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ELEVENTH SESSION

OF THE

BAPTIST CONVENTION

OF

NOVA SCOTIA, NEW BRUNSWICK, AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND,

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MINUTES.

PORTLAND, St. John, N. B., Sept. 20, 1856.

The Baptist Convention of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island, convened to-day in the Baptist Meeting House, Portland, St. John, N. B., at 2 o'clock, P. M. After a season spent in devotional exercises, the meeting was called to order by the President of the Convention, who was assisted in the discharge of his duties to the close of the session by the Hon. W. B. Kinnear, and Rev. C. Tupper, two of the Vice Presidents.

Rev. C. Tupper, A. S. Hunt, and J. Davis, were appointed a Committee to nominate Officers for the ensuing year. Reported, and report adopted.

President,—REV. JOSEPH CRANDALL.

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Secretaries,—Rev. J. DAVIS, for New Brunswick; Rev. S. DEBLOIS, for Nova Scotia.

The following Brethren appeared as Delegates and Members of the Convention:—

Acadia College.—Rev. J. M. Cramp, D. D.

Nova Scotia Education Society.—Ward Eaton, Esq.,

Western Association, N. B.—Rev. J. Davis, J. Magee.

New Brunswick Education Society.—Rev. C. Spurden.

Eastern Association, N. B.—Rev. S. Bancroft, J. Herritt, Brother J. S. Trites.

Brussels Street, St. John, Juvenile Missionary Society.—Brother T. P. Davies.

Eastern Association, Nova Scotia.—Brother A. W. Marsters.

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Germain Street, St. John.—Revs. I. E. Bill, J. Francis, Deacons A. McL Seely, E. Barteaux, G. Garrison, Brethren E. H. Duval, John Fisher.

Scotch Town.—Rev. I. Wallace.

2nd Sackville—Rev. G. F. Miles.

1st Saint George and Upper Falls.—Rev. J. Davis,

1st Saint Andrews.—Rev. A. D. Thomson.

Maugerville.—Brother G. H. Day.

Portland, St. John.—Rev. D. Nutter.

Nashwaak.—Rev. J. Magee.

St. Francis.—Rev. S. March, Brother Slocomb.

Lower Aylesford.—Rev. C. Tupper, Brethren T. Baker, L. Baker, N. Stronach.

First Yarmouth.—Brother E. Huestis.

Nictaux.—Brother S. Spinney.

2nd Yarmouth.—Brother Saunders,

Lower Granville.—Rev. J. Spencer.

1st Cornwallis.—Rev. A. S. Hunt.

1st Horton.—Rev. S. W. Deblois.

Brussels Street, St. John.—Rev. S. Robinson, Brethren John Smith, E. Kinsman, W. B. Kinnear, J. Demill, James E. Marsters.

Bridgetown.—Rev. G. Armstrong.

1st and 2nd Falmouth—Rev. W. Burton.

IN THEIR OWN RIGHT.
Revs. J. Bleakney, E. N. Harris, R. H. Emerson, A. Cogswell, W. Howe, W. D. Fitch, E. Webb, J. Chase, J. Newcomb, J. Rowe, E. Clay, J. Smith, D. Crandall, E. B. Demill, Brethren P. Knight, T. McHenry, J. M. Atkinson, J. Harding.

INVITED.

Revs. N. Cyr, E. McLeod, Deacon Burnet, Brethren J. W. Bleakney, Wells, H. Smith.

Resolved, That the city pastors be a **Committee** to arrange for the services of the Sabbath.

The following Report on Sabbath Services was presented and adopted:—

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Carleton,	" E. B. DEMILL,
Waterloo Street,	" I. WALLACE,
Marine Hall,	" G. F. MILES,
Grand Bay,	" S. MARCH.

AFTERNOON.

Temperance Hall, Portland,	Rev. J. SPENCER,
Germain Street,	" N. CYR,
Sand Point,	" J. MAGEE,
Bethel,	" J. HERRITT,

EVENING.

Portland,	Rev. G. ARMSTRONG,
Brussels Street,	" C. SPURDEN,
Germain Street,	" J. M. CHAMP, D. D.,
Carleton,	" J. DAVIS,
Waterloo Street,	" A. D. THOMSON.

Prayer Meetings at our various places of worship at ten A. M.

Collections also for Foreign Missionary purposes.

The Rev. C. Tupper, moreover, to preach the Convention Sermon, instead of the brethren appointed at our last session, but who have both failed.

The following Committee was appointed on the State of the Denomination:—Brethren Cramp, Bill, Armstrong, Spurden, Chase.

A further Committee, on a Memorial of Departed Ministers:—Brethren Bill, E. B. Demill, Miles, Hunt, A. Cogswell.

Another Committee on arrangements for the next Convention:—Brethren Robinson, Thompson, Nutter, Hunt, Spinney, Heustis, Cogswell.

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MONDAY, 10 O'CLOCK, A. M.

The Convention Sermon was preached by Rev. C. Tupper, text, Luke, x, 2. A lucid, practical, evangelical discourse. The sermon was followed by remarks from our President, father Crandall, and from brother Nutter

Proceeded to business after Prayer by brother Francis.

Committee on Arrangements reported on times of assembling and separating. Report adopted.

ACADIA COLLEGE.

The Report of the Governors of Acadia College was now read by Dr. Cramp. As also the Report of the Treasurer.

REPORT.

In presenting their Annual Report, the Board of Governors rejoice that they are able to furnish a satisfactory account of the progress of Acadia College during the past year. They believe that the Institution was never in a more flourishing state, as far as regards the Educational department. It were greatly to be desired that a similar assertion could be made in respect to funds.

Since the last meeting of the Convention, forty-two students have enjoyed the advantages of the Institution. Nine have left, some of whom have completed their studies, and others may probably resume them at a future period. There are now thirty-four persons receiving instruction in the College, viz:—

Marticulated students,	28
Students persuing partial courses,	5
Resident graduate,	1

Of the above mentioned number, nine are new students, having matriculated since the close of last Term. Eight of them completed their preparatory studies in Horton Academy.

The Anniversary was held on the 19th of June, in the Baptist Meeting House, Wolfville and was very numerously attended. The following was the order of the Exercises:—

Prayer—By the Rev. W. BURTON.
Music.

Orations by Under-Graduates.

Moral Sympathy,—ROBERT D. PORTER, Cornwallis.

The Social Influence of Christianity,—ROBERT PHILP, Halifax.
Music.

Socrates and his Philosophy,—THOMAS PATILLO, Liverpool.

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Soul-Liberty,—**Thos. A. Higgins, A. B.,**
Rawdon, (Resident Graduate.)
Music.

Degrees Conferred.

Addresses by various Gentlemen.

Music,—**The National Anthem.**
Benediction.

Three students, having completed the College course, received the degree of B. A., at the Anniversary, viz:—Messrs. Thomas R. Patillo, William Johnston, and Robert Philp.

The Honorary Degree of A. M. was conferred on J. W. Hartt Esq., Principal of Horton Academy.

Instruction has been given during the year in the Theological Institute, in the following branches, viz:—The Hebrew language, the Principles of Biblical Interpretation, Theology and Ecclesiastical History.

Twelve students have attended the Lectures or taken part in the exercises. Their pulpit labours in the neighborhood of the College, and elsewhere, have proved very acceptable and useful.

The Governors have great pleasure in informing the Convention that the negotiation with the Rev. A. W. Sawyer, A. M., which was alluded in the last Report, was brought to a favourable termination shortly afterwards. Mr. Sawyer accepted the invitation of the Board, and entered on his duties as Classical Professor at the commencement of the last term. The friends of the College may be congratulated on this important accession to the staff of Professors.

It was stated in the last report that leave of absence for a year had been granted to the Rev. Dr. Crawley, in the hope that he might be enabled at the end of that time to resume his post as President of the College.

That hope has not been realised. Investments in the West Columbia Mining and Manufacturing Company are still unproductive, although it is expected that in a year or two a favourable change will take place.

Under these circumstances, Dr. Crawley has addressed a letter to the Board of Governors, dated July 12th last, tendering his final resignation. The following is a copy of the letter;—

To the Governors of Acadia College, Horton, Nova Scotia.

GENTLEMEN, AND DEAR BRETHREN:—It was my hope to bring things at West with regard to the property at West Columbia in which the College is interested, so that I might be able to return to my post of labor at Horton at the end of the period until which leave was kindly granted. It is now apparent I shall be disappointed. Not that the property has failed, or that there is not still good reason to anticipate, though in the midst of many and great difficulties, its ultimate resuscitation; from my longer residence here I can now form a more accurate judgment of probabilities; and I do not think it likely, considering the pecuniary burdens my difficulties have thrown upon me, that

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the stock will become so soon remunerative as to render it possible for me to return among you at the time appointed.

It ought at the same time to be understood that the stock is not safe; it is in peril, as expressed in my recent Circular, from the inaction of many stockholders who have not aided in the measures adopted for its relief, which throws on those who have advanced monies the power of foreclosing if they please, their mortgage.

Under all these circumstances I have felt however grievous the conclusion to my feelings and hopes, that the prospect of my return to Nova Scotia is too distant and uncertain to allow me to continue any longer in the office of President of Acadia College, and I now, therefore, tender finally my resignation.

In thus taking leave of my early friendships, of my closest and kindest associations, a crowd of remembrances rush upon me to fill my heart with pain; but I bow to the will of Providence, I cheer myself by recurring to the many evidences of kind regard I have received from you and others; and I do most devoutly and earnestly commend you all, and the Institution you cherish, to the merciful protection of Him who will, I am persuaded, continue to you and to the College that blessing and favour which shall enlarge its success and usefulness, and thus reward you with abundant satisfaction in the first of your toils and sacrifices.

Farewell, dear brethren. Accept my sincere thanks for past forbearance and kindness; continue to me a place in your brotherly affection and in your prayers, and believe me to be most truly,

Your friend and Brother,

Cincinnati, July, 1856.

E. A. CRAWLEY.

After lengthened consideration of the contents of this letter, it is Resolved,—"That Dr. Crawley's resignation be accepted; that in accepting that resignation, however, the Board still entertain the hope that at some future time Dr. Crawley will be able to return and resume his post; that with this hope they will for the present refrain from filling the vacant office, and will continue to provide for the government of the College as its affairs are now carried on, requesting the faculty to make due arrangements for the preservation of order and discipline, with Dr. Cramp as Chairman." The Board trust that this resolution will prove satisfactory to the friends of the Institution.

Six of the Governors retire this year, in accordance with the provisions of the Act of Incorporation. The Convention will be called to fill their places by re-election or otherwise.

Statements made in previous reports require to be repeated. They again remind the Convention of the absolute necessity of raising a sum for placing the College premises in a state of efficient repair. They advert once more to the deficiencies of the Library, particularly in relation to critical commentaries on the Scriptures. They earnestly desire that more ample provision may be made for the assistance of Theological Students. But the more immediate and pressing want relates to the Endowment Fund. The inadequacy of that Fund to meet existing claims, will appear from the Treasurer's Report. Unless vigorous measures be promptly adopted for the increase of the Endowment

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the realization, in some other way, of a sufficient annual income, the pecuniary affairs of the College will soon be seriously embarrassed. To these considerations must be added, the desirableness of certain additions to the staff of Professors, in order to meet the growing demands of the times, and place the Institution on a level in that respect, with other Institutions of the same kind. The present is an important crisis in the history of the College. It calls for grave and prayerful deliberation, and the exercise of large-hearted benevolence. There were difficulties in former times and they were mercifully removed. The Governors trust that the members of the Denomination in these Provinces will meet the emergency with characteristic fortitude, zeal, and generosity, and that, by the blessing of God, Acadia College will still appear (to adopt the language of one of the venerable departed,) to be the child of Providence."

Resolved, That the report now read be received and published in the Minutes of the Convention.

The Convention then adjourned to meet at three, P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After Prayer, Education business was resumed.

Resolved, That the resignation of the Hon. A. McL. Seely, Governor of the College, tendered at our last Session, be accepted.

The following names were drafted from the list of Nova Scotia Governors, of brethren to retire from office:—Hunt, Baker, Burton.

From the New Brunswick list the following names were also drafted:—I. E. Bill, N. S. Demill.

Resolved, That College Governors be elected instead of W. Esq., and Simon Fitch, M. D.

The following brethren were then elected to fill the vacancies in Governorships which had arisen as above:—A. S. Hunt, N. Bentley, E. B. Demill, G. Armstrong, I. E. Bill, N. S. Demill, E. Clay, and A. D. Thompson.

Adjourned with prayer, until seven o'clock, P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

Opened with prayer by Rev. J. Magee.

Resolved, That this Convention authorizes the appointment of an Agent for the next year to visit all our churches, to col-

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Opened with Prayer by Rev. S. W. Deblois.

Resolved, That Baptist Literature, especially publications illustrative of the principles and practices of the Denomination ought to be encouraged by all its members, and that among Baptist periodicals, the *Christian Review*, and the *Missionary Magazine*, issued in the United States, and the *Christian Visitor*, the *Family Casket*, and the *Christian Messenger*, published in these Provinces, and already extensively circulated, deserve a place in every Baptist family.

Resolved, That this Convention recommend, that, at our various associations, brethren be appointed to give accounts at the meeting of the Convention of the state of religion, and the progress of the cause of God, within the limits of their respective Associations.

Resolved, further, That the Committee on the Revision of our Constitution be instructed to incorporate in the Constitution the resolutions here fore going.

Resolved, That we present our thanks to the church with which we have met, and to brethren and friends generally, in and around the neighbouring city, for their hospitable and Christian entertainment during our present session.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the present Convention be printed at the office of the *Christian Visitor*; that a thousand copies be printed, and that brother I. E. Bill be our Committee to superintend the printing of said Minutes.

The Committee on the State of the Denomination presented the following Report. It was adopted and ordered to be printed.

NOVA SCOTIA.		NEW BRUNSWICK.		TOTAL.	
Western	42 Churches.	386 Baptized.	5910 Members.		
Central	36 "	176 "	3262 "		
Eastern	47 "	120 "	2350 "		
Eastern	54 "	442 "	3502 "		
Western	37 "	185 "	2735 "		
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Eighteen new Churches have been constituted during the year, seven of these churches are in New Brunswick, viz:—Elgin and Maniac's Settlements, Cape Demoiselle, Caledonia, German Town, Cambridge, 2nd Upham, Bay de Verte, 2nd Coverdale, St. Francis, Hampton, Gagetown, Scotch Town, Dumfries and Queensbury. Of them are in Nova Scotia, viz:—New Cornwall, West C. Pond, Londonderry, and Jordon Bay.

The following brethren have been ordained, viz:—
 Oct. 19, 1855, Isaac Judson Skinner, Port Medway, N. S.
 March, 1856, W. M. Edwards Hampton, N. B.

March 6th, Harris Charlton, Wallace Road, N. S.

April 3rd, Isiah Wallace, Scotch Town, N. B.

May 14, Thos. W. Crawley, Chester, N. S.

June 3, Robert Walker, Lower Aylesford, N. S.

July 5, Stephen March, St. Francis, N. B.

25, Wm. S. Howe, Chipman, N. B.

Several new places of worship have been opened and several have been enlarged.

The committee observe that in the Nova Scotia Association a diminution of the number of members appears. The reason of this is, that in several of the Churches the lists of members have been revised, and that revision has issued in the removal of many names which ought to have remained so long on her lists, the parties having removed from the localities in which they had resided, or absented themselves entirely for a lengthened period from the ordinances of Christian worship. The committee consider it very important that all the churches should revise their lists of members, from time to time, that their true state may appear, and that just discipline may be entertained.

The committee further bring to the notice of the Convention the fact that the considerable increase of numbers that has taken place in our churches, in the Province of New Brunswick, has mainly arisen from the extension of the Home Missionary effort in that Province during the past two years. The result is highly satisfactory, and commends to the brethren in the other Province the propriety and importance of adopting similar measures, with a view to the evangelization of destitute districts and the wider extension of our Denominational interests.

J. M. CRAMP, Chairman

The Committee appointed last year for revising the Constitution of the Convention, asked leave to sit again to report next year. Request granted.

The Board of Foreign Missions presented the following Report:—

The Foreign Missionary Board have to lament that after the lapse of another year our Foreign Missionary interest remains as when the Convention last met. The Board, however, is not ignorant of the great value of the Foreign Missionary enterprise and of its important relations to other denominational interests. They have felt unsatisfied in perusing from time to time the deeply interesting letters of brother Arthur Crawley, and rejoice in the good measure of success with which the Lord hath crowned his labours.

The inquiry is often heard, Why are we not engaging in this noble work? We have felt the force of this inquiry, and could answer it with various replies; but one is sufficient. Since brother Cramp left the service of this Board we are not aware that any young man has had their minds directed to this field of Christian enterprise. We have put forth inquiries, and communications have been made at this point, and the Board yet knows not of any young man of suitable

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EVENING SESSION.

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Resumed Foreign Missionary business.

Resolved, That the Foreign Missionary Board be instructed to pay the usual allowance, of eighty pounds, to Mrs. Burpee, for the current year.

Resolved, That the Foreign Missionary Board be instructed to contribute to the American Baptist Missionary Union, one hundred and fifty pounds, out of their funds, to support brother A. R. Crawley and his family for one year, commencing from the first of June last, and including the sum of one hundred pounds already voted and paid by the Board. And if the Union refuse to pay brother Crawley this sum, that we appropriate to them such part thereof, as they may be willing to receive and pay to him, and remit the balance to him as a donation.

Resolved, That the following brethren be a Committee to consider the Report of the Foreign Missionary Board, and report thereon:—Brethren McHenry, Clay, Wallace, Spencer, J. Harding.

The brethren above named presented their Report. It was considered, modified, and finally adopted in the following form:

The Select Committee to whom has been referred the Report of the Foreign Missionary Board, having attended to the duty assigned them, beg leave to submit the following resolutions, for the action of the Convention:—

Resolved, That the Foreign Missionary Board, in appropriating money without the concurrence of this Convention, and in opposition to their well understood wishes, exceeded the powers entrusted to them.

Resolved, further, That the action of the Board, in appropriating one hundred pounds, to the English Baptist Missionary Society, which amount has been paid over, be confirmed.

Finally: whereas it is desirable to remove misunderstandings in regard to the power of appropriating our Foreign Mission Funds, therefore:—

Resolved, That it is competent for this Convention during its sessions, to appropriate such portions of our Foreign Mission Funds as they may deem proper, and that the Foreign Missionary Board during the recess, have the management of the Foreign Mission Funds, and report their proceedings to this Convention at the next session to session.

THOMAS MCHENRY, Chairman

Resolved, That the Board be located, for the next year, at Wolf

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Resolved, That the following be our Foreign Missionary Board for the ensuing year:—

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| Rev. J. Parker, | Rev. S. N. Bentley, | T. McHenry, |
| " C. Tupper, | " I. Wallace, | C. R. Bill, |
| " J. Stevens, | W. Johnson, Esq., | M. Beckwith, |
| " G. Armstrong, | S. Fitch, | Dr. L. Johnston, |
| " J. Francis, | A. Parker, | Dr. Harding, |
| " D. Nutter, | | |

Foreign Missionary Accounts were presented, with the Report of the Board. They will be found appended to the Minutes.

The following Report was presented on behalf of the Australian Mission Board:—

At the Convention, held in Brussels Street Baptist Chapel, in October, 1854, the following resolutions, after full and free discussion, were adopted:—

Resolved, That while this Convention cheerfully contribute, under present circumstances, to the funds of the "American Baptist Union," they nevertheless feel that the interests of the cause, both at home and abroad, render it highly important, that the Baptists of these provinces should maintain separate and independent action in the cause of Christian Missions.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Convention, Australia, from the boundless resources of its wealth, the rapid increase of its population, the demoralizing influences which pervade that rising country together with its proximity to the numerous and populous Islands of the Pacific, and the vast empires of China and of India, presents to the church of God a most inviting field for missionary enterprise, and that the Baptists of these provinces are loudly called upon in the providence of God to establish a mission in that distant Isle of the East.

Resolved, That this Convention deem it to be its duty to establish and sustain a Mission in Australia, and that a Board be created to take this subject into consideration; and to look out for a suitable Missionary or Missionaries, and to take measures to raise funds for the object, and put it into immediate execution.

Resolved, further, That Brethren I. E. Bill, S. Robinson, W. Burleigh, Chas. Tupper, Geo. Armstrong, S. N. Bentley, J. Francis, Stephen Gerow, J. Davis, E. A. Crawley, D. D., W. Parker, A. Martell, S. Morton, G. Sealy, N. S. Demill, E. N. Harris, A. McL. Seely, F. Miles, and D. Crandal be said board; and that the Board be constituted in St. John, five of whom shall form a quorum.

A year passed and nothing was done, with the exception of general inquiry, towards accomplishing the object proposed in the resolu-

Since our last Anniversary, the venerable and beloved Father Thomas Magee has passed to the Spirit land. He died at his son's residence in the City of Calais, January 11th, 1856. He professed faith in his Saviour in Cork, Ireland, his native Country. For upwards of twenty years he was connected with our denomination in this Province, as a minister of the Lord Jesus. As a Christian he was pure in spirit, and upright in life. As a divine he was well instructed in the mysteries of the kingdom of God. As a minister of the sanctuary he was thoroughly consecrated to his great work, and as a soldier of the cross he died with his armour on, exclaiming in the arms of death, "thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory." He travelled extensively, not only in this Province, but also in the State of Maine, proclaiming, with all fidelity, the truth as it is in Jesus, and his labours were not in vain in the Lord. He has none, we doubt not, to his reward in Heaven. May we be prepared to greet him there!

We have to record also the death of the Rev. John E. Cogswell, another esteemed minister of this body. He was a native of Cornwallis; experienced religion under the ministry of the lamented Edward Manning; by whom he was baptized. He entered upon the work of the ministry under the direction of the First Baptist Church Cornwallis. A large portion of his ministerial life was spent in the County of Cumberland, N. S., where, in addition to pastoral labor, he performed sundry missionary excursions among the destitute. His ministry was rich in sound doctrine, and full of religious fervour; and his life was a practical illustration of the power of truth upon his own heart. It may justly be said of him, as was said of Barnabas, "He was a good man, full of the Holy Ghost and of power; and much people was added unto the Lord." He died suddenly while walking the highway not far from his own house, of what is supposed to be, disease of the heart. "The memory of the righteous is blessed."

I. E. BILL, Chairman.

No action was taken for the appointment of a Board of Directors, as doubtless an over-sight. The appointment of last year is noted on the third page. The same remark applies to the name of other Bars as Auditor.

The Convention adjourned with prayer to meet at Yarmouth, N. S. on the first Saturday after the 18th of August, 1857.

It will be observed that many subjects heretofore considered in the Convention were passed over in the present session. The members judged it expedient to limit themselves as much as possible to the immediate objects of the Convention, and not to occupy time with matters which had been already reviewed at our several Assemblies and sufficiently disposed of there.

The Corporation of Acadia College in Account with John Chase, Treasurer.

		Dr.	
1856	Sept.	To paid Dr. Cramp on account of Salary,	£225 0 0
		" " Prof. Stewart his Salary to May 20th,	£250 0 0
		Premium on Am. Money,	6 7 6
			256 7 6
		" " Prof. Sawyer half-year's Salary,	
		to June 1st,	£125 0 0
		Premium,	3 15 0
			128 15 0
		" " Arthur Murphy, by order of the Board,	9 16 10½
		" " Mrs. J. Harris, for Land,	75 0 0
		" " Insurance on £2 500,—¼ per cent.	18 15 0
		" " Treasurer's Salary,	25 0 0
		" " Incidental Expenses,	13 19 9
		" " Mortgage to Mr. Collins, £1000 0 0	
		" " Interest on do.,	54 12 6
		" " Release and Recording do.,	1 7 1
			1055 19 7
		" " D. M. Welton, for Teaching,	15 0 0
		" " For Furniture repairs, as per Account,	123 5 7
			£1946 19 3½

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By Bal. rec'd from former Treasurer,	£876 4 5
" Amount of Mortgage collected,	300 0 0
" Collected on Note during year,	232 6 3
" Extra Subscriptions,	24 15 0
" Interest on Mortgages, &c.,	38 8 11
" Ministerial Fund,	40 0 0
" Amt. from Endowment Fund, N. B.	75 0 0
" Interest on Endowment Notes, &c,	123 16 5½
" Rents,	74 19 8
	£1785 10 8½

Balance due Treasurer, £161 8 7

JOHN CHASE, TREASURER,

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September 15th, 1856.

Acadia College Endowment Fund in Account with A. McL. Seely.

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		PRINCIPAL	INTEREST.
1st.	Paid S. Fitch, order per J. Francis, £25, N. S. Currency,	£24 7 6	£ 0 0 0
	Carried forward,	£24 7 6	£ 0 0 0

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Brought forward,	£24 7 5	£0 0 0
1855		
Feb. 23rd. Paid for Draft remitted S. Fitch,		
\$200, at 2 per cent. premium,	0 0 0	51 0 0
Ap'l 21st. " Discount on N. S. Currency	1 11 4	0 0 0
Nov. 9th. " for Draft remitted by I. E. Bill,		
\$100, at 1½ per cent premium,	0 0 0	25 7 0
1856		
M'ch 31st. " Do. £50 at 1½ per cent discount	0 0 0	46 5 0
Sep. 20th. " Ba'ance carried down,	192 2 10	37 5 0
	<u>£218 1 8</u>	<u>£162 18</u>

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1854			
Sep. 1st. By Balance per Ac't furnished,		£39 18 5	£0 0 0
1856			
Sep 20th. " Amount received for Notes,			
from Sept. 1st, 1854, to date,		178 3 3	66 18 0
" Interest received on Investments			
from Sept. 1st, 1854, to date,		0 0 0	96 0 0
		<u>£218 1 8</u>	<u>£162 18</u>
1856			
Sep. 20th. By Balance brought down,		£192 2 10	£37 5 0
St. John, N. B., 20th Sept. 1856.		[N. B.]	

Statement of Endowment Funds, Nova Scotia.

Notes of Hand,	£3373 15
Mortgage Real Estate,	250 0
Certificate of West Columbia Stock,	2800 0
Dr. Crawley's Note,	500 0
Lands purchased of Mrs. Harris,	175 0
	<u>£7098 15</u>

To which may be added for College Building and Ground 3000

New Brunswick.

Notes of Hand,	£2440 15
Mortgage Real Estate,	800 0
Cash with Treasurer,	37 0
Interest when Notes are matured in N. S.,	£340 2 4
Extra Subscriptions not collected,	86 0 0
	<u>£426 2 4</u>
Interest New Brunswick Notes,	229 10 8

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0 25 7 0
0 46 5
10 37 5
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Sept 20th. To paid Mrs. Burpee one year's allowance
to date, £80 0 0
Remitted American Baptist
Missionary Union, \$400, £100 0 0
Premium, 4 0 0
104 0 0
Do. English Baptist Missionary Society
£80 sterling, with Premium, 100 8 11
Balance to new account in hands of
J. W. Nutting, Esq., £25 2 11
N. S. Baptist Education Society, 72 0 0
With present Treasurer, 433 19 4
541 2 3
£825 11 2

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5 £0 0
3 66 18
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8 £162 18
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pt. 20. By Balance per Account, £664 2 11
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A Friend, per Rev. D. Dimock, £2 0 0
Do., per Rev. S. T. Rand, 1 0 0
S. Kinsman per W. J. Johnson, 3 10 0
Chelsea Church per J. Chase, 0 5 0
6 15 0
Western Association, N. S., 1855, £56 9 10
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Central Do. " 26 11 8
Eastern Do. " 14 1 9
129 13 3
Interest to date, 25 0 0
£825 11 2

20th. By balance brought down, £541 2 3
J. W. BARSS, TREASURER.
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Wolfville, Sept. 20th, 1856.

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CONSTITUTION, &C.,

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

II. That the object of the Convention shall be, to advance the interests of the Baptist Denomination, and of the cause of God generally; to maintain the following religious, educational, and charitable Institutions, namely,—Foreign Missions, Domestic Missions, Acadia College, and the Fund for Superannuated Ministers; to procure correct information relative to the Baptist Body, and to advise and carry out such measures as may with the Divine blessing, tend to promote its welfare.

To aid the Convention in procuring statistical information, it is hoped that the several Associations in the Province will obtain from the Churches connected with them the requisite statements, and report the same annually to the Convention, and will concur with the Convention in such measures as they judge advisable.

III. That the business of the Convention shall be conducted by a President, one or more Vice Presidents, two Treasurers, (one residing in Nova Scotia and the other in New Brunswick), an Auditor, and a Board of Directors, consisting of twenty-five members, all of whom shall be members of Baptist Churches, in good standing, in addition to Life Directors, to be chosen annually by the Convention. The Board shall have power to fill up any vacancies that may occur previous to the next meeting of the Convention.

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

V. That for the general incidental expenses of the Province appropriate to the Union Societies in be paid to be appropriated as to

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VII. That a patch of business appoint;

VIII. That a member, annually, in addition to the following Board of Foreign Missions

take charge of their families; Churches, in remote places and of the members of the Convention, the Convention of Acadia College

in accordance with the annual Meeting of the Legislature of the Province

IX. That the Board for Domestic Missions under the Convention shall be

X. That the Secretary of the Convention shall be

XI. That the Convention shall meet at least once a year at the annual Meeting of the Legislature

V. That all monies contributed by individuals for membership, or for the general purposes of the Convention after the payment of incidental expenses shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Convention in the Province in which they have been contributed, and shall be by him appropriated in accordance with the existing regulations of the Union Societies in the Province; and that all monies collected by the Local Union Societies, or by the General Unions of such Societies, shall be paid to the respective Provincial Treasurers of the Convention to be appropriated for such of the above great objects, and in such proportions as the several Union Societies shall direct.

VI. That any individual paying into the funds of the Convention more than the sum required to constitute membership, will be at liberty to direct the application of the surplus to the objects contemplated by the Union Societies, or to any one or more of them, separately.

VII. That the Board shall meet quarterly, or oftener for the despatch of business, at such place as the Convention shall from time to time appoint; nine members shall form a quorum.

VIII. That the Convention shall meet on the third Saturday in September, annually, at such place as shall be agreed on by the Body; in addition to the Office-bearers, and Board of Convention, the following Boards shall be chosen, viz.: a Board of fifteen members for Foreign Missionary and Bible cause, and a Board of fifteen members to take charge of and direct the funds for superannuated Ministers and their families; all of which Boards shall consist of members of Baptist Churches, in regular standing. These Boards shall hold their meetings at such places as the Convention shall annually appoint. At least one of the members of these Boards, and of all Boards connected with the Convention, to reside within the places named for their meetings. The Convention shall also appoint, once in three years, six Governors of Acadia College, in place of six who will then go out in rotation in accordance with the Resolution, passed by this Convention at its Annual Meeting in September, 1850, and in accordance with the Act of the Legislature of Nova Scotia; Chap. 37.

IX. That the Boards appointed annually by the respective Associations for Domestic Missions in each Province constitute a General Board of the Convention, to take charge of the objects of Domestic Missions under their direction, for purposes of advice and suggestion.

X. That the Boards established for the promotion of the objects contemplated by the Union Societies, shall be requested to furnish a full report of their proceedings to the Secretary of the Convention annually. Such reports to be presented to the Secretary of the Convention at least one month before its meeting.

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

XII. That the Convention shall be allowed to employ a Secretary, and one or more Delegates, at such places as the Convention shall from time to time appoint.

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RULES OF ORDER OF BAPTIST CONVENTION.

RULE 1. At every sitting business shall be opened and concluded with prayer.

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

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

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

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

RULE 6. No person shall speak oftener than twice on any motion, unless by permission of the Body.

RULE 7. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded on the Minutes except so ordered at the time.

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

RULE 9. These rules shall be distinctly read from the Chair immediately after the opening of the Convention.

TIME OF MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATIONS FOR 1857.

NOVA SCOTIA.

The Western Association is appointed to meet with the Yarmouth Church, at 2 o'clock, P. M., the 2nd Saturday in June.

The Central Association is appointed to meet with the Church in Hantsport, the first Monday after the 20th June.

The Eastern Association is appointed to meet with the Church in Onslow.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

The Western Association is appointed to meet with the Nashua Church on the first Saturday in September, 1857.

The Eastern Association is appointed to meet with the First Monton Church, on the second Saturday in July, 1857.

The Baptist Convention of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island, is appointed to be held in Yarmouth, N. S., on the first Saturday after the 18th of August 1857.