) His love for them should lead him to be self-forgetful in his desire for their good. His love for them should lead

him, even though at the crucifixion, of his own feelings to teach them "all that would be profitable" to them. His love for them should lead him to take an interest in their temporal welfare; to sympathize with them in their afflictions, and especially to manifest an unwearied concern for prosperity of their souls. In order to do this he must be conversant with his people. He must acquaint himself as far as possible, with their individual experience and condition; and labor with them personally, to humble the proud, to restrain the too forward, to correct the erring, to encourage the timid, to strengthen the feeble, to instruct the ignorant, and to stimulate and direct into useful channels the energies of all. He should strive to be "a guide of the blind, a light of them which are in darkness, an instructor of the foolish, a teacher of babes." He should "feed the flock, over which the Holy Ghost hath made him overseer." He should "watch for their souls as one that must give account." He should strive, not only by the private and the public teaching of his tongue, but by the constant and blameless example of his life to be able to say, "Those things which ye have both received, and heard, and seen in me, do," and thus to become, both a teacher, and an ensample to the flock.

But we shall notice some things especially which a Pastor should teach his people.

1. Men's natural depravity, and the source and grounds of their hope, and thus divesting them of all human and self-dependence, lay the foundation of their entire trust in Christ, "Other foundation can no man lay."

Such teaching is calculated to induce strength of faith, steadiness of purpose, evenness of temperament, hopefulness, humility, gratitude, and love.

2. He should teach them, and endeavor to illustrate by his own deportment, that the redeemed of Christ, "are not their own, but are bought with a price." This principle

instilled by his precepts, and impressed by his example, will form the basis of patience and submission under affliction and bereavement, of faithfulness in christian labor, of honesty in dealing, of consistency in deportment, and of willing and cheerful benevolence in the cause of Christ.

3. He should teach them reverence for, and obedience to God's Word. He should never quote in jest or familiar pleasantry the sacred utterances of Scripture, nor indulge in joke on religious ordinances, even though of other denominations, and contrary to his views. Reverence for things sacred, and veneration for the Divine Word, will tend to promote consistent and scriptural religious sentiments, and result in more steady and conscientious adherence to the principles and precepts of the Bible.

4. He should teach them the duty of cultivating the spirit of christian oneness and brotherhood. Like Leigh Richmond, with his little flock, and the converted African, or like Paul with Philemon and the slave Onesimus, he should strive to make the several members of his church feel that they are fellow citizens, brothers and sisters of one family, members of one body, of which Jesus is the Head. This sentiment instilled among a people, will supplant the roots of bitterness and envy, and result in unusual forbearance, sympathy, and love.

But again, a Pastor should teach his people their duties to himself, as their Pastor and the servant of Christ. He may not take it for granted that they already fully understand or appreciate them. Indeed, the duties of religion are so uncongenial to our natures, that we not only shrink from the observance of them, unless urged thereto by the direct appeals of truth, but even the remembrance of them fades from our view. Hence we need "line upon line, line upon line, precept upon precept, precept upon precept, here a little, and there a little." Hence too, a Pastor may not presume that his people are already fully conscious of all, or

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even of the most simple truths that they should know. He should not shrink either, through fear of appearing self interested, or self important, from proclaiming every truth which it is God's will that they should know. He should not substitute for instructing his people upon their duties, either to God, to each other, or to himself, reproaches for their neglect of them. "For the priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth; for he is the messenger of the Lord of hosts." "These things teach and exhort."

1. He should teach his people that it is their duty to support the ministry. He should shew them plainly, fully, and without shame-facedness, their duty to God, to him, and to themselves, in this respect.

(1.) From the requirements of God's Word. (2.) From his necessities and claims upon them, and (3.) From considerations of their own spiritual advancement and prosperity. Not until a pastor has faithfully expounded these principles to his people, at the same time, striving by a godly, devoted, and self-sacrificing life, to prove himself worthy of their christian confidence and support, can a minister be justified in leaving his own church for another, in order to obtain a livelihood, or even in dividing his energies in other employment, separate and apart from his sacred work.

It is to the glory of the prophets, that they uttered God's messages, even though it might result in their imprisonment, confiscation of their property, or even death; of the martyrs, that they "counted not their lives dear unto them," if even amid the fires, they might preach the unsearchable riches of Christ; and shall we who profess to be fellow-servants and joint heirs of the same Saviour; shall we who profess to be descended from a martyred line; shall we, less sorely pressed, desert the battlements their blood has stained, and looking forward to be similarly crowned, shrink from less fiery trials that they braved? "If we have run with the

footmen, and they have wearied us, how shall we contend with horses; and if in a land of peace wherein we trusted they wearied us, what shall we do in the swelling of Jordan?"

If the lover of Divine truth is to effect the elevation of our churches, we must submit to become the fulcrum. We must be willing to allow the pressure to bear upon us. Oh that from the several watch towers which we occupy, we may be constrained to say, as did Hosea, "Come, and let us return unto the Lord."

2. A Pastor should teach his people to pray for him.

(1.) In consideration of their own spiritual advantage—nothing being more conducive to a profitable hearing of the word, *faith* excepted, than to listen to that which we have prayed might be a message from God to us. None will so eagerly drink in the promises, none so obediently hearken to the commands, none so penitently listen to the threatenings, none so submissively hear the corrections, none so humbly receive the reproofs, as those who, praying that God would direct his servants to go to His house, saying, "I will hear what God the Lord will speak."

(2.) He should teach them to pray for him, on account of his own weakness, and the greatness and importance of his work. Ministers are but men. Men are but frail, erring and sinful. God has committed the gospel treasure to earthen vessels: They are subject to all the frailties, and liable to all the failures of other men. They need constant supplies of courage, wisdom, and grace. For these it is the church's duty and privilege to pray. Moses, though endued with divine wisdom, and superhuman power, is shown his folly at one time by an uninspired friend, remodeling his policy at his suggestion; at another time, and that too when the fate of Israel depended solely upon his endurance, he became exhausted, and required Aaron and Hur to stay his hands.

Cranmer, although a reformer and a martyr, at one time

flinched through the frailty of his nature, yielding the imperishable rewards of martyrdom to the weakness and indulgence of the flesh. The constant drain upon a minister's energy and endurance, is sometimes equal to, if not beyond the demands of actual martyrdom. As the apostle says, "I die daily." And again to Timothy, "Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ." What nerve is sometimes needed to brace up the flagging energies and desponding hearts of the servants of God, and when their own spirits sink, still to brace up and comfort the people of God.

" 'Tis not a cause of small import
The Pastor's care demands ;
But what might fill an angel's heart,
And filled a Saviour's hands."

"Who is sufficient for these things." If the apostle converted, called and qualified for the work, and blessed in the ministry as he was, felt the necessity of the church's continual prayers, how much more the ministers of to-day—that their own souls may be enlarged; that necessary wisdom may be given to them, that divine power may rest upon them, and that a door of access may be opened for them, the churches, as much as in the apostle's time should be instructed and encouraged to pray.

"How great their work, how vast their charge ;
Do thou their anxious souls enlarge;
Their best endowments are our gain,
We share the blessings they obtain."

"Brethren pray for us."

APPENDIX.

ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

By Letters received from Bro. A. R. R. Crawley it is ascertained that he and sister Crawley are returning for a season to America, with a special view to the welfare of their children ; and that he has transferred the general superintendence of our native preachers to Rev. E. A. Stevens of Rangoon. This duty will doubtless be faithfully and satisfactorily discharged.

One of our native missionaries has been suddenly removed by fatal disease, while laboring faithfully at his post ; and it has been found needful to discharge one. Others, however, have been employed, so that—including Burmese and Karens—the number of our men now diligently disseminating the word of life is about twenty, with two female Bible readers, and two school teachers. These laborers are, by the blessing of God, unquestionably accomplishing much good.

By interesting and cheering letters received from our Female Missionary, sister Minnie B. DeWolfe, and sister VanMeter, it appears that they, with their associates, Misses Watson and Higby, had safely reached Point de Galle, Ceylon, April 17th.

An extraordinary blessing had manifestly attended the prudent, zealous, and persevering labors of these faithful women while on their passage. Sister DeWolfe says, "Seven have been hopefully converted ; among them the Captain and his wife." She adds, "It is cheering and pleasant to hear the voice of prayer from the lips of the young converts, and to hear them tell of their strong desire to love Christ more and more day by day, and their fear that they may fall into temptation."

Mrs. VanMeter says of the efforts put forth by the young sisters now sent out, "This has been true missionary work ; and if they can do it here, it certainly argues well for their usefulness in the foreign field. She remarks, "When I see

the earnestness, and yet discretion, with which sister De Wolfe labors, and in all things conducts, I feel very thankful that I did not come without her," and adds, "I trust God will ever bless her labors, as He has hitherto."

From these highly encouraging indications of Divine approval, all should assuredly be stimulated to grateful thanksgiving and earnest prayer, and to increased liberality in contributing for the furtherance of this "work of faith and labor of love."

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES TUPPER, *Chairman.*

ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee contemplate with pleasure and gratitude the progress made by our Institutions at Horton during the past year. The late Anniversary of the College was one of especial interest. Ten of the students having finished their prescribed course, received the degree of Bachelor in Arts. Several of these have the christian ministry in view as their life work. *Thirteen* of the students of the Academy have already passed their examination for matriculation, and it is expected that *six* more will do so at the commencement of the next Term; so that the Freshman Class for next year will be unusually large. The Denomination therefore have abundant cause for increased affection for Acadia College and confidence in its management; and it is hoped that their benevolence will be so elicited as to enable the Governors to increase the staff of Professors and place the Institution above financial embarrassment.

The Academy under the management of Rev. T. A. Higgins, A. M., assisted by Mr. Freeman Tufts, A. B., is doing an important work. In consequence, however, of the establishment of County Academies throughout the Province, the number of students attending this Institution is somewhat less than formerly: still we regard its healthy existence as a feeder for the College as indispensable.

The Female Seminary has an efficient staff of Teachers, and is also well worthy the confidence of the churches. The erection of more extended buildings for this Seminary is under consideration.

Your Committee regard with heartfelt gratitude the work

of revival in connexion with these Institutions during the past year, in which several of the students have been made the subjects of God's grace.

Respectfully submitted,
ISA. WALLACE, *Chairman.*

ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools are pleased to find that the mode adopted of providing blanks for the Letters and Statistics of the Churches, has resulted in securing fuller returns than heretofore, respecting Sabbath School operations in this Association. We still find the returns imperfect, and have therefore been unable to bring them together so as to shew the full and correct results.

We find that about 35 schools have reported 2416 pupils, and 330 Teachers, with an expenditure of \$391.71.

We regret to learn that the Yarmouth County Sabbath School Convention has suspended its operations. We trust however, that the Sabbath Schools which it comprised have not diminished their activity, and hope that the Teachers and friends of Yarmouth may shortly resume their fraternal relations and their active efforts on behalf of these institutions.

As the future of the world will be affected, for weal or for woe, by the character of those who are now children and youth, it is of the utmost importance that they be well trained in religious knowledge. God's word we regard as the seed of the kingdom, and we may hope that by the operation of the Divine Spirit it may be made the means of saving the souls of those brought under instruction.

Adult Bible Classes are not, your Committee believe, so generally established, or largely attended as they should be. Nothing is so well calculated to give stability to S. School efforts, and to cultivate intelligent piety in the churches, as well-conducted Bible Classes. We hold that the Bible is the source of all correct religious knowledge, and should be more familiar than it is to all christians. The mutual study and examination of the Scriptures on the Lord's Day in classes, composed of the more mature christians as well as others, we believe, would be found to be highly beneficial to individuals and churches.

The Committee would commend the cause of Sabbath Schools to the Pastors, Deacons, and members of churches comprised in this Association, believing that time and means employed in this work are a most economical, as well as efficient, mode of serving our Lord and Master.

A. CHIPMAN, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF HOME MISSIONARY BOARD.

Your Board have endeavoured faithfully to perform the work devolving upon them.

Like the Churches regularly supplied with the Gospel Ministry composing this Association, the Mission fields have been variously blessed. Some have experienced the rich outpourings of Divine mercy. Some have been gently stimulated and quickened by the dews of grace.

Where revival power has *not* been manifested, the seed of Divine truth has been sown, and future days shall witness the result. "Cast thy bread upon the waters, and thou shalt find it after many days." "My word shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I send it."

Much has been done during the past year by your Missionaries, when we consider the amount of time employed and the amount of money expended. Of those labors and remunerations, and results, the statistics are as follows:

Number of weeks spent, 65. Sermons preached, 273. Prayer and Conference Meetings attended, 108. Family visits, 364. Money expended, \$226.—Results as far as visible: Baptized, 34. Received by letter, 6. Restored, 3. Received from other denominations, 4.

Besides the above money expended, \$50 was granted by the Board to Upper Argyle and Lower Pubnico, and \$50 to Tusket and Barrington, to assist in the support of their Pastors. Thus making in all, the total expenditure of the Board during the last year \$324.

In addition to the statistical reports of your missionaries, much good has evidently been accomplished by their labors. Besides the seed scattered, which we may expect to "find after many days," difficulties and animosities have been re-

moved, believers, have, in many instances, been revived and edified, wanderers, in some instances, reclaimed, and several hopefully converted. The great need of your Board is, more funds. Much destitution demands it; much encouragement in the labor and means expended; much wealth entrusted to the more highly favored and privileged churches of this Association; many laborers unemployed, and saying to our Board repeatedly, "Here am I, send me;" many promises of the most comforting assurance given to our laborers, these with one united voice say to us: "there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed, let us go up at once and possess it."

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. PORTER, *Secretary.*

HOME MISSION BOARD ACCOUNT.

N. VIDITO, *Treasurer, in acct. with the DOMESTIC MISSIONARY BOARD OF THE W. B. ASSOCIATION.*

1867.		Dr.	
		To balance on hand last year.....	\$88 14
		Received at the Association, June 1867.....	358 19
		Interest on Provincial Debentures.....	60 00
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			\$506 33
1867.		Cr.	
Sept. 10.	Paid	Thos. Munro.....	32 00
18.	"	E. C. Spinney.....	48 00
Oct. 10.	"	T. Delong.....	32 00
	"	W. Richan.....	20 00
Nov. 20.	"	R. S. Morton.....	21 00
Dec. 21.	"	G. W. Sederquest.....	25 00
1868.			
March 23.	"	G. W. Sederquest.....	25 00
	"	P. F. Murray.....	30 00
June 22.	"	W. L. Parker.....	50 00
22.	"	Rev. W. H. Richan.....	30 00
	Post Office Order.....		0 75
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		Balance on hand.....	324 75
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			\$506 33

Examined, S. BROWN.

JESSE HARRIS.

REPORT OF FRENCH MISSIONARY BOARD.

Report, that our Missionary has in the past year labored among the French as heretofore, reporting the amount, and results of his labors, as far as they appear, at each meeting of the Board. For a few weeks this spring our Missionary was unable to labor in the Mission field because of ill health. We are glad to report that from this he has quite recovered. In addition to his ordinary duties he has spent several weeks laboring on, and superintending the fitting up of the Mission premises at Saulnierville. He has preached 59 sermons, attended 20 Conference and other meetings, made 149 family visits, distributed 2750 pages of Tracts, and 12 Bibles and Testaments. It is also the pleasure of our Missionary to report the conversion of 2 persons. Added to this, an Agency on behalf of the Mission in New Brunswick of some weeks, makes up about the sum of his labors.

At a meeting of the Board at the time of the Association at Hillsburgh last year it was decided to retain both the premises at Tusket and Saulnierville, and to appeal to the denomination for funds to sweep off the debt on the latter. A subscription was opened for this purpose and about \$700 subscribed, to be paid by the 10th of this month, provided the whole sum should be raised by that time. This sum together with sums previously and subsequently pledged amounts to about \$1200. The debts then reported amounted to about \$1600. These have since been swelled to more than \$1900; so that notwithstanding all the efforts of the Board the necessary sum has not been raised, and consequently pledges given are not binding. To secure the amount needed your Board have addressed circulars to all the churches in the Province, and during the winter our Missionary undertook an agency in New Brunswick; but on account of the scarcity of money he was obliged to give up the work without accomplishing much. Your Board would hereby express their gratitude to the Editor of the *Christian Visitor*, and other brethren in New Brunswick, who generously aided our brother in his visit.

In the meantime, bro. Jos. Shaw, of Yarmouth, came to our aid nobly, by advancing the means for fitting up the premises at Saulnierville. The Board rely on the fulfilment

of the denomination's pledges to meet their engagements with him. They are able to report the house at Saulnierville now ready for occupation by a mission family. May not your Board hope, that although the conditions of the pledges made for the support of the Mission have not been fulfilled, that the donors will yet voluntarily redeem them, as the Lord may enable them. We urge as pleas for this, that part of these sums have been already paid and expended, and that the demands of the Mission are imperative. We must have your continued support or fail. We are of opinion that this Board should be a "Body Corporate" and ask an order of this Association to obtain from our Legislature an "Act" to this effect.

We are encouraged to continue our labors in this department from the fact that for 17 years labor bestowed, and about \$1400 expended, we have 45 conversions reported,—a large and increasing number of inquirers after truth, and 32 baptisms. Several of these have already entered into rest. Those who remain are generally exhibiting a pleasing steadfastness in the faith, and growth in the grace of God. As we advance the way is opening before us. The field is ready to harvest and very extensive. Other laborers are now much needed. We have an occupied mission premises in which to accommodate them. We hold the gospel in its purity. We hold it for these Acadian French. Men are at our command. We have the means to support them. Great obstacles are before us, obstacles that can only be overcome by the prayer of faith and the might which God supplies. Hitherto the Lord hath helped us. That our God has confidence in us, the committal of this great work to our hands fully proves. Let us be faithful to this trust and verily our labor shall not be in vain in the Lord.

Respectfully submitted,
JOSEPH H. SAUNDERS, *Secretary.*

ACADIAN FRENCH MISSION BOARD, in account with
WM. CHURCHILL, Treasurer.

1867.			
June.	To bal. per acct. rendered to Western Association,.....	\$388	87½
	" this amt. charged to Missionary at Western Association, per 3rd or West Yarmouth and not collected	14	17
	" allowed the Missionary on last year's salary, extra.....	200	00
	" Missionary expenses on collecting tour N. S.....	35	98
	" Missionary paid from charity fund.	9	00
1868.			
Jan. 24.	" William Power's order, for printing	2	00
	" Missionary expenses on collecting tour in New Brunswick.....	29	36
May 24.	" Missionary salary one year, to date,	600	00
			<u>1278 88½</u>
1867.			
June 25.	By Western Association, including \$7 } from 1st Hillsburg Church, \$22.14 } from Granville Church, and \$18.75 } from 3rd Yarmouth.....	260	67
26.	" Rev. R. D. Porter, col. at Association	20	62
28.	" Collected by the Missionary in N. S.	443	24
July 27.	" Central Association.....	28	19
Sept. 10.	" Eastern Association.....	14	25
	" North Church Baptist Sabbath School, Halifax.....	0	50
1868.			
Jan. 21.	" South Yarmouth Church.....	11	28
	" Ladies of North Brookfield Church.	16	50
24.	" Collected by Missionary in New Brunswick.....	73	98
Mar. 14.	" Rev. J. F. Kempton, Margaree.....	2	50
18.	" Rev. W. H. Porter, subscription.....	20	00
			<u>891 78½</u>
	To balance.....	\$387	10

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WILLIAM CHURCHILL, Treasurer.

Yarmouth, June 16, 1868.

Examined, S. BROWN,
J. HARRIS.

June 22nd.

INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND, *in acct. with CHAS. RANDALL,*
Treasurer.

		Dr.	
1868.	June 19.	Paid Rev. George Richardson as ordered by the Association.....	\$20 00
		Post Office Order and Postage.....	0 15
		Rev. Henry Saunders, as ordered by the Board.....	20 00
1868.	May 8.	Paid the widow Jackson.....	20 00
		Postage.....	0 06
		Total.....	60 21
		Cr.	
		By cash and notes in hand as per acct. rendered in 1867.....	164 04½
June 19.		Received of Harding Chute, Treasurer of the W. N. S. B. Association.....	65 25
Oct. 29.		Received Interest on a Note.....	9 53
June 1.		do. do. do.	2 40
		Total.....	241 22½
1868.	June 20.	In hand in cash and Notes at this date.....	181 01½

CHAS. RANDALL, *Treasurer.*

Examined, S. BROWN,
JESSIE HARRIS.

ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Your Committee on Sabbath Observance believe the word unchanged which saith, "Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day." They regard the promise still sure to the faithful sabbath-keeper, "Thou shalt ride upon the high places of the earth; and I will feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father, for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it." They are convinced that God, in His providence as in His law, is against the sabbath breaker. We are happy to report that we believe the Sabbath is growingly revered; though there remains sufficient desecration to pain our hearts and demand our wise and faithful opposition.

Your Committee would earnestly recommend that our churches watch and train their members; and that the ministers of Christ faithfully teach, and carefully lead to a proper observance of the Lord's day.

Respectfully submitted,
J. F. TOOKER, *Chairman.*

ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee observe and recognize with pleasure the success attending the efforts of Temperance Societies in reclaiming those addicted to habits of intemperance, in strengthening public sentiment, and throwing temperance guards and checks around the young,

Your Committee are, however, of the belief that the grand instrumentality for promoting temperance principles, should be the Church of Christ, and would recommend to our churches to give the cause their sympathy and adherence, and the ministry to give it more prominence in their preaching as well as by their efforts outside their strictly ministerial sphere.

Respectfully submitted,

ON QUESTIONS IN LETTERS.

In answer to the question from Pubnico Church, your Committee recommend that members who neglect to meet in conference, and assign no reason for such neglect, be visited, kindly admonished, and entreated to fill their place with their brethren. If, however, there be no evidence of immorality of conduct, or departure from the faith, your Committee deem it advisable to exercise very long forbearance, with continued efforts to induce them to return again to the discharge of their duty, and the enjoyment of their privilege. Circumstances are so various that it seems inconsistent to fix any definite limit to the length of such forbearance.

In reply to the Question proposed by the Church at Ragged Islands, we advise that Pastors, Deacons, and our members in general, take much pains to induce such as are about to remove into places where there are Baptist Churches, to take dismissions, and join them immediately. If any neglect to do so, let them be speedily addressed by letter, and affectionately urged to discharge this duty. It is advisable also to request the Pastors of Churches into whose bounds such persons may have removed, to look after them, and labor with them. If after such means have been faithfully employed, removed members either refuse or neglect to transfer their membership, without assigning any satisfactory reason, we recommend that they be excluded.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES TUPPER, *Chairman.*

MINISTERS IN THE WESTERN ASSOCIATION

NAMES.	Present Residence.	Date of Ordination.	Place of Ordination.
Rev. H. Achilles....	Parker's Cove..	Nov. 1, 1854	Marshall's Cove.
" G. Armstrong...	Bridgetown	Dec. 30, 1848	Port Medway.
" A. W. Bars....	Shelburne.....	June 6, 1855	Lunenburg, N. W.
" A. Cogswell....	Beaver River...	Jan. —, 1843	Chute's Cove.
" G. D. Cox.....	Clements.....	Jan. 4, 1865	Clements.
" T. C. Delong...	New Germany..	Feb. —, 1834	New Albany.
" George E. Day.	Yarmouth.....	June 25, 1868	Yarmouth.
" L. B. Gates....	St. Mary's Bay..	.....	Lunenburg, N. W.
" J. C. Morse....	Digby Neck....	Mar. 30, 1842	Digby Neck.
" A. Martell....	Hillsburgh	Mar. 20, 1849	Antigonish.
" J. A. Moore....	Long Island....	Aug. 5, 1857	Port George.
" R. F. Murray...	Chute's Church.	Mar. 14, 1848	Westport.
" R. S. Morton...	Nictaux	Feb. —, 1852	Nictaux.
" A. H. Munro...	Liverpool	Dec. 10, 1857	Digby Joggins.
" J. McKenne....	Sable River....	Oct. 20, 1859	Greenfield.
" M. Normonday.	Tusket.....	July 20, 1859	Yarmouth.
" Obed Parker...	Aylesford.....	Feb. 21, 1844	Wilmot.
" D. O. Parker...	Liverpool.....	Mar. 23, 1861	Liverpool.
" W. L. Parker...	Argyle.....	Sept. 20, 1868	Upper Aylesford.
" T. H. Porter...	Wilmot.....	Nov. 13, 1833	Biltown.
" R. D. Porter...	Locke's Island..	Sept. 17, 1867	Dartmouth.
" W. H. Porter...	Wilmot.....	Sept. 4, 1862	Wilmot.
" E. H. Philp....	Hebron	Oct. 12, 1856	Margaree, C. B.
" Chas. Randall.	Weymouth.....	July 11, 1833	Weymouth.
" W. H. Richan..	Barrington.....	Sept. 30, 1863	Barrington.
" J. H. Saunders.	Ohio, Yarmouth	Aug. 11, 1858	Ohio, Yarmouth.
" J. A. Stabbert.	Deerfield, do.	Dec. 17, 1843	Port Medway.
" A. Stronach....	Aylesford .....	.....	.....
" C. Tapper, D.D.	Aylesford	July 17, 1817	Canard.
" J. F. Tooker...	Port Medway...	April 5, 1863	N. Sydney, C. B.
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" Isaiah Wallace.	Lower Granville, 1856	ScotchTown, N. B.

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* Of this total amount \$1 goes to support Miss DeWolf in Burmah.
 † Of this total amount \$29 64½ goes to support do.
 ‡ Of this total amount \$10 for do.
 § Including \$20 50 collected by Sabbath School.
 ¶ Of this total amount \$35 to support do.
 †† Of this total amount \$40 83 to support a native preacher, and \$6 to Miss DeWolf.

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 B. R. HAINES, Treasurer.

N. B.—The letter from the Hillsburg 1st Church was received by the Secretary after the Treasurer's account was made.

Digest of the Letters from the Churches to the N. S. Western Baptist Association.

Liverpool Church.—This church, during the first year of Bro. A. H. Munro's pastorate among them, and during the second after their most strenuous and praiseworthy efforts in replacing their meeting house—destroyed by fire, have enjoyed one of the most remarkable revivals of religion known in our Province for many years. 68 have been added by baptism, and 10 youthful persons have been taken under the church's watch-care, yet, while, in addition, 10 have been added by letter, and while 16 have been excluded, only *one* excluded member has been restored.

The instrumentality owned more than any other in this work, and more *directly* owned in the conviction of sinners and in the deliverance of the convicted than is usually the case, has been the faithful and pungent preaching of the word. In connection with the Sabbath School in this church the Pastor gives instruction to a Bible Class of 68 members.

One of the members of this church having been selected to sit on the Council lately convened at Granville Street, the Church has expressed, in their letter to the Association, their "deep sympathy with the Granville Street Church, in the long and painful trial through which it has had to pass and to assure its members of their approval, and admiration of the firmness, moderation and discretion they have manifested in connection with the distressing matter with which they have had to deal."

1st Ragged Islands Church.—Reports that, during the past Winter and Spring, exempt from discord and divisions, they have been permitted, in quietness and calm, to enjoy the refreshing dews of the Saviour's grace. Eleven have been added to this church by baptism, and an encouraging degree of religious interest is still manifest, which warrants the church in anticipating more additions.

This church notices the abuse, too prevalent, of members of churches changing their residence without transferring their membership and invokes the aid of the Association in some way, for the abatement of the evil.

Brookfield Church.—Has been without a Pastor for most of the year; but having engaged Rev. P. F. Murray for a part of the time, who entered on his labors the 10th of May, and the Spirit's influence having been granted with the use of the means of grace, a refreshing from the presence of the Lord has been enjoyed and six have been added by baptism, while the work seems progressing

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Beaver River Church.—Rejoices that so many of the churches in the Association have enjoyed revival during the year, but deplores the low state of religion among themselves. Rev. A. Cogswell still labors with them a part of the time in whose ministrations they enjoy the bread of life dispensed.

Little River Church, Digby Co.—Enjoying the labors of Bro. J. C. Morse a part of the time, have experienced a very gracious revival of religion during the last Winter, the result of which has been the addition of 29 by baptism, and a very gratifying stimulation of the graces of the members.

Clements Church.—In some of its sections has enjoyed revival mercies, and the addition of 30 to its membership by baptism. Bro. G. D. Cox labors successfully in this church and enjoys largely the affections of the people.

Caledonia Church.—Has been without a Pastor during the year, and in consequence has been in a depressed and lukewarm condition. Recently, however, the church enjoyed a visit from Bro. G. W. Sederquist, Licentiate, to the conversion of a number and the revival of the church. Six have been added by baptism. The church is engaged in building a new meeting house.

Hebron Church.—Has nothing cheering to communicate. Some exhibit stability and fidelity notwithstanding the many obstacles in the way of prosperity. The church has had the services of Rev. R. R. Philp during the past year, but is now destitute of a Pastor.

Lower Aylesford and Upper Wilmot Church.—Writes of diminished numbers on account of unusual mortality and letters dismissal, and also of a low state of religion and no baptisms during the year. (The church exhibits commendable enterprise and activity.) In building and repairing places of worship, in sustaining Sabbath School and Temperance enterprise, and in efforts in behalf of the cause of Foreign Missions.

Sissiboo Church.—Has nothing of special interest to communicate, as the year has been one of declension with them rather than of prosperity, yet they experience that in waiting upon the Lord renewal of strength is found.

Digby Neck Church.—Is still endeavouring faithfully to use the instrumentalities appointed by God for the promotion of bible piety and the conversion of souls, but during the past year have not been permitted to enjoy additions to their membership.

Milford and Graywood Church.—Is thankful to the Mission Board for the ministerial aid supplied them, and for the happy results of the labor expended. Brother E. C. Spinney's visit by God's blessing, resulted in great good, while Bro. Sederquist's labors have not been in vain, wanderers have been restored, sin-

ners converted and the membership of the church has been nearly doubled during the year.

Hampton Church.—Notwithstanding the faithful, instructive and laborious services of their Pastor, Bro. J. M. Parker, the church can report no progress during the year. Death has diminished their numbers and they have had no baptisms.

2nd Hillsburg Church.—Special efforts have been specially blessed in this church, stimulating the graces of its members, reclaiming the backsliders and adding 6 to its numbers by baptism.

Pubnico Church.—Reports having enjoyed prosperity during the year, the labors of Bro. W. L. Parker having been blessed of God in reviving the church and in adding 12 by baptism.

Jordan Bay and Sandy Point Church.—Is striving amidst many disadvantages to stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ has made its members free. The enemy has been striving to make inroads among them by means of false doctrine, but the Lord has been their defence. They have had painful occasion for excluding two of their members, and but for the faithful labors of their Pastor Bro. J. F. McKenne, and the blessing of God, the infection might have been more extensive.

Kempt Church, Queen's Co.—Is enjoying the dawn of a day of brightness, after a weary night of painful trial and difficulty. The Lord has blessed the labors of Bro. P. R. Foster, (Lic.) among them to the conversion of souls and the revival of the church. Prosperity reigns where discouragement brooded, and God's people can sing "O, Lord, we will praise thee," &c. The membership has been increased by the addition of 29,—23 of whom by baptism.

Freeport Church.—Is another with which the past has been a year of the right hand of the Most High. Great grace has rested upon the people and Bro. J. A. Moore has rejoiced in adding 25 to the church by baptism.

Lower Granville Church.—*In statu quo*, laboring and hoping.

Lake George Church.—Has nothing encouraging to write. The past has been a year of weeding and pruning. With numbers diminished by the exclusion of 36, they believe their strength is augmented and they labor and hope for the salvation of God.

Lewis Head Church.—Has swarmed during the year and sent off a colony to form the 2nd Sable River Church. Nothing besides, specially interesting or cheering to communicate.

1st Yarmouth Church.—Has been without a Pastor for most of the year, but its prosperity has been gratifying, considering the circumstances. The pulpit has been for the most part occupied with acceptable supplies, and the Prayer and Conference meetings have been pretty well attended, and have oftentimes furnished much spiritual enjoyment. The church has now settled on a Pastor—

Bro. G. E. Day of St. John—and hope for an enlarged measure of blessing in the year to come.

New Albany Church.—Is barely able to maintain an existence amid untoward influences. Destitute of a Pastor, and of spiritual activity and energy it ineffectually accomplishes its mission. Some of its members sigh and cry, "O, Lord, how long?" yet they sometimes hope for better days.

New Tuskett Church.—Has much to lament in view of its spiritual condition. The past year has been a dark and wintry season, attended with many discouragements, and its only hope is that the Lord reigns.

Milton Church.—After being destitute of a Pastor for some time, this church settled Bro. J. H. Hughes whose faithful and energetic labors have been largely blessed. An extensive revival of religion has been enjoyed during the past Winter and Spring, and as the result 50 have been baptized, and all the various benefits and advantages accompanying such a work have been enjoyed.

Nictaux Church.—Has enjoyed the rich displays of God's grace in one of its sections. The Pastor, Bro. W. G. Parker, has held forth the word of life in great plainness and faithfulness, and God has blessed it to the conversion of sinners and the quickening of his people. 22 have been added by baptism.

Port Medway Church.—Has experienced refreshing during the year, but no special manifestation of Divine power and grace. 66 members have been dismissed to form the Mill Village Church, and this, together with a revision of their roll and the exercise of discipline, has greatly reduced its numbers.

Mill Village Church.—This church has had existence since last March only, yet during that time it has enjoyed manifest tokens of God's favor and of his approval of its distinct and separate organization. Bro. J. F. Tooker labors here one fourth of his time.

Pine Grove Church.—Has enjoyed the ordinary means of grace, and in different sections of the church special means have been employed, but without any extraordinary tokens of favor. In addition to the concert of prayer for Missions, held monthly, organized special efforts have been put forth for increasing and intensifying the interest in the Foreign Mission cause. Five weekly Prayer meetings are held in the church.

2nd Ragged Islands Church.—Has had no revival and no diminution of numbers by death or otherwise. Some trouble has been experienced on account of misunderstanding about the proprietorship of its house of worship, but this has passed.

St. Mary's Bay Church.—The section of this church known as South Range Settlement, has been refreshed by an outpouring of the Spirit in connection with the word preached by Bro. L. B.

Gates and some converts have been added ; but the year has not been distinguished as one of revival with the body and the church.

Sable River Church.—Is struggling on with no special tokens to encourage. Bro. McKenne labors here one fourth of his time.

West Sherbrook Church.—After a silence of two years, during which time storm after storm of affliction and trial has been experienced, with a cloud still hanging over them, express their faith and trust in the God of Israel, and their thankfulness for grace bestowed, by which some among them have been hopefully converted and some added to the church.

Prayer and Conference meetings are maintained, and at times with a good degree of interest.

Wilmot Church.—Enjoys still the dispensation of the word, but that not being accompanied by the special influences of the Spirit, nor mixed with faith in those who hear, has not resulted in reclaiming wanderers, nor in converting sinners.

Wilmot Mountain Church.—Has the word ministered by Bro. J. M. Parker who is laboring with good effect. Two Conferences a month and three Prayer meetings a week are sustained, but no revival enjoyed—no additions.

Annapolis and Upper Granville Church.—Enjoys union and harmony in a good degree, but have had no special awakening and no additions during the year. Some of the members sigh for the abominations done in the land and are crying, "Spare thy people, O, Lord, and give not thy heritage to reproach."

Tusket Church.—Has experienced trial and little religious interest during the year. Bro. Richan has devoted one fourth of his time to this church and his labors have been blessed in restoring and fostering harmony when hostility prevailed. On account of hard times they fear they will not be able to sustain the preaching of the word among them during the coming year.

Westport Church.—Has enjoyed a revival under the labors of Bro. J. A. Moore and 39 have been baptized.

South Yarmouth Church.—Enjoys a good degree of union and harmony. Its new house of worship has been completed, Bro. Joseph Robbins has been licensed to preach, a revival has been experienced and 12 have been added by baptism. Bro. A. W. Barss' labors have been owned as largely instrumental in the results.

2nd Sable River Church, organized during the past year, has experienced tokens of Divine recognition and favor. Bro. McKenne preaches to the church once every fourth Sabbath. The people are now engaged in building a meeting house.

Ohio Church has been blessed with refreshing showers of grace, and 9 have been added by baptism ; but the removals, by death and otherwise, have exceeded the additions. The Sabbath

School prospers and the church has increased attachment for our principles and practices, and increased desires to walk in the "old paths."

Argyle Church has felt severely the pressure of the hard times and finds difficulty in sustaining pastoral labor. Bro. W. L. Parker lives in the affections of the church and people, and his labors have been largely blessed and give promise of increased usefulness.

Deerfield Church has been vigorously engaged purging out the old leaven, after faithful and patient labor with those who have been long delinquent, and have enjoyed tokens of divine approbation while performing the painful labor. Members have been added by baptism and by letter; the congregations are good; the gospel faithfully preached comforts, strengthens, edifies, and the distinctive principles of our denomination are increasingly loved and cherished.

West Yarmouth Church is in a languishing state and without a Pastor, again. Efforts are being made to secure one and to sustain the cause.

Digby Church without a Pastor, enjoyed the labors of Bro. L. B. Gates occasionally, in the early part of the year, and since have engaged Bro. Martell a part of the time, whose labors have been blessed. The church is weak because the members are geographically scattered.

Hillgrove Church has nothing of special interest to communicate. Members are scattered and not alive.

1st Hillsburg Church is holding on its way amid difficulties and discouragement. Itching ears and alienations among members give trouble, but the Lord gave his blessing to the observance of the "Week of Prayer" and to the labors of the Pastor. Dissensions have been healed, wanderers reclaimed, sinners converted, and eleven added by baptism and by letter.

CONSTITUTION.

OF THE

WESTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OF NOVA SCOTIA.

Art. 1.—This body shall be called the Western Baptist Association.

2.—It shall be composed of delegates appointed by the Churches of which they are members, together with delegates from Corresponding Associations. Each Church connected with the Association shall have the privilege of sending one delegate or more, but no church shall be entitled to send more than five in addition to its pastor.

3.—The objects of the Association shall be, the collection of statistical and other information from the churches; the cultivation of mutual acquaintance and fraternal union; the promotion of individual godliness and the spiritual prosperity of the Churches; and, in the use of scriptural means, the enlargement of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

4.—The Association shall meet annually on the last Saturday in September, at 10 o'clock, A. M., at such place as it may appoint, and the services shall be commenced with public worship. Should the interests of the body seem to demand it, a special meeting may be held at any time intervening, a requisition therefor being made by five of the churches through their pastors.

5.—The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk, and a Treasurer, all of whom shall continue in office until the election of their successors.

The Moderator shall preside in all the meetings; nominate all committees of not more than three, unless otherwise provided for take the direction of all the religious services, and call special meetings pursuant to requisition.

The Clerk shall record all the transactions and prepare the Minutes for publication.

The Treasurer shall receive all monies and other property contributed for any of the purposes of the Association and dispose of the same according to the will of the donors, or, when the will of the donors is not expressed, according to the votes of the Association.

6.—Each church connected with the Association shall send annually a letter, containing an account of its history during the year preceding, specifying the number added by baptism, by letter, and by restoration; the number removed by dismission, by exclusion, and by death; and the whole number then in fellowship. If any church shall neglect, for three successive years, to send such a letter,

it shall be considered as having withdrawn from the Association, 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.

7.—The Association may receive any church which shall apply for admission by sending a letter and delegates, and shall give satisfactory evidence as to its faith and order.

8.—The Association shall not, in any case, interfere with the internal concerns of the churches, but it may dissolve its connection with any church which, after proper examination, shall be judged by the Association to have departed essentially from the Baptist faith and practice.

9.—The religious sentiments of this Association are those expressed in the "Declaration of Faith and Practice of the Baptist Churches in Nova Scotia."

10.—This Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of two thirds of the number present at any annual meeting.

RULES OF ORDER.

RULE 1st.—At each annual meeting the Letters from the Churches shall be at once handed in from which the clerks shall immediately make out a list of Delegates.

2nd.—After religious worship the officers shall be chosen. The choice of the Moderator shall be made by ballot.

3rd.—At every sitting business shall be opened and concluded with prayer.

4th.—Brethren invited to a seat with us, may speak on all subjects under consideration, but vote on none.

5th.—No subject shall be discussed without a motion thereon being first made and seconded.

6th.—Every speaker shall address the chair and no person shall speak oftener than twice on the same subject, unless by permission of the body.

7th.—When a church is received into the Association the Moderator shall give to one of its delegates the hand of fellowship.

8th.—At the commencement of each sitting the Minutes of the last one shall be read and corrected, and of the last before the final adjournment.

9th.—All resolutions shall be presented in writing.

10th.—Motions made and lost shall not be recorded unless so ordered at the time.

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

12th.—These rules shall be distinctly read from the chair at the opening of the Session.

☞ See also Page 10.