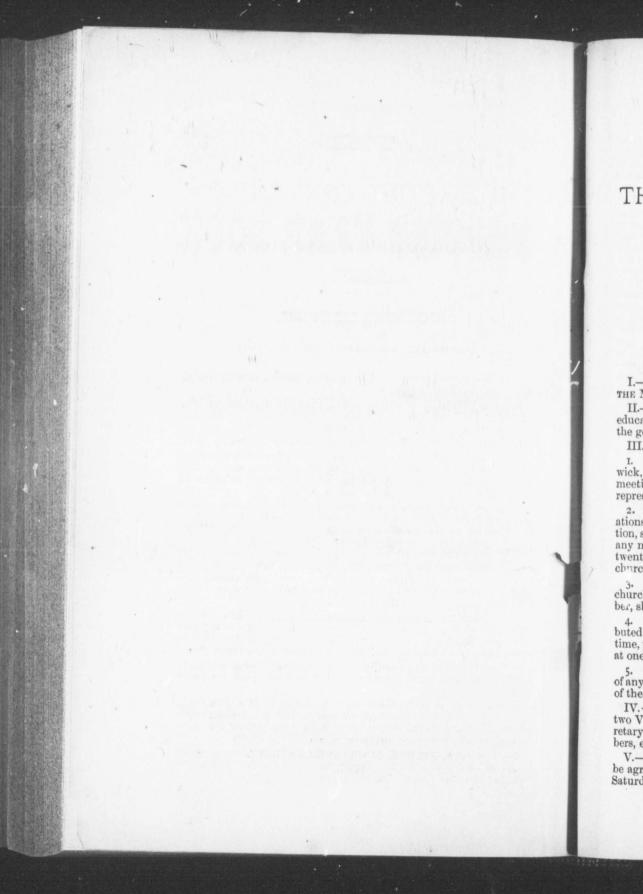
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CONSTITUTION.

THE BAPTIST CONVENTION.

OF THE

Maritime Provinces.

Organized 1846.

CONSTITUTION.

(ADOPTED 1879 AND AMENDED 1885 AND 1886.)

I.—This Convention shall be known as the BAPTIST CONVENTION OF THE MARITIME PROVINCES.

II.—The objects of the Convention shall be to maintain the educational and missionary operations of the body, and to advance the general interests of the denomination.

III.-The menbership of the Convention shall be as follows :--

I. Each of the Baptist Associations in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island shall be entitled to send to any meeting of the Convention, two of its own members as delegates to represent it therein.

2. Each Church connected with any of the above named Associations, and contributing annually towards the objects of the Convention, shall be entitled to send one of its own members to represent it at any meeting of the Convention, and an additional delegate for every twenty dollars contributed to those objects, during the year; but no cburch shall be entitled to send more than five delegates.

3. Every ordained Baptist Minister connected with one of the churches above mentioned either in the relation of pastor or member, shall be a member of the Convention.

4. Any member of any of these churches who shall have contributed towards the objects of the Convention fifty dollars at any one time, previous to the 27th of August, 1879—or one hundred dollars at one time, after that date, shall be a life-member of the Convention.

5. The President and Faculty of Acdia College, being members of any of the churches above mentioned, shall be *ex officio* members of the Convention.

IV.—The officers of the Convention shall consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, Secretary, and an Assistant-Secretary; all of whom shall be elected annually from among the menbers, except the Secretary, who shall be elected triennially.

V.—The Convention shall meet annually, at such place as shall be agreed on by the body, and shall commence its session on the first Saturday after the 18th of August, at ten o'clock, A. M.

A special meeting of the Convention may be called at any time by the President, on a requisition signed by the Officers of the Convention and the Secretaries of the three Boards, viz.: of Governors of Acadia College, of Foreign Missions, and of Home Missions, in the Convention.

VI.—There shall be a Board of Home Missions and Board of Foreign Missions, appointed by the Convention, each consisting of fifteen members of the body, five of whom shall retire each year in the order of their appointment, but shall be eligible for re-appointment. It shall be the privilege of the staff of Foreign Missionaries to appoint annually one of their number who may be at home on furlough to be a member of the Foreign Missionary Board, in addition to the number of members appointed by Convention. Five members shall from a quorum of each Board. In case of the resignation, death or removal of members of the Foreign Missionary Board, between the meetings of Convention, it shall be the privilege of the Board to fill the vacancies thus caused until the next meeting of Convention.

VII.—The Convention shall, once in three years, appoint six new members of the Board of Governors of Acadia College, in place of six who will then go out of officer, in rotation, in accordance with the resolution passed by the Convention in September, 1850, and with the Act of the Legislature of Nove Scotia, 14 Vic., cap. 37.

VIII.—The Convention shall also appoint a Ministerial Education Board; and a Board for the management of a Ministeral Relief and Aid Fund, each of which Boards shall consist of nine members of the Convention, thre of whome shall retire annually, in the order of their appointment, but shall be eligible for re-appointment. Three members shall form a quorum for each Board.

IX. Vacancies occurring in the Secretaryship, or in any of the foregoing Boards, may be filled by the Convention at any session.

X.—This Constitution shall not be altered or amended except by vote of two-thirds of the members present at any meeing; written notice of the proposed alteration or amendment having been given at the last preceding annual meeting.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. Every sitting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. Persons invited to a seat may speak on all subjects under debate, but vote on none.

3. No Person shall speak oftener than twice on any motion, unless by permission of the body.

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

5. The government of the body, and the regulations of its proceedings, shall be strictly in accordance with parliamentary usage, so called.

6. Immediately after the opening of the Convention these rules shall be distinctly read from the Chair.

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REV. J. B. WOODLAND, REV. J. W. BANCROFT, REV. F. D. CRAWLEY.

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CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., SATURDAY, August 20, 1887.

The Forty-second Annual Meeting of the Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces was opened in the house of worship of the Baptist church of Charlottetown, P. E. I., this day at 10 o'clock, a. m., B. H. Eaton, President, in the chair.

The hymn beginning-

"When I survey the wondrous cross,"

was sung. The President read 1 Cor. xiii. Prayer was offered by Rev. I. E. Bill, D.D.

The President delivered his retiring address, subject:

"THE DUTIES OF PASTORS TO THEIR CHURCHES."

Brethren,-

The President of last year in retiring from the chair addressed you upon the duties of Church members to their pastors. It seems naturally to fall upon me to discuss the duties of pastors to the members. Under the circumstances this must be done from the humble point of view of one of the members. I shall mention these duties as they occur to me without attempting to arrange them in the order of their importance. And more strictly speaking, I shall mention only some of them and shall not attempt a compendium. I am speaking, of course, of pastors of Baptist churches—of Baptist churches embraced within the Convention of the Maritime Provinces.

And first, beginning at the forming of the engagement between pastor and people. This is a crisis of the utmost importance to both parties. The Church has met, made its decision and given its invitation. What, now, is the first duty of the pastor-elect? The situation is one of great freedom on both sides. No ecclesiastical body existed to interfere with the perfect autonomy of the Church in making its choice. So likewise, no such body has the right to dictate his course to the pastor-elect. He is not the nominee of Synod Conference, or Session. Both parties are on the same contracting level. The situation is one of great freedom, indeed, but at the same time one of immense responsibility and anxiety. Such a multitude of weighty considerations centre at this stage as to render it a great

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turning point in the pastor's career. It is a time when many questions of most vital importance to the high contracting parties press for discussion and decision. Not to settle them now, is to leave them unsettled forever. Not to settle them now, is to ignore the gravity of the proposed engagement. Of course, if this is a church which is sound in the faith, as held by the Churches of this Convention, if it has been in the habit of cheerfully providing its pastor with an adequate support and one corresponding fairly with its financial ability and proposes to do the same now, if it has faithfully fulfilled its engagements with the other Churches of the Convention in carrying on the great enterprises of the denomination, and has been in the habit of working cordially with its pastor in the whole field of Church work ; if such be the happy case, the course of the pastorelect is free from many difficulties which otherwise might beset it. It is the case of a meeting of kindred spirits intent upon working It is the case of a meeting of kindred spirits intent upon working together with one accord for the glory of God, and the union must not be delayed. But, on the other hand, if this particular church has been notoriously in the habit of providing a salary away below its ability and clearly inadequate to the pastor's comfortable support; if it has as a rule failed to meet its just engagements with its sister churches in promoting the great Christian enterprises undertaken by the denomination; if it has been in the habit of insisting upon the early determination of each succeeding pastorate, or if grievous errors in doctrine have permeated the body; or if in any great essential feature it distinctly falls short of its duty; then or in any such case the pastor elect owes it to himself, to that church, to the denomination, and to his Master, to pause there and then for a just settlement of these vital matters at the very threshold. To accept the office without such settlement, is to condone the conduct of that church, to become a party to its history, to render himself powerless to bring about any reform, and to ignore the voice of the denomination. It is a time-the one time of all others-for the most faithful conference between church and proposed pastor. Between them alone under God's guidance the great questions which concern the welfare of each must be settled. For such is our system of church government. They may call in a council from sister churches to advise and doubtless such a course might often be of very great advantage to all concerned, but the ultimate decision rests between people and pastor. I have instanced a few points on which discussion and proper decision should be had. Many others may suggest themselves. I have named salary. Not because I suppose that matter occupies a pre-eminent place in the minds of our ministers, but because the minister ought not for his own sake or for that of the church to permit injustice to be done. As he is to give his whole energies, abilities, time and strength to his proposed work, he deserves to be comfortably supported, and he ought not to allow the church to do itself injustice by granting a starving stipend. The responsibility largely rests upon each individual pastor-elect, to secure much needed reform on this important point. In another denomination \$750 and a manse is made the minimum salary for the pastor. A church not raising that amount is not self-supporting and depends on the whole body to supplement its funds. This result is the product of combined action of the whole body. Among ourselves we must look to each pastor to make a stand for justice. The sooner this is done and the sooner all our churches come up, as some have already done, to the fair measure of their ability, the sooner will they turn the tide that now sets from them.

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I have named the matter of short pastorates, because I think them an abomination which should cease to be; and, as I regard it as the duty of the church to retain its pastors until it becomes clear beyond dispute that the connection cannot be continued without injury to the interests at stake, so, on the other hand, I hold that no man should accept a pastorate without a reasonable prospect of its permanency. I have named the matter of denominational engagements. That these do exist no one can deny. We have undertaken great trusts. It is almost appalling to contemplate the vastness and eternal importance of the great interests we have in hand. Our educational institutions, our home missionary operations, our foreign missionary enterprise, all these demand the utmost activity, energy and christian liberality of all our churches in order that they may be sustained, and grow and develop and expand in some degree commensurately with the growth and expansion and multiplication of our unfolding opportunities and obligations. Suppose, now, a minister is called to a church which has clearly failed to meet these obligations. It has wealth, it has great earning capacity, but it has not liberality. At this point, if at all, the public opinion of the denomination may be brought home to the individual church. At this point, the denomination will expect the pastor-elect to do his duty. He may single-handed lift that church out of its low condition, or he may help to perpetuate that condition. If after patient and tender and faithful conference, the church persists in pursuing its old ways, let him decline its pastorate giving the church his reasons so fully and clearly and kindly that they may be duly appreciated. Question,-On the point of salary should the pastor-elect decline the call simply because the salary offered is too small? Yes, if the church is able to give an adequate and comfortable support ;- No, if the church has stated an amount quite equal to its ability. There is, no doubt, a short cut across and away from all these and kindred questions. A call is given, the pastor-elect considers; the outlook is not promising, he simply declines and awaits some better opening. *He has not done his duty.* He has not risen to the greatness of the occasion which Providence has created. He has given a silent lesson only, when the opportunity existed for presenting that lesson with tenfold greater power and effectiveness.

It seems almost needless to urge that the pastor should know his people. But, apprehending that the importance of this duty is often overlooked in practice, a few words may be in place on the point. The pastor should become personally acquainted with each and every member of his flock; that is, with all who are resident in the place and neighbourhood. But this is as nothing. He must go on to acquire the fullest possible knowledge, the most just and reliable knowledge, of the history, the circumstances, trade, occupation, profession and business of each; the doctrinal views of each, the ambitions, aspirations, hardships, discouragements of each. He will find the community full of societies other than the church-Masonic Societies, Odd Fellows, Temperance Societies, Professional Societies, Trade Associations, National Societies. To which, if any, of these, do his members belong? What is the moral influence of these, societies on his members? Why do they exist and flourish? Is there a yearning for a brotherhood which those societies afford that cannot be found in the church ? Times come, when there are great political struggles absorbing the utmost attention of the community. What part do the members of the church take in these contests?

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Times come, when epidemics of false doctrine steal like a pestilence through the community. The pastor should understand the situation. There are great tides of thought and feeling and motive that ebb and flow in a community, unknown to the superficial observer. The pastor should know these tides and currents; yea, he should know whither the great under currents flow. He should understand the tendency and drift of everything which may affect his people. He should know the standards of business morality in his community. He should know what literature his people read. But while I would insist upon his possession of the fullest and most intimate knowledge of his people and of all that affects them I would have him use that knowledge with great discretion. Sometimes the axe may be openly and publicly laid at the root of the tree; but not all truth may be preached most appropriately from the pulpit. Much is to be kept in reserve, perhaps never to be used except as a guide to the pastor himself. But whether used or not let it be known there is a sword hanging in his hall. Let it be understood that the pastor does know his flock most thoroughly with all its virtues and failings. I know there will be difference of opinion on this point. Many will hold it enough to preach the truth. But what truth? is the great matter. I have mentioned the subject of political contests. It is a delicate subject for the pastor. But the contest comes nevertheless and there are great moral issues involved in it and the pastor cannot remain indifferent. With the opinions of his members on the merits of the great questions involved he may not interfere. But it is his business to guard the flock and to see that they be not torn and wounded and bruised to serve the ends of unscrupulous ambition. The legislature has done everything in its power to enact all such guards and checks as will ensure the free choice of the people being made. When the struggle comes, let the pastor hold his flock to uprightness and political purity. If the briber comes, take care that he find no material in your flock to respond to his evil design. Let the warning voice be raised. Let the pulsations of the struggle be watched. It is a case where prevention is the end to be aimed at. Let the pastor be early on the ground in this matter. The legislature looks to the moral teachers and guides in the community to ensure obedience to the laws of the land. Few things are more important than the free expression of the people on political issues. When that freedom is maintained we have responsible government in reality.

I have spoken of the pastor's duty to the resident membership of his church. Besides these there will always be a certain portion of the flock living in other places. It is well understood that every effort should be made to effect an early transfer of membership in each such case to the sister church where the member resides. The matter is one of very great importance. Much will depend upon the pastor. His duty is too clear to need more than simple mention. We have passed all needful resolutions on the subject; we have discussed it and voted upon it; what remains is to encourage and insist upon the work being done. We cannot afford to lose a large portion of our membership by the mere accident of removal of residence. The church should never for a moment lose sight of one of its members. The good shepherd will often count his flock. Let constant communication be held with all absent members.

The pastor should take the lead in all matters pertaining to the conduct of the affairs of the church. He should preside at all meetings. He should master all the details of business, be at the head of

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every committee, superintend all church building operations, direct all financial matters, have constant oversight of the Sabbath School. be ruler of the synagogue and director of all the services of public worship. If the evangelist come, let not the pastor abdicate to him. Let him still direct. In every department of church activity let him be the acknowledged leader. Is he not the pastor, the shepherd of the flock? Is he not the overseer and the captain of the army? Especially is his leadership and guidance essential in matters of discipline. And such matters will arise. And when they do, what course is to be taken? Invent expedients to escape the ordeal? No, deal squarely with the case. Under our independent form of church government, this feature of church work assumes particular importance. The individual church is not subject to the control or dictation or judgment of any other body. Its judgment is virtually final. Hence the necessity of care and skill, discretion and sound judgment. If it is understood that brother shall not go to law with brother in the courts, and if it is further understood that this rule applies as between brethren of associated churches as would seem to be a legitimate sequence of the doctrine, then it becomes very important that within the church itself there may be found speedy and ample remedy for wrong done, and redress for all offences. Suppose accusation be met with denial, a trial must ensue. In such a case the pastor is the only rightful president of the court. He is the chief judge. It is for him to see that an intelligible charge or accusation is placed before the body, and that such charge be brought home to the accused, and that full opportunity for defence be given. He is to bring to bear on the direction of the proceeding all his knowledge of ecclesiastical jurisprudence. Let the investigation be thorough, speedy, skilful, impartial; and let the deliverance be full and clear, tender and considerate, true and faithful; and in the large majority of cases it will be accepted by all parties as a settlement of the difficulty. No one else could have conducted the proceedings so well as the pastor, and it was his duty.

It is of course, a part of the pastor's mission to publicly preach the gospel. It is an important part, though not the whole of his work. He is to preach the gospel, the whole gospel, and nothing but the gospel. I would have him so far to resist the neutralizing tendencies of Christian Associations, Evangelical Alliances, and other occasions of friendly intercourse with other denominations, that he will never forget to preach the whole truth bearing upon the distinctive doctrines held by Baptists. Let me mention two of thesebaptism, and regenerate church membership. Baptists hold that the other great evangelical denominations do not obey our Saviour's example, or His command to be baptized. This position, if well founded, is a startling one; for certain it is, the command was given and the example witnessed. And the importance of this ordinance is well attested by the circumstances surrounding our Saviour's submission to it. The Baptist pastor who holds this view must not, cannot, fail to preach it so fully and so frequently, that it will be thoroughly understood by at least all the members of his church. Baptists also hold that believers are the only Scriptural subjects of baptism. This doctrine at once places a great gulf between us and other denominations. I would have the Baptist pastor to make this doctrine, also, so clear to his people, that every member of his church may be able to render a reason for his belief. The gospel should be preached intelligibly, faithfully, practically, attractively. The mere

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utterance of gospel truth is not the fulfilment of the preacher's mission. To be a sound and profound theologian is an essential requisite, but to so convey the truth that it will be received gladly and become the power of God to the salvation of those who hear that is the great point. These are times when the preacher is called to awaken out of their sleep those who have heard the gospel preached all their lives and have hitherto not felt its personal application to themselves. Hence the need of utmost skill. No detail that would assist the preacher to present the truth with force and power can justly be neglected. The preacher's voice is a faculty of such power that its cultivation and improvement should be carried to the highest point of effectiveness. I should like to see every pastor the best singer in his congregation. The preacher should hold his congregation throughout the entire service. I would have him read the hymns, read them through, read them appreciatively, and as if they were food to his hungry soul. Then I want him to sing. It is his right to join in the praise. It should be his constant delight. Please do not throw away the hymns or toss them carelessly to the Then I would have him read the Scriptures just as if the choir. congregation had come to hear them. It is written in Nehemiah viii. 8: "So they read in the Book, in the law of God, distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused the people to understand the reading." To read them effectively he must have previously come to a thorough understanding of their scope and import. If preachers could only see, as their congregations do, how the side doors of suggestion fly open as the skilful reader walks down the course of some grand chapter, they would give more attention and preparation to this important part of the service. I think a pastor should use great freedom in the pulpit. It may be borne in upon him as an overpowering necessity to give an hour and a-half or more to some great subject appropriate to the time. In such case let other parts of the service be dispensed with, the rights of the choir notwithstanding. It may be that in the multiplicity of pastoral duties the sermon expected from him has not been prepared. What then? Form the congregation into a Bible Class, take a chapter or theme, and help the audience to study it for an hour. Use freedom as occasion reasonably requires. Be not a slave to any round of appointments.

All that I have prescribed will go for little if the preacher neglect or undervalue the duty of prayer. He is an ambassador; hence must keep himself in constant communication, in constant touch, with his Sovereign. How else shall he know His will? No preacher can expect to win souls or edify saints who has not wrestled with God in prayer. There is nothing a congregation will more quickly discern than whether the preacher has preceded his public ministrations by private intercession. Useless the one without the other. It is enough to say that prayer is God's appointed method of communication between Himself and His people. This covers all the subject. All rules avail nothing, all preparation goes for nought, the best theology most eloquently uttered what can it accomplish if the preacher has not but just now come from the very presence of his God inspired to convey His message to the people? And how prayer will mould the sermon. Thousands of thoughts and suggestions which pressed for utterance, and seemed worthy, will turn to dross when reviewed in the presence of the King Himself. O God, what shall I tell this people? On bended knee alone with Him plead for a message suited to the exigency.

Superadded to all other duties is that of Christian enterprise. Enterprise, extension, enlargement, growth, development, expansion, must characterize the pastor, first, always, and to the end. Woe to those that be at ease in Zion! O, wretched is the case of him who is chained to the trodden round of ordinary duties -two sermons per Sunday, one prayer meeting in the week, a few pastoral visits and so on, and fancies he is fulfilling his mission. What is wanted is enterprise in every department of church work. Let him set to, to double his own membership in the most effective possible way, namely, by doubling the Christian activity, zeal and knowledge of each member. Two hundred members, thoroughly in earnest, thoroughly instructed, thoroughly consecrated to God's work are a greater force in the world than twice that number of members who lack these qualifications. The church should be a theological school and the pastor the president thereof. The history of these Provinces has been one of emigration-constant emigra tion of our sons and daughters to other and larger countries. Such being the case and such it being likely to continue, we are sending our membership constantly out as missionaries. These members if thoroughly instructed, if thoroughly consecrated to God's service go from us to draw others to the Saviour, to become centres of religious light, to become constituents of new churches. They leave us not to become absorbed into other denominations, but to win others to our view of the divine teaching. The work spent by a pastor in upbuilding his people in the truths of the gospel can never be lost. And thereby too, he ensures his own growth and enlargement of mind and soul. This enterprise should go out to adjacent fields. All around all our churches are fields of labor inviting the Christian activities of these churches. Carry the standard to these, enlarge your borders, call upon the North to give up, the South to keep not back, overspread the land, fulfil the commission. Lead your flock into new fields of truth, into ever widening, ever enlarging spheres of thought and action. The Pastor must see to it that he himself is growing, developing, enlarging. For this among other reasons I would have him burn all his old sermons-all and singular of them. It is a shame for a pastor to preach the sermon of a man five, ten, or fifteen years younger than himself-and that too, his late unlamented self. Burn the old sermon. Remove the temptation. You are more and greater than even the sermon you delivered an hour ago. How very far, then, have you advanced beyond the sermon of a year or five years ago. Your views are wider, your knowledge more enlarged, your ability to impart truth, greater. Why clog yourself with the cold and imperfect and lifeless production of a former period. Take yourself and take your flock out into new, fresh and wider pastures. The Bible is a field of knowledge, bounded to us only by the limit of our capacity. It is the old, old story of course. Ah, yes, but what newness, what freshness, what ever intensifying glory and grandeur and inspiration that story takes on as we go out and on and up through its avenues and delightful stretches of thought. Now and then we hear a sermon from some thoroughly consecrated preacher which has all the seeming of a new revelation. So fresh, so full of newness, so sparkling with suggestion, so redolent with the fragrance of heaven. It is a sermon, itself full of sermons. Yet it is the old, old story. It is the same gospel that was delivered once for all to the world.

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These are various. Talents differ. All classes exist in the church. Organization must be such as to enlist and secure the activities of all. The work must be planned and laid out to meet the case of the whole flock. Each branch of this organization draws its life from the parent tree. I would have the choir, the Sunday School, the literary circle, the sewing circle, everything in direct communication with the church and under its direct control and guidance. Let the warm flow of Christian love circulate freely through all branches of the organization. The thoroughly organized church is in the way of developing the entire resources of its membership. And it ought always to be a great aim of the pastor to develop and enlarge the talents of each member. The pastor is the leader in every department, but it does not follow that he is to do everything himself, and his people to become mere passive recipients of his energy. He will see that they are each growing in grace, and in knowledge, and ability for the Master's work.

What is the duty of a pastor when a section of his church desire to dissolve the union between him and them? First, let him inquire into and ascertain the cause of this desire, and, if possible, let him remove it by removing the objectionable feature of his ministry. Do not give way to every fickle notion of a set or section of the church. This union of pastor and people is not one to be lightly severed. But still, causes sufficient may exist. Be humble, and become just the pastor they want. Do this, if within the bounds of possibility. Insist upon the union continuing until its usefulness is clearly beyond hope of recovery. I know quite opposite views are frequently held and practised. I know it requires much vigilance to keep the post office address of some ministers. They are ever on the move. Nothing good or great can be accomplished in this way. The main thing is for neither church nor pastor to yield too quickly to seeming incompatibility. Let each study to become adapted to honest and determined effort to meet the just expectations of his people, will not only lose that people, but the prospect is he will thenceforth become an itinerant for the rest of his days, forever forming new engagements only to sever them just as his usefulness ought to be growing into its best fruitage.

On all moral questions the pastor must, of course, be a worthy example to his members. His attitude must be positive and unequivocal. Honesty, honor, and truthfulness must characterize all his dealings. Also, common sense. "In all things showing thyself a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, sound speech that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say

And so I might go on to define and enumerate in detail the obvious and various duties a pastor owes to his people. But why be so exacting? Why is so much expected of a pastor? Why demand from him the performance of duties more varied and more onerous than those that pertain to any other position in which men are placed? Why? Because the office is the highest and most important to which a man can be called. "Faithful is the saying, if a man seeketh the office of a bishop" (understood by us to be equivalent to pastor) "he desireth a good work." And when the inspired Scriptures declare a thing "good," so it is. I hold the office of pastor to

be the most exalted, the most influential, the most dignified and honorable, of any to which men can attain. The pastor leads the flock of God. He is ambassador from the Most High King. On no man does the community so much depend for all that pertains to their eternal welfare. On no man does the commonwealth so much depend for progress in the righteousness which exalteth a nation. He is the expounder and exemplifier of the truth. He is the one man in all the community to repel false teaching. I sometimes think pastors are not conscious of the dignity and greatness of their office. I would have every pastor bear in mind that he is lord bishop of his diocese, and next in precedence to no ecclesiastical dignitary in the land; that he is entitled to the respect and reverence of his people; that he is the shepherd of God's flock; that he is guide and leader. I want the minister to insist upon the respect and reverence due to him by virtue of his representative position, and I want him to preserve that respect and reverence by conduct worthy of his office. But who is equal to these things? Not a novice, certainly. But such an one as Paul describes to Timothy.

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Here is a passage of Scripture to which I ask your attention ; "Who is She that looketh forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, terrible as an army with banners ?" What does it mean? Think for a moment of the morning, the freshness and brightness of the morning, think of the infinitude of diamond wealth flashing in the light of the rising sun; consider the wondrous fairness of the moon, holding the position of honor amid the heavenly host, shedding her silvery light on land and sea, ever pursuing her course, a stately queen; regard the sun in the heavens, the most clear and clarifying, of all the creations of the Almighty hand. Contemplate the terror of an army with banners. Among all the manifestations of human energy, none are so terrible in physical effect as an army -an army inspired by its battle-worn, blood-stained banners. And bear in mind that was an oriental morning, an oriental sun and moon, Solomon had in view, and it was an army such as his father commanded to which he was inviting comparison. And that was a goodly army, was that which Joab numbered for David. In Israel 800,000 valiant men that drew the sword, and 500,000 men of Judah. Think of 1,300,000 flashing swords wielded by the valiant men of Judah and Israel going out to contests where personal valour won the day. Who, indeed is She? Is there any institution, is there any combination of men, is there any society, organization or collection of human activities to which this comparison will apply? Only one,-the church of the living God. And if we conclude that it is the church, then it becomes apparent, how exalted among men are the functions of the church, and how exalted the position of him who becomes the head of the church, under God. Have we anything within the bounds of this Convention corresponding to Solomon's description? If we combine a church such as my predecessor outlined; one that esteems, honors and loves the pastor, one that submits to the authority which our Lord has conferred on the pastor, one that is constant in its attendance on his ministry, continually remembering him in its prayers, guarding carefully his reputation and providing him an adequate support; if we combine with such a church, such a pastor as I have endeavoured to describe; if such church and pastor, forgetting that they wear the yoke of duty, come gladly to the discharge of their duties as to gracious opportunities for doing God's service, each vieing with the other in alacrity in the

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Master's work; such a church with such a pastor may suggest the description given by the royal bard. Let us reflect for a moment upon the last point of comparison-"terrible as an army with banners." That means conflict. I fear the church too often forgets that it is a fighting body. I fear that the Baptist churches of this Convention have not fought the strong drink enemy, for example, as they should have done. The splendid work performed by the sons of temperance and kindred societies has been done by them without very much assistance from our churches. I hold that every Baptist church in this convention should be pledged to total abstinence themselves, and should be pledged to fight the rumseller in every section of the country I contend that the pastor should lead and be in the front of this fight. The Church Army is the Divinely appointed institution to carry terror and dismay among the enemies of their race who seek to undo the work of the church by tempting men to the sin of drunkenness. Very much has been accomplished in this warfare already. The contest has been narrowed down by most effective legislation. Still the enemy is strong, persistent, fruitful in expedients, and reckons the enemy is strong, persistent, fruitful in expedients, and reckons much on the lukewarmness of its opponents. We have not prohi-bition yet, but when we do get it the warfare will still remain, only our weapons will be more numerous and more effective. Eternal vigilance alone will suffice to prevent the inroads of the liquor seller. What can be accomplished by persuasion and Educa-tion, by all means let it be thus done; what will not yield to this treatment must be overcome by enforcement of the law. The church is an army. Each member is a soldier. There are battles to be fought and victories to be won. The foe is mighty, ever seeking The church that does not realize this is The world, the flesh, and the devil are in his opportunity. gently slumbering. alliance against the church; and the church must be at war with them. It can only be when the church is astir and meeting and pursuing the enemy with all her forces well equipped, that she will be a terror to evil doers and a praise to them who do well. She will have the beauty and glory of the sun and moon, only when she is terrible as an army with banners.

There are some special duties of which I wish to speak, which the pastors of the churches of this Convention owe to those churches considered as constituents of this Convention itself. This Convention has undertaken to execute and fulfil several trusts of very great magnitude and importance. Each church and each church member, as well as the pastor, are parties to this undertaking. These great enterprises embrace among others the endowment, support and government of Acadia College, Acadia Seminary and Horton Acad-emy; also the work of Home Missions, that is to say, carrying the gospel to every section of these Provinces, particularly to places now without it, and places where no Baptist church now exists; also our Foreign Mission work. These are the chief great enterprises which we are unitedly carrying on. The members of this Convention are the representatives of the churches. Upon the churches, therefore, their co-operation, their wisdom, their prayers, and their libe-rality must dependence be placed under God for the successful prosecution of the work. Our pastors are the leaders of these churches. Upon them pre-eminently this Convention will ever depend to secure the due and ample fulfilment by the churches of the duties these bodies owe in respect to these great undertakings. am aware all that I have said or can say on this point has been said

a hundred times already, and it is but just to acknowledge, and gratefully and cheerfully acknowledge, what splendid fruit has been the result, and how nobly a great number of our pastors and churches have met their obligations in this matter. But the full consecration and co-operation of all the members of all the churches in this great work is a thing yet to be accomplished. And it must largely come through the consecration and devotion and persistence of our pastors. The Christian grace and duty of liberality must be taught and preached and en-forced. The nature and extent and vital importance of the work in hand must be brought home again and again sensibly by pastor to people. The time was when pastors feared to encourage too much giving to objects outside of the immediate expenditure of the church, because it might imperil the payment of their salaries. I suppose no one ever blamed them for watching and guarding the little salary, but the philosophy was not Scriptural. It has come to be understood, however incredible it may seem, that the church which is most liberal to general objects is most liberal in its own private expenditure. Giving doth not impoverish. In the coming year this Convention has an especial burden upon it. Besides the ordinary expenditures required to carry on our Educational and Home and Foreign Missionary enterprises, we have undertaken to raise \$50,000 in a year from now, as a thank offering to the Lord for Acadia College, and her fifty years of usefulness. How shall all this be accomplished by our churches unless our pastors give themselves to the work and lead the movement. Talk of agents and agencies! What is wanted is that every pastor shall be held responsible for his own field. No man can do the work so well as he, no one knows that field so well. Therefore put the burden on him and expect the fulfilment of his whole duty. I think the position of the Baptist pastor within this Convention is such as makes this demand on him a reasonable one; notwithstanding many hardships, the lines have fallen to him in pleasant places. As regards our Educational Institutions our case is a happy one. We have them; they do not belong to the State, we are not entangled with the State; these institutions are fairly well equipped, they meet the needs of our daughters as well as our sons; what we are we owe to them, what they are they owe to us; they are our life and we theirs. We have our foreign field selected and established and presenting almost boundless opportunity for extension. Our Home Mission operations are well in hand, and the field large and inviting. We have all those departments under control of this one body. And we have a noble sisterhood coming to our aid in the work of missions. We have a plan of contribution for all these objects which was the result of many years experience, and which appears to be about the best that could be devised, wanting only a system of weekly offering to carry it into full effect. The blessing of God has been such in the past that mere gratitude for favours received calls for abundant labor in the future. What I urge is this that the Baptist pastor of to-day has had the hard work of pioneering mainly done for him in the past, so that he enters upon his field with all the advantages of the labors of those who opened the way. And I say this is not only a stimulus and incentive to consecration, but makes the demand therefor one of the most reasonable. On another ground also, I regard the Baptist Pastor's position from his own point of view exceptionally favourable. You claim to hold more correct views of divine teaching than are held by other denominations.

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Some of these views I have already referred to. I do not purpose to discuss the merits of your claim. It seems to be well founded and the plain teaching of the Word, and the best scholarship of the world appear to sustain your claim. The point I make is this,—if all this is so, then you are not bound and handicapped as others are. By the grace of God you are untrammeled by practices and doctrines which the word of God does not teach ; by all this advantage are you the more obligated to give yourself unreservedly to the Master's work. Thank Him if you hold the truth more correctly interpreted than others do. Show your thankfulness by utmost exertion to spread that truth and carry it into every section and corner of these Provinces and throughout the millions of the Telugu field. I point also to what God has already done as incentive for utmost endeavor in the future. The rapidity with which our principles have spread and taken hold of the communities in which we have labored, has been most marked and gratifying, and calls for abundant thanksgiving. The Master is constantly taking us more and more fully into co-working with Himself as our faith and devotion increase. If only we come up to the full realization of the extent of the work each church is designed and bidden to do in the hearts and lives of its members, and among the unsaved in the community, and throughout adjacent neighborhoods, and in sending the gcspel to the heathen ; and if that realization finds each church well officered and disciplined and equipped, who shall set bounds to the glorious achievements which shall be accomplished by them in promoting the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Secretary read the names of members of the Convention, and several brethren were invited to share in the deliberations of the body.

The following is the list:

I.-DELEGATES FROM ASSOCIATIONS.

Western N. S.-H. H. Chute. Central N. S.-A. P. Shand. Southern N. B.-Wm. Allwood. P. E. Island-George McNeill, Samuel Simpson.

II.-DELEGATES FROM CHURCHES.

Annapolis and Upper Granville,-Rev W. H. Warren.

Amherst,-Dea. W. M. Read, Rupert Hicks, Hibbert Coates, Lewis Fillmore.

Antigonish,-Rev. W. B. Bradshaw, Dea. H. H. Bligh, Howard P. Whidden, Wm. G. Cunningham.

African, Halifax,-Rev. A. W. Jordan.

Alma,-Dea. M. Rommel.

Bedeque,-Alfred Bradshaw, Joseph Schurman.

Brussels Street,-Rev. J. E. Hopper, D. D., Wm. Allwood, H. D. Mott.

Beaver River,-Rev. James I. DeWolf, Mrs. A. D. DeWolf. Belmont,-Samuel Simpson, Daniel Fraser,

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Cambridge, N. S.,-Miss Maggie Webster.

Charlottetown,-James Desbrisay, George Davies, John Scott, Nathan Davies.

Cavendish,-Rev. J. C. Spurr, Arthur Simpson, Joseph Baglole. Chester,-Rev. J. F. Kempton.

Campbellton,-Rev. W. C. Vincent.

Canso,-H. B. Smith, (Lic).

Clements,-Rev. E. N. Archibald, Mrs. E. N. Archibald. Carleton, St. John,-Rev. J. A. Cahill.

Clyde River, P. E. I.,-Wm. Scott, (Lic.), Dea. A. Livingstone, Dea. John Murray.

Cornwallis 1st,-Rev. S. B. Kempton, Ebenezer Rand, Jas. Eaton. Cornwallis 2nd,-Rev. E. O. Read, A. F. Chipman, F. A. Clark,

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Dartmouth,-Rev. E. J. Grant, C. L. Weeks, Dea. Jas.W. Johnstone. Dorchester,-Rev. F. M. Young, Mrs. A. R. Emmerson.

Elgin 1st.-Dea. LeBaron Godard.

Elgin 2nd,-Rev. J. W. Carpenter.

East Point,-Dea. Alex. Scott, Theodore S. Robinson, Joseph McVean.

Florenceville,-Rev. George Howard.

Great Village,-Rev. T. B. Layton, C. S. Sterns, A. Fountain.

Germain Street,-Rev. G. O. Gates, Mont. McDonald.

Greenville,-Henry Hunter.

Harvey 1st,-Rev. L. M. Weeks, Asael Wells.

Harvey 2nd,-Rev. S. C. Moore.

Halifax 1st,-Rev. W. H. Cline, B.D., Hon. D. McN. Parker, M.D.,

John Burgoyne, L. S. Payzant, S. Selden.

Hillsburg, N. S.,-H. H. Chute, Dea. R. Clarke, Mrs. W. W. Clarke.

Hawkesbury,-Rev. L. B. Gates.

Hebron,-Rev. A. Cohoon.

Hammonds Plains 1st,-E. E. Locke, (Lic).

Hantsport,-Rev. D. H. Simpson.

Horton 1st, (Wolfville),-Prof. Tufts, Dr. Barss, X. Z. Chipman, J. S. Morse, G. H. Wallace.

Kentville,-Rev. S. M. Black, S. S. Strong, William Eaton.

Lower Economy and Five Islands,-Rev. C. H. Haverstock, Dea. Josiah Soley.

Lower Cambridge, N. B.,-G. L. Colwell, Fred. E. Macdonald.

Little River,-F. M. Johnson.

Lockeport,-Rev. B. N. Nobles.

Lunenburg,-Rev. D. W. Crandall.

Leinster Street,-Rev. J. A. Gordon, Dea. Thomas L. Hay, Mrs. Thos. L. Hay.

Moncton 1st,-H. H. Ayer, Jas. Doyle, J. S. Trites, S. Crandall. New Germany,-Rev. M. W. Brown, W. R. Barss.

New Glasgow,-Rev. A. T. Dykeman, Dea. M. Golding, John Sullivan, Jessie Olding, Mrs. A. T. Dykeman. North River, P. E. I.,--Rev. A. H. Lavers, Dea. A. MacKinlay, Charles Warren, Dea. P. Warren, R. Warren. Norton,-Dea. A. B. Hayes. V.-North Temple, Ohio,-Rev. H. N. Parry. New Albany,-Phineas Whitman. North, Halifax,-Edwin M. Clay, George A. McDonald. North Sydney,-Rev. J. W. Bancroft. Onslow West,-Rev. C. H. Martell. Oxford,-Peter Slade. Parrsboro' Village,-F. L. Jenks. Portland,-Rev. W. J. Stewart, Dea. Thos. F. Granville. River Hebert,-Rev. I. R. Skinner. Spring Hill,-Rev. Joseph Murray. St. Martins 1st,-Rev. I. E. Bill, D.D. St. Martins 2nd,-Rev. R. Mutch. Sackville, N. B.,-Rev. W. E. Hall, John Bell. Shediac,-J. H. Jenner, (Lic). Sussex,-J. S. Trites, N. Crandall, Lane Keith. Summerside,-L. A. Palmer, (Lic). Sydney,-J. W. Dobson. Salisbury,-Rev. J. M. Parker. Temple, Yarmouth,-Rev. J. B. Woodland. Iryon,-James Newsom, J. B. Leard, W. B. Callock, Philip C. Lord. Truro,-Wm. Cummings, J. J. Wallace, Dea. A. J. Walker. Tabernacle, Halifax,-Rev. E. T. Miller. Three Rivers, Montague,-Rev. J. Williams, Dea. D. Forbes, N. J. McDonald. Tyne Valley,---William Baglole, Joseph H. McDonald. main Uigg,-Rev. C. E. Baker, Simon Von Iderstine. Upper Economy and Portaupique,-Rev. C. H. Haverstock, Dea. Jehiel Carr. Valley, Surrey,-Rev. S. W. Keirstead, Hon. John Lewis. Upper Wilmot,-W. J. Gates. ward Windsor, N. S.,-Dea. A. P. Shand, William Curry, Lewis Rice, John Nalder. TO TH West Yarmouth,-Rev. I. E. Bill, Jr. West River, P. E. I.,-Rev. M. Ross, Kaye Ross, D. Lamont, Dea. McPhee. III.-ORDAINED MINISTERS.

E. Whitman, Charlottetown; W. B. Hinson, Moncton; P. S. McGregor, Tusket; T. A. Higgins, D.D., Wolfville; E. M. Saunders, D.D., Halifax; C. Goodspeed, St. John; J. L. Read, Upper Aylesford; D. P. Harris, Pollet River; W. E. Hall, Sackville; J. R. Hutchinson, Chicacole, India; T. A. Blackadar, Macnaquac; R. B. Kinlay, Tyne Valley.

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IV.-LIFE MEMBERS.

John March, St. John; C. F. Clinch, Musquash, N. B.; E. D. King, Halifax; F. H. Eaton, Truro; B. H. Eaton, Halifax.

V .-- PRESIDENT AND FACULTY OF ACADIA COLLEGE.

President A. W. Sawyer, D.D.; Professor R. V. Jones, Ph.D.; Professor E. M. Keirstead, M.A.

INVITED MEMBERS.

Rev. B. F. Simpson, Duluth, Minn.; Rev. H. G. Mellick, St. John; John Creed, Canso; Rev. John T. Burhoe, Rockford, Ill.; Rev. Joseph McLeed, D. D., Editor of *Religtous Intelligencer*, Fredericton; Prof. J. I. Bates, Woodstock College, Woodstock, Ont.

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The President appointed the following brethren as the Committee of Nomination, viz.: Rev. J. B. Woodland, Rev. J. A. Gordon, Prof. R. V. Jones, Ph. D., Arthur Simpson, Rev. S. M. Black, Rev. G. O. Gates, Judge Johnstone, Rev. Dr. Saunders, Rev. A. H. Lavers, Rev. J. W. Bancroft, J. J. Wallace, Mont. McDonald, John S. Trites.

Rev. E. Whitman read the report of the Committee of Arrangement, which was, after some amendment, adopted, and the order of business as subsequently transacted in the main determined.

Rev. Dr. Sawyer submitted the report of the committee appointed last year to present an Address to the Queen at the anniversary of the fiftieth year of her reign. The following is the report, being a copy of the address forwarded and of the reply received :

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY :

The Address of the Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces of Canada.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,-

The Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces of Canada desire, in common with your loyal subjects in all parts of the Empire, to present their most sincere congratulations that Your Majesty has been spared to meet in health and prosperity the duties of this, the fiftieth year of your reign, and to record their

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thanksgiving to Almighty God for the many blessings vouchsafed during this long and eventful period to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to all parts of the realm under your wise and beneficent administration.

While we and the people whom we represent rejoice in the great and varied material prosperity of the Empire, which must make the psesent reign one of the most illustrious in the annals of Great Britain, we are especially grateful that this period has been distinguished by the extension of religious freedom, by an increasing regard for the better social and moral condition of the people and deeper respect for the domestic virtues, by the diffusion of education among all classes, by ameliorating legislation in behalf of women and children, by the suppression of the slave trade, by the widening manifestations of the sentiments of peace and amity among the nations, and by an abiding desire to honor the Word of God and extend the knowledge thereof In all this the Baptists of Eastern Canada thankfully recognize the influence of their beloved Queen, and for these, as also for many other reasons of loyalty and affection, they will continue to pray that life and health may be granted to Your Majesty, and that the nation may long be favored by the reign of a Sovereign so esteemed and revered.

Signed on behalf of the Convention,

 (Sgd.) BRENTON H. EATON, *President*.
 (Sgd.) E. M. KEIRSTEAD,

Secretary.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia, May, 1887.

OTTAWA, 18th July, 1887.

I am commanded by His Excellency the Governor-General to convey to you, on behalf of the Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces of Canada, the Queen's thanks for the expressions of loyalty contained in the Address from that body.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

CHARLES J. JONES,

For Governor-General's Secretary.

The President Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces of Canada, Halifax, N. S.

The report of the Committee on Obituaries was read by the Chairman of the Committee, Rev. S. M. Black, and, on motion of Dr. Sawyer, adopted.

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REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

Until April our ministerial ranks had remained unbroken by death, but during the last five months five of our brethren have been called away. Most of them were men who had reached a good old age. Their active life had come already to be a thing of the past.

REV. DAVID SHAW

died suddenly at Fall River, near Halifax, on the 5th of April, in the 74th year of his age. He was born at Falmouth, Hants Co., where his great-grandfather, at the time of the expulsion of the Acadian French, had founded a home under a roof which had sheltered the heads of an unknown Canadian family, and which had escaped the torch of the British soldier.

Mr. Shaw was baptized in 1832 by the late Rev. Robt. R. Dickey. In 1856 he was licensed by the Falmouth church to preach, and was ordained at Falmouth as an evangelist Jan. 24, 1860. Most of his time was spent as an evangelist. His talents for singing, impressive declamation and prayer made him very popular among the colored people, for whom he expended a good deal of labor. He was also for a time pastor at Mahone Bay and at Tancook. A goodly number were by him led to the Lord and baptized into the fellowship of the several churches where he preached the gospel. For two or three years past the infirmities of age prevented him from laboring even in the summer as he had been accustomed to do.

Bro. Shaw inherited a farm from the Shaw estate in Falmouth. To this by strict economy he had made considerable addition. Being himself engaged in mission work at home, he was deeply interested in the foreign work. For many years he had purposed to give largely of his possessions to sustain our missions in the distant east. He, therefore, left \$3,450 in trust to the President of Acadia College for this purpose. Property that cost \$700 was left to the Book Room in Halifax. For some years past our brother had not mingled with us in our annual gatherings, and because of this was not well known to the younger ministers. His work on earth is done and he has gone to his eternal reward. He has given proof in his large gifts of his deep interest in the Lord's work. Two-thirds of all he possessed was given to promote religion in the world. He believed that his children could make their way successfully in life, and he gave to the Lord.

The above is taken in substance from an obituary notice written for the Messenger and Visitor by Rev. E. M. Saunders, D.D.

REV. E. F. FOSHAY

died at his home in Hopewell, N. B., on Sunday, the 1st of May. The following notice is taken principally from an editorial notice in the *Messenger and Visitor* of May 11th:

Bro. Foshay was born in Queens Co., N. B., in 1824. When about 17 years of age he was converted, baptized by Rev. David Crandall, and united with the Baptist church at Norton, N. B. He began to preach when he reached his 24th year, and spent the following year in Albert Co., N. B., laboring in connection with Rev. John Francis. A revival began which extended over three parishes-Hillsboro', Hopewell and Harvey-and 250 were added to the churches. The following year he was ordained pastor over the Harvey church, and continued in this relation five years. After this he was for two years pastor of the Hopewell church. During this time between 70 and 80 were baptized. His next pastorate was at Pugwash, N. S., where he remained two years, baptizing 100 persons. From this place he went to Milton, Queens Co., N. S., where his health broke down, making steady work longer impossible. Subsequently he held short pastorates at Hantsport and Gaspereaux, N. S., and at Summerside, P. E. I. He travelled a good deal in the Upper Provinces and in the United States, visiting many places in quest of health. In all these he engaged, as health permitted and opportunity offered, in his beloved work of preaching the gospel. For the last few years he has resided at his home in Hopewell, his life being gradually worn away with his disease and the intense sufferings which it brought with it.

Bro. Foshay was a man of strong and sterling character. There was in him a strength of endurance, of faith, of conviction, and of loyalty to truth. He held the great, strong doctrines of grace with a firm grip, and they had a powerful influence upon his character. Those who knew him long and intimately felt most strongly the power and worth of his fellowship. His wisdom, kindliness and faithfulness, and the silent influences of his character, were in a high degree steadying and stimulating.

He was a man of more than ordinary intellectual power. Although he had few of the opportunities which are the privilege of all to-day, he was a thinker of no mean ability, and had his health not broken down would have become one of the strongest men in our ministry. His two sons are both worthy ministers of the gospel—Herbert, the esteemed pastor of the Windsor church, and Milford, whose field of labor is in the State of Ohio.

REV. T. W. SAUNDERS.

On the evening of Sunday, the 8th of May, peacefully fell asleep in Jesus. He died at his residence, Prince William, York Co., N. B. In this place he was ordained to the gospel ministry in 1832-55 years ago. For some ten years he had been for the most part confined to his home, and for the last two months to his bed. wast num and in us the relig the The mon the l with

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bed. His sufferings were not severe, but he experienced a gradual wasting away, both of the physical and mental faculties. For a number of years he was pastor of the church at Prince William, and many of the present membership of the church were gathered in under his ministry. For many years past he had not occupied the pastoral office. He had, however, been pleased to engage in religious work in the place where he resided, and had rejoiced in the progress of the work of the Lord both there and elsewhere. The pastor of the church at Prince William bears grateful testimony to the kindness and hospitality which he has experiened at the hands of Father Saunders, and feels sure that many will join with him in this.

REV. PETER SPRAGG

died at Springfield, Kings Co., N. B., June 10th. Bro. Spragg was born in 1799, and was ordained at Springfield in 1840. He labored chiefly in Studholm, Springfield, and other parts of Kings County. Though not preëminent as a preacher, he so presented the simple gospel truth that many believed unto salvation. As a pastor he was distinguished for his watchful care over individual members. His amiable disposition and deep piety endeared him to his flock. On account of failing health he was unable to engage in regular work for a number of years previous to his death.

Up to this point it has been our duty to write of those whose death could occasion no surprise, for their life-work seemed to be accomplished. Now, however, we must make mention of one who was taken away in the midst of his years, while yet the possibilities of his manhood and his ministry seemed far from being exhausted.

REV. J. A. MCLEAN

died at his home in Hantsport, N. S., on the 2nd of April, at the age of 47. Several years ago he had been brought very low by a hemorrhage of the lungs. To a good degree he had regained his strength, but repeated attacks within the past year or two had greatly weakened him. It was hoped, however, that he might recover until within a few weeks of his death, when it became apparent to all his friends that it was impossible for him to rally. That strong faith and intrepidity of soul which had been characteristic of him in life did not desert him in the presence of death. He became willing to lay down his work when it was evident it was his Master's will and, as the time drew near, longed for his departure that he might be with Christ. Leaning on the arm of his Redeemer, and praying for those he loved, (his family and his people), he passed beyond the reach of mortal vision. Many of his brethren in the ministry were present at his funeral, and their

sincere and heartfelt utterances attested the high regard in which they held the character and work of their departed brother.

Bro. McLean was converted in his youth at his home in Prince Edward Island, and his mind at once turned toward the ministry, but not so as to prevent him entering into business, in which he continued several years and prospered. In the year 1871, however, he felt the call to preach the gospel imperative upon him. Business was abandoned, and possessions and talents were henceforth consecrated to the service of his Lord. He spent some time at Wolfville and at Newton Theological Seminary in preparation for his life work. He was ordained at Middleton in 1874. His principal fields of labor were at Middleton, Falmouth, Newport, Bear-River, Parrsboro' and Hantsport. In all these places there were apparent results and in some of them there were large additions to the churches. His preaching was full of earnestness, but it was marked also by intellectual and spiritual power, so that his ministry resulted not only in the conversion of sinners but also in the edification of the church in doctrine and in life.

We may appropriately close this necessarily brief and imperfect notice with a few sentences from the discourse delivered on the occasion of our brother's funeral by Prof. Keirstead, of Acadia College, who knew him intimately :

"He was a sincere man. He was the same in private conversation as he was in public discourse. He did not flatter; he sought to obtain noble ends by noble means. He believed, and therefore spoke. His convictions were strong and he therefore spoke strongly.

"Then he was upright and honest in his deportment and dealings with his fellow-men. No glaring obliquity mars his record; no double-dealing destroys his influence. His name stands for faithfulness to his family, his friends, his engagements, his responsibilities.

"He aimed to be a good man; he counted manliness a power for God; to be a Christian gentleman was worth striving after. His life was one which had its hardships and its difficulties, but he has met them and comes to his grave with the white flower of a blameless life. This is the power and beauty of righteousness itself, which delights us as we speak of it.

"His faith is seen in the endurance of trials. He was not borne along on beds of ease. The faithful minister of Christ has in these days a large opportunity; everyone says that. But he has large trials as well. The world, the *church* often, knows but little of these struggles. Sometimes our brother was called into controversy. Sometimes he felt it his duty to attack heresy and open sin. How painful this was to him few have known. A minister may suffer in the spirit of a martyr in the midst of a church as well as among the heathen of the dark continent. Through these conflicts he came by the help of God. such but hear

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"How precious is such a life, such a ministry, the memory of such a man. Nothing can destroy it. He rests from his labors, but the fruits of his spirit and his toil are with us still in our hearts, in our lives, in the church."

Rev. J. B. Woodland submitted the report of the Committee of Nomination, proposing names of officers for the year.

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The adoption of the first clause which nominated Professor R. V. Jones, Ph. D., of Wolfville, N. S., as President for 1887-88 was moved by Arthur Simpson, and unanimously passed. Dr. Jones took the chair and briefly addressed the Convention. The remaining sections of the report were passed, giving Convention the following list of officers for 1887-88:

President,—Prof. R. V. Jones, Ph. D., Wolfville, N. S. Vice-Presidents,—Mont. McDonald, Esq., St. John, N.B.; Rev. I. J. Skinner, B.A., Tryon, P. E. I.

Secretary,—Prof. E. M. Kierstead, M.A., Wolfville, N. S. Assistant Secretary,—Prof. F. H. Eaton, M.A., Truro, N.S. Treasurer,—James Desbrisay, Charlottetown, P. E. I.

The report on the State of Religion in the Denomination was read by the Chairman, Rev. C. Goodspeed. After discussion by Rev. S. B. Kempton and Rev. G. O. Gates, the report was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE DENOMINATION.

The following is the usual statistical statement of the progress of the churches during last year :

Churches N. S. Western	a. Baptisms. 448 372 215	Membership 11 438 9,106 5,450
177	1,035	25,994
N. B. Western	101 277 227	4,798 4,556 5,747
153	605	15,101
P. E. Island 28	77	1,849
African Association177	51	609
Grand Total	1,768	43,553

Nine brethren have been ordained to the Christian ministry :

F. G. Harrington,	Sydney, C. B.	September 22, 1886.
Chas. K. Harrington,	Sydney, C. B.	September 22, 1886.
A. A. McLeod,	East Point, P. E. I.	September 28, 1886.
C. W. Williams,	St. Andrews, N. B.	October 7, 1886.
J. W. Brown.	Falmouth, N. S.	October 23, 1886.
J. W. Tingley,	Pine Grove, N. S.,	Nov. 3, 1886.
W. A. C. Rowse,	Melrose, N. S.,	April, 6, 1887.
F. H. Beals,	Billtown, N. S.	May 12, 1887.
G. R. White,	Jacksonville, N. B.,	Aug. 9, 1887.

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Houses of Worship have been dedicated at Forest Glen and at Ohio, Yarmouth Co., N. S.; at Milford and at Port George, Annapolis Co., N. S.; at Bailie, Charlotte Co., N. B.; at Campbellton, N. B.; at St. Martins 2nd, N. B.; at Clements, N. S.; at Dawson Settlement, N. B.; and by the First Church, Halifax.

The general statistics of the Sabbath Schools of our churches are as tollows:-

	Schools.	Scholars enrolled.	Average attendance.	Teachers.	Adults in Classes.	Baptized
N. S. Western N. S. Central N. S. Eastern*	. 73	5,993 5,109 2,649	4,257 3,637 1,958	$638 \\ 493 \\ 254$	$1,506 \\ 1,075 \\ 532$	$298 \\ 183 \\ 144$
	222	13,751	9,852	1,385	3,113	625
N. B. Western N. B. Southern N. B. Eastern	. 37	1,332 2,835 3,238	1,173 1,853 2,148	$370 \\ 275 \\ 310$	$440 \\ 692 \\ 743$	$33 \\ 142 \\ 102$
	152	7,405	5,174	955	1,875	277
P. E. 1sland	. 21	988	667	87	392	34
African	11	246	205	30		

*Numbers given in 1886.

A more searching examination of these statistics deduces the following facts:

The number baptized is the smallest for several years. The net gain is only 90. This is to be accounted for by the fact that several of our larger churches have been subjecting their rolls to a rigorous pruning. About one thousand names of non-resident members have been dropped from church lists during the year. So far as this is an evidence that our churches are attending more carefully to discipline, it is an encouraging feature. Still, the additions by baptism are so small as to call for humiliation and prayer. It may be that the Dominion elections coming at the time when most churches expect their harvest, and drawing away attention from heavenly concerns to the most earthly of earthly things, may account in a measure for the small increase.

	Churches report- ing baptisms this year.	Reporting bap- tisms two years.	Reporting bap- tisms three years.	Reporting no bap- tisms this year.	Reporting no bap- tisms for two years.	No baptismss for three years.
Nova Scotia Western	44	24 21	14	25	14	10
Nova Scotia Central	28		14	23	17	12
Nova Scotia Eastern	29	21	13	29	15	10
New Brunswick Western	21	12	6	47	35	22
New Brunswick Southern	25	16	10	15	4	1
New Brunswick Eastern	27	16	9	17	9	8
Prince Edward Island	10	9	4	18	12	7
	184	119	70	174	106	70

The following tabulated statement is full of suggestion :

From this detailed statement we find that 184 of our 358 white churches report baptisms during the year, and 174 do not report any; 119 report baptisms two years in succession, and 106 report no baptisms for the same period; 70 report baptisms for three years in succession, and the same number report no baptisms for three years.

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Comparing with last year, we find that four more churches report baptisms this year than last, 21 more this year report baptisms for two years in succession, and 11 more report baptisms for three years. This is, also, an encouraging indication. It shews that our churches are becoming more steady—less spasmodic—in their efforts. If there can be security against a monotonous lethargy, and the churches be led up into persistent and zealous activity, the reign of the Lord in our land will be hastened.

But one church has had a gain of over 100 during the year; four of over 50; twenty of over 20. One hundred and five have had a net gain and 109 a net loss.

Especial attention is called to the Western Association of New Brunswick. It is a sad showing when 47 churches of 68 report no baptisms for the year, 35 none for two years, and 22 none for three years. For these churches and for the 48 other churches that have had no accessions for three years, earnest prayer should be offered, and the helping hand given, as far as this is possible. There is danger that many of them become utterly discouraged, and give up the struggle for existence, if they have not already given themselves up to worldliness. The most of these churches are weak and scattered, having but little preaching and less pastoral care. The condition of things revealed by these facts emphasizes the importance of our Home Mission work, by which alone these churches can be reached and raised up. The efforts of our Home Mission Board to group these thurches into fields and to supply them with pastors, should have the warmest sympathy and support of all.

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	Churches pastorless or temporarily sup- plied by students.	Churches whose pas- tors have resigned during the year.	Ch'es whose pastors have been settled less than two years.	More than one and less than three.	More than two and less than four.	More than three and less than five.	More than four and less than six.	More than five and less than ten.	More than ten and less than twenty.	than
N. S. Western N. S. Central	14	12	18	7	82	3	4	8	22	33
N. S. Central N. S. Eastern	17 14	7 15	$\begin{array}{c} 12\\21 \end{array}$	45	2	3 3		4	$\frac{2}{1}$	3
N. B. Western	19	21	15	5	10			.5	2	3
N. B. Southern	11	10	11	3	3		2	3		0
N. B. Eastern	12	10	19	4	4	2 1	1	1		
P. E. Island	6	2	7	10			4	4		
	93	77	103	38	27	12	11	25	7	9

The following table gives a close approximation to a correct statement:

From this it will be seen that about 93 of our churches are pastorless, or but temporalily supplied with student labor. As nearly as we can gather, even though all our churches were grouped into fields that would enable the fewest pastors to reach the most churches, there would be need of about 185 or 190 men to supply them all. A part from our theological students we have only about 140 actively employed in the work of the ministry. We need then 45 or 50 more ordained ministers than we have, to man all our fields efficiently. While our churches are in such need of more men, our young men continue to leave us. If we are ever to see the supply of ministers any way nearly reach the measure of the need, it must be either through more entering the ministry, or more of those who do engage in this high calling remaining with us. There is need of prayer that God will send forth more laborers into his harvest. The churches should encourage those who have talents to exercise them, in hope that this may be God's means of turning the minds of his called ones to this blessed work. There should be more effort to utilize lay agency, and to pay pastors a salary sufficient for the comfortable support of their families. Some of our best students are lost to us, are lost to our work, because the churches are not wide-awake to secure them, when their term of study ends. In addition to this, if any way could be found to induce our students to seek their theological course in our own Theological Seminary. your committee believe it would be a gain for our churches.

The brethren are left to draw their own conclusions from the tabulated statement of duration of pastorates. The restlessness of pastors and the fickleness of churches seem to be as great as ever.

There has been an advance in Sabbath School work in all our Associations except the Western N. B., and that of P. E. Island. Over half of those received into the churches by baptism have been from this nursery of the church. This fact brings its own inspiration and bears its lessons on its face. the tell alth Ass ben in v sho gen

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In some sections, the laymen are taking up the work of supplying the destitute with gospel privileges and influence, and their work is telling. There appears to be a slight gain in systematic beneficence, although it is but slight and slow. We are glad to notice that two Associations have taken up the matter of systematic work and beneficence, and have organized the various districts with this end in view. There can scarcely be room for doubt that our Convention should take hold of this work, and do its part to make this effort general.

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The danger of our churches is to be found in the abounding worldliness of the time, and in a type of Christian character, wanting in depth of conviction and of consequent moral earnestness. It is to be feared that in a vast number of cases, the force, even of plain and pungent preaching is but to harden; because impulses are stirred which do not realize themselves in activity. To guard against this growing tendency, your committee would emphasize the need of greater care in the reception of members, especially in revival times; that all our pastors give its due prominence to the character building of the saved, as well as to the salvation of the lost; that the vital matter of systematic work and beneficence be pressed home upon all our churches, as indespensable to save from the benumbing effects of unheeded appeals to the highest motives, and to develop men and women in the image of Christ, that they may be sharers in his power.

Respectfully submitted,

C. GOODSPEED. I. J. SKINNER. J. W. JOHNSTON.

Adjourned after prayer by Rev. J. W. Bancroft.

SECOND SESSION.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, Aug. 20.

After devotional exercises conducted by Rev. W. B. Bradshaw, Convention resumed business at 2.30 p.m Prayer was offered by Rev. W. H. Warren.

The following resolution was offered by Rev. Dr. Saunders, seconded by Judge Johnstone, and passed :

That a committee be appointed to consider the finances of the denomination, and report at this session of the Convention.

Upon motion of Rev. E. J. Grant the following brethren were appointed as the committee required by the foregoing resolution, viz. : Rev. Dr. Saunders, Rev. H. N. Parry, Rev. J. A. Gordon, Rev. T. A. Blackadar, Rev. A. Cohoon, Rev. G. O. Gates, Rev. W. B. Hinson, Judge Johnstone, Arthur Simpson, Rev. C. Goodspeed, Rev. J. W. Bancroft, Rev. D. W. Crandall, Rev. W. E. Hall, Rev. J. C. Spurr, Rev. W. H. Warren, Rev. Sydney Welton, Rev. J. F. Kempton.

Rev. A. H. Lavers, E. D. King, Dr. Hopper, J. March, Rev. W. J. Stewart, J. S. Trites, Rev. Dr. Day, H. H. Bligh, Wm. Cummings.

A communication was read from Principal T. H. Rand, D.C.L., of Woodstock College, Ontario, referring to the relation of Toronto Baptist College to this Convention. Upon motion of E. D. King, this letter, with the accompanying documents, was referred to a special committee composed of the following brethren, viz. : Rev. Dr. Sawyer, Hon. Dr. Parker, E. D. King, Asahel Wells, Rev. C. Goodspeed, Rev. W. H. Cline, H. H. Bligh, Arthur Simpson, Judge Johnstone.

A letter from Rev. Dr. Bill, asking to be relieved from further service on the Foreign Mission Board, was read and referred to the Committee on Nomination.

The report of the Foreign Mission Board was read by Bro. John March, Secretary and Treasurer of the Board.

The clause referring to union with the Upper Provinces in Foreign Mission work was discussed by Rev. J. R. Hutchinson, Rev. L. M. Weeks, William Cummings, Rev. Dr. Hopper, Hon. Dr. Parker, Rev. E. T. Miller, Rev. S. W. Keirstead, H. H. Bligh, and, on motion, referred to a special committee composed of brethren Rev. Dr. Sawyer, H. H. Bligh, Rev. J. R. Hutchinson, William Cummings, Rev. Dr. Hopper, Hon. Dr. Parker, John March.

The other clauses of the report were adopted.

Rev. Dr. Day, Financial Agent of Convention, read his annual report. The report was discussed by several brethren, and, on motion of William Cummings, adopted.

Closed with prayer by Rev. Dr. Saunders.

THIRD SESSION.

SATURDAY EVENING, Aug. 20.

Session opened at 7.30 p.m. Prayer was offered by Rev. I. E. Bill, D.D.

After singing and reading of the Scriptures, prayer was offered by Professor Keirstead.

Convention was then addressed by Rev. J. R. Hutchinson, of Chicacole, India, upon "The present condition and present prospects of our Mission;" by Rev. J. T. Burhoe, of Rockport, Ill., upon "The need of greater consecration to the work of Foreign Missions;" by Rev. Dr. Saunders upon " The were

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"The Holy Spirit's work in Missions." Brief addresses were given by Bro. John March and Rev. E. Whitman.

Closed with singing and prayer by Rev. J. E. Hopper, D.D.

LORD'S DAY, Aug. 21.

Convention assembled at 3 p.m., the President presiding. The Convention Sermon was preached by Rev. W. J. Stewart, of Portland, St. John; text Matt. viii. 11, subject— "The future triumphs of the gospel."

The introductory parts of the service were taken by Rev. J. A. Gordon and Rev. W. B. Hinson.

Closed with prayer and benediction by Rev. J. A. Gordon.

By appointment of Convention pulpits were supplied as follows:

CHARLOTTETOWN—Baptist—Rev. S. B. Kempton, Rev. J. E. Hopper, D.D.

Methodist 1st-Rev. G. O. Gates, Rev. I. E. Bill, D.D.

Methodist 2nd—Rev. A. Cohoon, Rev. G. E. Day, D.D.

Zion Church, (Presbyterian)—Rev. C. H. Martell, Rev. J. W. Bancroft,

St. James, (Presbyterian)—Rev. W. H. Cline, B.D., Rev. W. B. Hinson.

Church of the Disciples-Rev. E. N. Archibald, Rev. L. M. Weeks.

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ALEXANDRA-Baptist-Rev. E. T. Miller, Rev. J. I. DeWolfe.

ST. PETER'S ROAD-Presbyterian-Rev. James L. Read.

Baptist-Rev. Jos. Murray.

NORTH RIVER-Baptist-Rev. T. A. Blackadar, Rev. I. E. Bill, Jr.

WEST RIVER-Rev. S. W. Keirstead.

CLYDE RIVER-Roy. I. R. Skinner.

KINGSTON-Rev. J. F. Kempton.

BRACKLEY POINT-Presbyterian-Rev. S. C. Moore.

FAIR VIEW-Rev. J. A. Ford.

Young Men's Christian Association Meeting-H. H. Bligh, B. H. Eaton, E. D. King.

FOURTH SESSION.

MONDAY MORNING, Aug. 22.

The devotional exercises were led by Rev. W. H. Cline, B.D. Session opened with prayer by Rev. H. G. Mellick, of St. John.

A bill of \$4.50 from Mr. E. A. Powers, for railway certificates, was presented and ordered to be paid.

Rev. Dr. McLeod, delegate from the Free Christian Baptist Conference of New Brunswick, was introduced and addressed Convention.

The report of the Home Mission Board was read by Rev. A. Cohoon, Cor. Sec'y., discussed by Rev. Dr. Bill, N. Crandall, Rev. J. A. Gordon, Dr. Sawyer, Rev. S. M. Black, Rev. G. O. Gates, William Cummings, Rev. A. Cohoon, Rev. W. H. Cline, Rev. Dr. Saunders, Hon. Dr. Parker, Rev. P. S. McGregor, Rev. I. E. Bill, and adopted.

Rev. John Williams asked for a collection for the mission at Georgetown, P. E. I. The request was granted by vote of Convention, the collection amounting to \$27.75.

Rev. A. Cohoon presented a supplementary report of the Home Mission Board, which was discussed by Rev. S. W. Keirstead and Rev. A. Cohoon, and adopted.

Closed with prayer by Rev. J. W. Bancroft.

FIFTH SESSION.

MONDAY AFTERNOON, Aug. 22.

Session opened with prayer by Rev. Joseph Murray.

S. E. Whiston's bill, amounting to \$15.50, for engrossing the Address to the Queen, was ordered to be paid.

In the absence of the Rev. Dr. Welton, Secretary to Dominion Board of Home Missions, the annual report of that Board was read by Rev. W. H. Cline. This report was discussed by Dr. Sawyer, Dr. Hopper, Dr. Parker, Rev. H. G. Mellick, Dr. Day, Rev. W. H. Warren, and, on motion of Dr. Sawyer, it was

Resolved, That the report be accepted and printed in the Year Book.

On motion of Dr. Parker, seconded by Rev. J. W. Bancroft, it was Domi gener to thi

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Resolved, That the representatives of this Convention on the Dominion Board of Home Missions be requested to consider the general subject of the missionary work of that Board, and report to this body.

In absence of Rev. J. W. Manning, Secretary of the Board of Management of Ministerial Relief and Aid Fund, his annual report was read by Rev. E. J. Grant, Secretary pro tem., and, after a long discussion, adopted.

Dr. Saunders, Treasurer of the Board, read his annual report, which was adopted, subject to the endorsement of the Auditing Committee.

The report of the Board as a whole was passed.

The report of the Committee on Ministers' Annuity Association was read by Bro. A. P. Shand and adopted. (See Index).

Rev. Dr. Sawyer, on behalf of the committee appointed to consider the clause of the Foreign Mission report referring to union with the Upper Provinces, reported as follows:

In response to the resolution of the Baptist Telugu Conference this committee recommend that the request of the Foreign Mission Board be granted so far as to ascertain what means of co-operation or union is practicable, if any, and report to this Convention next year.

This report was adopted.

The clause of the report on Foreign Missions referring to this subject was then passed, and the report as a whole adopted.

Rev. S, B. Kempton gave notice that a motion will be made at to-morrow's session to reconsider the vote of Convention on Saturday adopting the report of the Financial Agent of Convention.

On motion of H. H. Bligh-

Resolved, That Convention resume business at the close of the Missionary meeting this evening.

Closed with prayer by Rev. Dr. Sawyer.

SIXTH SESSION.

MONDAY EVENING, Aug. 22.

President called Convention to order at 7.30 p.m. Prayer by Rev. J. A. Cahill.

After singing, addresses were delivered as follows: Rev. W. E. Hall, Sackville, N. B.—" The duty of a church to the destitute sections around it;" Rev. C. H. Martell, Onslow, N. S.—" Why we should put more money into Home Mission work;" Rev. A. W. Jordan, Halifax—" The needs of the African churches of the Maritime Provinces;" Rev. G. O. Gates, St. John—" How shall we increase the number of our pastors?" Rev. H. G. Mellick, St. John— "The prospects and needs of the work in Manitoba and the North West."

The congregation was dismissed with the benediction, pronounced by Rev. T. A. Blackadar.

The Convention resumed business, and the minutes of last session were approved.

Upon motion of Professor Keirstead—

Resolved, That the thanks of Convention be tendered to Rev. W. J. Stewart for his sermon preached on Lord's Day before this body, and that he be asked to furnish a copy of the same for publication in the Messenger and Visitor.

The report of the Committee on Systematic Work was presented by Rev. C. Goodspeed, Chairman, and, on motion of Rev. W. H. Cline, adopted as follows:

Your Committee to whom was referred the important matter of systematic work in our churches, beg to report that they have given some attention to the subject. They have agreed upon a plan. About a score of churches have sent for copies with a view to put it in operation. Your Committee have been made aware that there is need of some instructions accompanying the plan to help the churches to see it and keep it in operation. They believe, however, that some good has been done in giving the churches a larger and truer conception of their legitimate work. They believe also this matter of systematic work should be persistently pressed upon the churches as the largest factor in our hope of assured progress in the future.

The report of the Committee on Dominion Board of Home Missions was submitted by Rev. W. H. Cline, and, after remarks by Rev. E. J. Grant, Rev. S. W. Keirstead, L. S. follow

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L. S. Payzant, and Rev. J. W. Bancroft, it was adopted as follows:

1st. That the Convention instruct the Home Mission Board to appropriate one thousand dollars from its funds to the work of the Dominion Board.

2nd. That the Pastors of our Churches be requested to present the claims of the Dominion Board to their Churches on first Sunday in December, and ask for a special contribution for the purpose, the money to be sent to the Treasurer of the Home Mission Board.

Rev. J. I. DeWolfe presented the report of the Committee on Revision of Articles of Faith and Covenant, which was adopted. The following is the report:

That while negotiations are in progress with reference to organic union with the Free Christian Baptists of New Brunswick, it would be unwise for this Convention to recommend any Articles of Faith to the Churches for their adoption, and we recommend that the matter be deferred till next year.

Closed with prayer by Rev. J. F. Kempton.

SEVENTH SESSION.

TUESDAY MORNING, Aug. 23.

After devotional exercises conducted by Rev. W. H. Cline, Convention resumed business at 9.30 a.m.

The report of the Ministerial Education Board was read by Rev. Dr. Sawyer, Secretary to the Board. The report was discussed by Professor Keirstead, Rev. S. W. Keirstead, Rev. L. M. Weeks, L. A. Palmer, (Lic.), Rev. F. M. Young, Rev. C. H. Martell, and Rev. Dr. Sawyer, and adopted.

Rev. T. A. Higgins, D.D., Secretary of the Board of Governors of Acadia College, read his annual report. Upon motion of Rev. Dr. Bill, seconded by Rev. L. M. Weeks, the report was adopted after remarks by Rev. Dr. Bill and Rev. J. A. Gordon.

Upon motion of Rev. Dr. Sawyer, the following brethren, viz.: Rev. David Freeman, M. A., Rev. J. E. Hopper, D.D., and H. H. Bligh, M.A., Q.C., were elected Fellows of Acadia College, in agreement with the recommendation and nomination of the Board of Governors.

On motion of Rev. L. M. Weeks-

Resolved, That the invitation of the Board of Governors of Acadia College to hold the next annual meeting of this body in connection with the College, and in co-operation with the First Horton Church, be accepted.

X. Z. Chipman, Treasurer of Acadia College, submitted his report, which was, on motion, adopted.

Professor Tufts, Treasurer of Horton Academy and Acadia Seminary, read his statements of the accounts of these institutions, which were also approved.

Rev. S. B. Kempton, in agreement with his notice given yesterday, moved that the resolution passed on Saturday adopting the report of the Financial Agent of Convention be rescinded. This was seconded and passed.

Moved by E. D. King, seconded by Rev. E. Whitman, that the report of the Financial Agent be referred to a commmittee of this Convention, composed of three members, for examination and report during the sessions of this annual meeting. This motion prevailed after discussion by several brethren, and in agreement therewith the following brethren were appointed such committee, viz : E. D. King, Professor Tufts, and H. H. Bligh.

Upon motion of Rev. S. B. Kempton-

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be given Bro. B.H. Eaton for his address as retiring President, delivered before this body; and that it be printed in the Year Book.

The following resolution was offered by Professor Keirstead, seconded by Rev. S. M. Black, and passed:

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to consider whether or not it is desirable and practicable to hold a Ministerial Conference in connection with the annual meeting of this Convention, and if such Conference be deemed desirable, to suggest the nature of the exercises thereof, the methods of its management, and the time of holding the same, the report of said Committee to be submitted to this body next year.

The following preamble and resolution, offered by B. H. Eaton, and seconded by W. J. Gates, passed unanimously, after remarks in support of the same by Rev. I. E. Bill, Jr., Rev. J. A. Gordon, Rev. J. Murray, John Burgoyne, Rev. S. M. Black, Rev. P. S. McGregor, E. E. Locke, (Lic.): duc

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Whereas, The use of intoxicating liquor as a beverage is productive of only evil; and

Whereas, Drunkenness is a sin fraught with terrible consequences; and

Wherees, The church is the divinely constituted body to lead men from sin to God; therefore

Resolved, That it is the duty of our churches to make temperance reform and the suppression of the liquor traffic a prominent part of their work; further

Resolved, That no effort should be spared in the first instance to promote such reform and suppress such traffic by persuasion and entreaty of those addicted to the use of strong drink and those engaged in its traffic, and that where such entreaty fails to accomplish its purpose the strong arm of the law should be put forth with all its power; further, that while existing legislation is excellent so far as it goes, yet entire prohibition from the making, importation and sale of intoxicating liquors, except for medicinal, mechanical and scientific purposes, is the goal to be aimed at; further, that in order to secure this consummation we recognize the necessity of promoting public opinion in favor of total abstinence by every means in our power, and we urge upon our churches the duty of being foremost in this good work. Let each member be pledge l to total abstinence, and let each one use his and her utmost endeavor for the suppression of the liquor traffic and the reclaiming of those addicted to the use of strong drink.

On motion of Rev. S. W. Keirstead-

Resolved, That the foregoing resolution be published in the Messenger and Visitor.

Closed with prayer by Rev. L. M. Weeks.

EIGHTH SESSION.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, Aug. 23.

Devotional exercises were conducted by E. E. Locke, (Lic.), after which prayer was offered by Dea. S. Selden.

The following resolution was moved by Rev. E. J. Grant, seconded by Rev. Dr. Bill, and unanimously passed:

Resolved, That the Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces of Canada deplores the violation of the Lord's Day by railway, steamship, and other traffic, and the consequent injury to the large number of men who are compelled to labor or give up their situations, as well as to society in general; that in the opinion of this Convention said traffic on the Lord's Day is not necessary,

and can have no other defence than that of the convenience and pecuniary advantage of the corporations controlling it, and that it ought to be stopped; and further, that it is practicable to reach this end by the Parliament of the Dominion of Canada passing an Act which will authorize the Governor-General to issue a proclamation prohibiting all railway, steamboat, and other unnecessary traffic on the Lord's day, such prohibition to take effect at the date at which a similar Act passed by the Congress of the United States shall come into operation. We also believe that it is the duty of all Christian men in Canada to petition the Dominion Parliament to pass an Act giving the necessary authority to the Governor-General to make such proclamation, and that at the proper time all pastors should bring the matter before their churches.

The report of the Publication Committee was submitted and adopted as follows:

Your Committee on Publication beg to report that under agreement, extending over three years, with S. Selden, Esq., we have printed and distributed the Baptist Year Book of the Maritime Provinces. Last year the book, comprising 226 pages, was completed on the 6th of November, and 4000 copies were distributed. Fifty copies have been retained for use in this Convention. This edition enabled each church to receive one copy for every twelve members. We sent out 370 parcels to all the churches in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and P. E. Island, to the Boards, the Associations and Institutions, as well as to the press and many foreign Baptist institutions. The cost of publishing was as follows:

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E. D. KING, Committee.

J. BURGOYNE,

Halifax, August, 1887.

On motion-

Resolved, That the report of the Women's Baptist Missionary Union be published in the Year Book.

A supplementary report of the Committee of Nomination was read and adopted, making the following appointments: the

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The next meeting of Convention to be held in connection with the Jubilee of Acadia College, Wolfville.

Preacher of Annual Sermon for 1888.—Rev. S. B. Kempton. Alternate—Rev. E. Whitman.

Committee on Travelling Arrangements.—Rev. J. A. Gordon, Rev. E. Whitman, D. Graham Whidden.

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Committee of Arrangements.—The Secretary of Convention, the Secretaries of the Boards of Convention, the Pastor of the Wolfville church, and the following brethren, viz. : Rev. W. H. Cline, Rev. E. O. Reed, Rev. S. M. Black, Rev. M. P. Freeman, Professor Tufts, Rev. Dr. Saunders, Rev. W. H. Warren, Rev. Dr. Sawyer.

Committee on State of Religion in the Denomination.—Rev. C. Goodspeed, Rev. A. H. Lavers, Rev. J. B. Woodland, Rev. J. W. Bancroft, Rev. F. D. Crawley.

Committee on Obituaries.—Rev. S. McC. Black, John March, J. McDonald.

The report of the committee appointed to confer with the Free Baptists with a view to organic union, Rev. I. E. Bill, D.D., Chairman, was read by Rev. I. E. Bill, Jr.. In response to call of Convention Rev. Dr. McLeod, delegate of the Free Baptist Conference, addressed Convention in reference to the subject of union of the two denominations.

Upon motion of Rev. W. J. Stewart, it was resolved to consider the report clause by clause.

Upon motion, the part of report preceding the "basis of union" was adopted.

The "Basis of Union" was then considered, and, after much discussion and some amendment, the articles referring to the Scriptures, God, Christ, the Holy Spirit, the State and Fall of Man, Atonement, Regeneration, Repentance, Faith, Justification, and Perseverance were adopted.

Closed with prayer by Rev. W. B. Bradshaw.

NINTH SESSION.

TUESDAY EVENING, Aug. 23.

Convention assembled at 7.45 p.m., President in the chair. Prayer was offered by Rev. D. W. Crandall.

At his request the resignation of Rev. D. W. Crandall as a member of the Home Mission Board was accepted.

Convention was then addressed by Rev. Dr. Hopper, subject—"The College the property of the churches."

Rev. J. McLeod, D.D., addressed Convention, strongly urging the body to support its educational institutions.

Other addresses were given: By Rev. S. B. Kempton, subject—" What the denomination owes to the College for its work in 50 years;" and by Rev. A. Cohoon upon "The Jubilee effort for Acadia."

Resolved, That the thanks of Convention be tendered the choir for the excellent music rendered during our meetings.

After prayer by Rev. I. J. Skinner the congregation was dismissed, and Convention resumed consideration of the "basis of union." The remaining Articles, which were on the following subjects, were adopted, viz. : Sanctification, the Christian Sabbath, a Gospel Church, Baptism, the Lord's Supper, Death, Resurrection, General Judgment. The Articles on Church Polity were also passed.

The remaining section of the report of the committee was amended and passed, and the report as a whole adopted. On motion of Rev. I. E. Bill. Jr.—

Resolved, That the Committee on Union with the Free Christian Baptists be continued, with the addition of Dr. Saunders, to communicate the action of this Convention to that body, and to further prosecute the work of union.

Rev. J. A. Gordon read the final report of the Committee of Nomination, which was adopted as follows :

Board of Management of Ministerial Relief and Aid Fund.— Hon. Dr. Parker, J. Parsons, Rev. E. T. Miller.

Board of Ministerial Education.—Rev. Dr. Sawyer, Rev. Dr. Higgins, Rev. S. B. Kempton. Also, Rev. H. Foshay in place of Rev. J. A. McLean, deceased, and Edgar D. Shand in place of Rev. J. O. Redden, removed from the bounds of Convention.

Board of Home Missions.—Rev. H. F. Adams, Rev. A. H. Lavers, Rev. I. E. Bill, Jr., Rev. J. H. Hughes, Rev. J. B. Woodland. Also, Rev. E. P. Coldwell in place of Rev. D. W. Crandall, resigned.

Board of Foreign Missions.—Rev. G. E. Day, D.D., Rev. W. J. Stewart, Rev. J. E. Hopper, D.D., J. H. Harding.

Dominion Board of Home Missions.—Rev. J. E. Hopper, D.D., Rev. J. E. Goucher, Rev. F. D. Crawley, Rev. W. H. Warren, Rev. A. H. Lavers, Rev. W. B. Bradshaw, Rev. W. H. Cline, Rev. D. M. Welton, D.D., T. S. Simms, G. R. Roberts. Rev. D. A

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Committee on Ministerial Conference.—Prof. E. M. Keirstead, Rev. S. M. Black; Rev. J. W. Manning, Rev. G. O. Gates, Rev. D. A. Steele.

On motion of Rev. C. Goodspeed, the hearty thanks of Convention were given by rising vote to the church and congregation and people of Charlottetown for their generons hospitality to members of this Convention.

E. D. King reported verbally for the Committee on Financial Agent's report, and his statements were accepted, and the report of the Financial Agent adopted.

On motion, the Committee on Systematic Work was reappointed, Rev. A. W. Jordan being added.

The following report of Treasurer of Convention was submitted and adopted, and the Treasurer ordered to pay over the amount in his hands to Rev. Dr. Day, the Financial Agent of Convention:

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The Committee on Communication from Toronto Baptist College reported. After considerable discussion the report was adopted as follows:

Your Committee to whom was referred the communications from Dr. Rand respecting McMaster University having carefully examined the same, report that while they would have been better satisfied had Toronto Baptist College remained a separate institution, yet that in their opinion this Convention should adopt the following resolutions in respect to the communications referred to:

1. *Resolved*, That this Convention heartily congratulates our brethren of Ontario and Quebec, and heartily rejoices with them in their effort to establish a Christian school of learning with University powers wholly under the government and control of the Baptist denomination.

2. Resolved, Also, that we elect members to represent us on the Senate of McMaster University, as provided by Sec. 11 of the Charter of that University.

> E. M. SAUNDERS, E. D. KING, for Committee.

In agreement with the foregoing resolution the following brethren were appointed to represent this Convention on the said Senate, viz.: Prof. E. M. Keirstead, M.A., H. H. Bligh, M.A., Q.C., J. W. Johnston, D.C.L., Rev. J. W. Manning, A.B., Rev. E. Whitman, Wallace Graham, B.A., Q.C., Rev. E. M. Saunders, D.D., Prof. F. H. Eaton, M.A.

The report of the Committee on Finances was read and, after a long discussion, adopted as follows:

The committee recommend the Convention to reaffirm the principle of the Convention plan, and that for the present a Financial Agent be appointed, and that during the year the various Boards of the Convention have a conference for the purpose of devising some better way, if possible, for operating our finances.

For the better working of the Convention Scheme, it is hereby recommended that each Association in this Convention adopt the plan accepted by the last session of the Central Association of Nova Scotia, namely :

1. That the area of each Association be divided into sections having in view the grouping of the churches in each section.

2. That the pastors of each section, together with the delegates appointed, as hereinafter provided, be a committee to carry forward the work recommended by this arrangement.

3. That each church be requested by its pastor, or its clerk in case there is no pastor, to appoint three brethren to co-operate with the pastors of the section in the work they undertake.

4. That one of the pastors in each group of churches be appointed chairman by the Association of the committee for the section.

5. That the special work of the committee shall be the more efficient working of the Convention Scheme, and the fostering of missionary work in the neighborhood of the churches, thereby supplementing the work of the Home Missionary Board.

6. That each committee be requested to hold quarterly meetings in connection with the churches of their respective sections; and that the first meetings be held as soon after the meeting of the Convention as practicable, these meetings having for their special object the efficient operation of the Convention plan, and the general work of the Lord in the vicinity of the churches.

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7. That each committee report from time to time in the *Messenger and Visitor* matters of interest in connection with the work in the several sections, and annually to their respective Associations.

It is also recommended that for the current year the Moderators and Clerks of the Associations which have not adopted this plan, undertake to carry it into effect in their respective Associations, and thereby prepare the way for the adoption of the plan by the Associations when they meet next year.

Your committee also recommend that in the report of the General Finances made to this Convention there shall be a clear and careful classification of the moneys so reported, making it apparent how much has been raised directly by the Convention plan, and by what means and for what purposes all other moneys reported have been collected.

It is also recommended that an auditor be appointed yearly, whose duty it shall be to examine the financial returns, and report upon them to this Convention.

It is recommended that the Financial Agent obtain a memo. of the amount of all moneys raised by the denomination for benevolent purposes, and not reported to the Convention, and submit the summary of the same to the Convention for its information, and to be published in the Year Book.

Your committee recommend that the Publishing Committee be instructed to get advertising for the Year Book, to meet as far as possible the expense of publication.

E. M. SAUNDERS, Chairman.

On motion of J. March, seconded by E. D. King-

Resolved, That Rev. Dr. Day be the Financial Agent of Convention for the ensuing year.

On motion of Rev. C. Goodspeed, Thos. B. Crosby, of Yarmouth, was appointed Auditor of the Financial Agent's accounts for the year.

On motion of H. H. Bligh-

Resolved, That the thanks of the Convention be presented to the press representatives for their reports of our proceedings, and to the various railway authorities and steamboat companies for their reduction of fares to delegates.

On motion of J. March-

Resolved, That Convention recognizes the act of the publishers of the Sun newspaper, St. John, in sending a special agent

to report their full proceedings as a compliment to this body which is heartily appreciated.

On motion of H. H. Bligh, it was unanimously

Resolved, That our thanks be tendered to the President for his efficient, equable and dignified discharge of the duties of his office.

The minutes of this session were approved, and, on motion of Hon. Dr. Parker, Convention adjourned at 3.40 a.m. of Wednesday, August 24th, to meet at Wolfville, N. S., on the first Saturday after the 18th of August, 1888, at 10 o'clock, a.m.

Prayer and benediction by Rev. E. Whitman,

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REPORT OF THE FOREIGN MISSION BOARD.

TO THE BAPTIST CONVENTION OF THE MARITIME PROVINCES:

Dear Brethren,-By the mercy and love of our Heavenly Father we are again permitted to meet you in Annual Convention, and with grateful hearts to record that the lives of all the members of our Board and of our whole missionary staff have been preserved.

As soon as practicable after Convention closed in August last, our Board was called together as re-constituted and the officers for the year were elected. Regular monthly meetings have been held, and special meetings as often as pressing business demanded. The meetings have been well attended, and the utmost unanimity has beeu shown upon all the important questions connected with the prosecution of our foreign missionary work.

The policy laid down by the Convention in regard to the raising of money for carrying on the work of the Board has been strictly adhered to. No special appeals have been issued, nor has any agency work been attempted by the Board to fillits almost constantly empty treasury. By means of Bank loans, in addition to the moneys received through the legitimate agency of Convention and the other sources whence our supplies are derived, we have struggled through the year with such result as will more fully appear in the report of our Treasurer. And here an expression of our thanks is due and heartily given to the Woman's Baptist Missionary Union for the prompt remittance of the large grant-in-aid, which came to us regularly at the close of each quarter. Neither would we forget the Sunday Schools, Mission Bands and personal contributors, who have undertaken special departments in missionary effort. To all those, however, whose interest in the mission centres largely in the support of individuals, we desire to say, that, while we will do all that lies in our power to comply with their wishes, yet there are always more enquiries after children to be supported than there are children under the direct control and management of our missionaries. And so it may be of any class of native helpers. Under these circumstances we wish that the spirit of missions were so pressing upon our people every where that all their interest would centre upon the grand work in its entirety. Then every department would have equal support, and every success be the joy all. Money, whether in large or small amounts, coming into the hands of the Board unrestricted and untrammelled by conditions, is ready for use whenever the call comes, whether it be for reinforcement of laborers, extension of effort, new buildings, chapels or schools, or the support of pupils in Seminary and boarding school.

Brother Jacob Bradshaw has again made the Foreign Mission Board his trustee in regard to large sums of money, the proceeds of which are not available for denominational purposes until his death. When that occurs the interest is to be divided in accordance with his specified wishes, and used for Home and Foreign Missions. The bequests received by the Board during the year are as follows:

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At the last Convention your Board submitted the name of a 4

brother who had been accepted as a missionary-elect, with the expectation that he would be ready to sail for India to reinforce the mission. It is with deep regret that we have to report that shortly after Convention Brother Harrington's health failed to such an extent that he was compelled to delay his departure, and finally to cancel his engagement with the Board. We are glad, however, to hear that our brother has sought to carry out his desire to serve the Lord by work on the foreign field, in a climate less trying to the physical system than that of India. The great needs of reinforcement set forth in our report last year have increased with the passage of time, and we earnestly appeal for the means to send forth another family this fall to take the place of those who are called home, or to take up new work which is pressing upon us.

The reports of the missionaries will contain full particulars of their work and the success which have marked their toils. Yet it may not be out of place to note some points upon which the interests of the Baptist body must be concentrated during the next Convention year. First comes the question of dividing the Chicacole field, and establishing a new station at Kimedy. The attention of the Board has been directed to this for a long time, and with the ever increasing conviction that unless a new centre be created the labors of our missionaries and native helpers on the Chicacole field will be to a large extent unproductive, because scattered over such a vast area. This year the question is taken up by two of our missionaries, and the urgent necessity for action pressed upon us. Brethren, this means more men and more money for India. Who is there among us with soul on fire with the love of Jesus and love for the souls of the Telugu people, ready to come forward and press his plea to go forth to do this work for the Master. And should such an one be found willing to "go down into this mine," where are the noble hearts to exclaim, "go in the name of Christ, and we will hold the rope, and see also that you do not want for needed suppies?" We have put nothing in our estimates this year for this work, but shall hold ourselves ready to act as the progressive developments of providence may direct.

It also becomes our duty to present to Convention the important question of union with our brethren of Ontario and Quebec in Foreign Missionary work.

The following communication from the Rev. J. R. Stillwell, Secretary of the Canadian Telugu Conference, was received and read at the meeting of the Board held in March last.

SAMULCOTTA, January 18th, 1887.

At a meeting of the Conference of the Maritime Province Missionaries and the Ontario and Quebec Missionaries, the question of union came up between the Home Boards, and the following resolution was passed :

"Resolved, That we, the missionaries of this Conference, do earnestly urge upon our respective churches and Boards the necessity of immediate and definite action in regard to union in Foreign Mission effort."

This Conference was held at Bimlipatam, January 10th, 1887, and eighteen missionaries were present, and upon passing the resolution the Secretary was requested to send a copy to the Secretaries of the General and Women's Boards, to the Messenger and Visitor, the Canadian Baptist, and the Link, also the North-West Baptist, for publication.

(Sgd.) J. R. STILLWELL.

Your Board would ask Convention for power to confer with the

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Foreign Missionary Board of Ontario and Quebec in regard to this resolution passed by the Canadian Baptist Telugu Conference.

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It is with profound thankfulness that we are able to report that our missionaries, brethren Sanford and Churchill, with their families, have returned safely and in good health to their work in India, and much recruited by their rest at home. They have taken up their work among the heathen with a zeal and faithfulness which promise great things for the future. We ask your prayers for them, that they may be able to put the sickle into the whitening fields and gather a glorious harvest for Jesus.

It is with equal pleasure and gratitude to God for what He has done through the Rev. J. R. Hutchinson that we record the return of this brother and his family to Canada for a season. Brother and Sister Hutchinson have rendered valuable service to our mission in India in many ways, and have been indefatigable in their labors to bring the knowledge of Jesus to the hundreds of thousands of people who live within the limits of the Chicacole field. Brother Hutchinson has returned for rest and study, and the Board anticipates the awakening of much interest among our churches and people by the visits which he may, from time to time, have the opportunity of making.

The Board desires to call attention to a very interesting and instructive book, which is now in press, from the pen of Brother Hutchinson, entitled "Fortune's Wheel." It is a translation of the work of a learned Brahmin, still living, and recites with a fidelity impossible to the European or American the interior life of the people of India,—their habits, customs, beliefs and worship. An introduction to the work by General McDonald, who was for a long time connected with educational affairs in the Madras Presidency, bears testimony to the accuracy of the translation and the worth of the book itself. We trust it will soon find a place in all our homes.

Our estimates for the year 1887-88 are as follows:

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The reports from the field which are hereto appended are full of interest, as they tell of battles fought, victories won, and the bright outlook for greater achievements in the future. The work is the Lord's and must prevail. Be it ours to leave no stumbling stones in the path of Christ's triumphal march to rescue those whom He came to seek and to save.

J. MARCH, Secretary.

Saint John, N. B., August 10th, 1837.

STATION REPORTS.

BIMLIPATAM.

July 1st, 1886, to December 31st, 1886.

I. C. ARCHIBALD, MRS. ARCHIBALD, MISS A. C. GRAY, MISS H. H. WRIGHT, Three unordained Preachers. One Colporteur. One Christian Teacher. Three Bible Women.

It is with feelings of devout thankfulness to God for spared life, continued health and unnumbered mercies that a brief review of the last half of 1886 is begun.

STATION WORK.

When at the station I have conducted the regular preaching services and the Wednesday evening English prayer meetings, have held Bible Classes for the helpers, done evangelistic work in the town and adjacent villages, and attended to the daily routine work of the mission.

When away from the station Mrs. Archibald and the native brethren have done the preaching in Telugu. The congregations have been good, and the word spoken has been blessed.

Mrs. Archibald has generally cared for the Sunday School, and taught a large and interesting class. The young ladies and Miss Eva DePrazer have also taught classes, and through the entire work of the school much good has been accomplished. The Thursday afternoon meeting especially for the servants, and that on Saturday morning for the women, have also been conducted by Mrs. Archibald, and have proved very profitable seasons.

Our lady missionarcs, Miss Gray and Miss Wright, have not only attended well and faithfully to their own departments of work, but, especially in our absence from the station, they have rendered valuable assistance in furthering the work, and have at all times proved a source of comfort and strength.

TOURING.

A tour of twenty-one days in the direction of Chicacole was begun November 26th. The gospel was preached in fifty-one villages, which were reached from the following centres: Ranastatam, Kotapalam, Santopalli, and Konada. Many appeared to give good heed to the word and our hearts were encouraged. I have a conviction that the gospel needs only to be perseveringly and faithfully made known to bring an early harvest.

Two of the helpers have done some touring by themselves, but not all that they should have done. This duty and privilege needs still to be urged upon them. spec doir labo son, Octo

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HELPERS.

Their general spirit has been good. Appalaswamy has given special satisfaction. Miriam, formerly a boarding girl, has been doing nobly as a Bible Woman. God has been pleased to bless the labors of Chittiah to the conversion of his mother and his sister's son, a boy of about eleven years of age. Both were baptized October 3rd.

COLPORTAGE.

One colporteur only has been employed. His sales have amounted to Rs. 21 13 9, those of the preachers to Rs. 1 13 6, and those of the missionaries to Rs. 42 8, making a total of Rs. 66 3 3 for the half year, which is the largest in the history of the station. God be praised that the number of the readers of the inspired word are increasing.

BOARDING DEPARTMENT.

There are now in the department six girls, two of whom belong to the Bobbili field and two to the Chicacole field. Three who were boarding girls last year have been earning their own living for several months, and while doing so have rendered valuable assistance in caring for and training the younger ones. The conduct of the girls has been very satisfactory. Two have given evidence of a change of heart, one of whom has been baptized and welcomed to membership in the church.

CHURCHES.

These are two in number, viz.: Vizianagram and Bimlipatam. The former was organized in 1875, and, having suffered many losses from death, removal and other causes, has now four resident and three non-resident members, none of whom are Telugus. A weekly meeting for prayer and Bible study has been maintained, at which a collection has been taken for our mission, which has amounted to Rs. 6 10. This church will send a letter to our Telugu Association, soon to be held in Ankalatampara. From a letter recently received from its Clerk I take the following: "We request your prayers for this place that more may be brought into the fold of Jesus, and our hands strengthened to contribute more largely to the cause of the Redeemer." As Vizianagram is sixteen miles from Bimlipatam, the missionary cannot render the church there the assistance that he would wish.

In the year following the organization of the church referred to above the Bimlipatam church was organized. At the beginning of the present year it had thirty-five members. To this number six have been added by baptism, two have died, and two have been excluded for joining the Roman Catholic community, of which they were formerly members, so that the present number is thirty-seven. Of these seventeen are non-resident. Most, if not all, the absent ones have been communicated with, and, in a number of cases, satisfactory replies have been received. One has been induced to contribute regularly to the funds of the church. For the whole year 1886 the collections of the church aud congregations have amounted to Rs. 172 10 2, which is an increase of about 63 Rs, on last year. In addition to the above, eight rupees were raised by subscription toward a Telugu library for the benefit of the Christians and others.

The spiritual growth of the church members has been very encouraging. Two of the Christian women have learned to read tolerably well, and there is hope that some day they may be useful as Bible Women. Of the converts received for membership one was from the Brahmin, or highest caste, and another from the Rilli, or lowest. The former was baptized on Christmas Day. He is now with his people again, but we are praying for his speedy return.

SUB-STATIONS.

One only has been established as yet, and that is at Raiga, eighteen miles distant on the road to Chicacole. The total cost of the land, building, and necessary repairs has been Rs. 228 I 10. This amount has been paid in full from the church collections, and there is still in hand about thirty rupees. Two preachers with their families have lived there during the greater part of the year. Through their efforts the people for miles around have learned much about the way of life.

THE OUTLOOK.

Since through the abounding goodness of God Rev. R. Sanford and wife have been spared to return to this, their old field, and since the work here will engage their undivided attention, we shall hope and pray that large and lasting success in winning the people to the truth may be achieved.

I. C. ARCHIBALD.

Bimlipatam, December 31st, 1886.

BIMLIPATAM.

January 1, 1887, to June 30, 1887.

R. SANFORD, MRS. SANFORD, MISS A. C. GRAY, Five Preachers. One Colporteur. Two Bible Women.

Missionaries.

In sending a report we need to note that it is only for the last half instead of a report for the whole official year, as it would have been were we on the field at the beginning.

On the 1st of January I resumed the responsibilities and duties of this station. I have endeavored to do my best in the fear of God. Probably, in common with others under similar experience, I came back to the mission field resolved to do better work if possible than I had ever done before. Former experience, too, strengthened the hope that better work might be done. Accordingly with strong desire I began a second term of service. Thus far much has been erowded into a short space, and we have abundant reason to thank God for the help vouchsafed. To suppress the thanksgiving due unto Him on our part would be a grievous wrong.

We have endeavored to carry on as much evangelistic work as we could at this station, while at the same time superintending the construction of a chapel. The latter was begun on the 7th of Fel ret tha ren in

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February. The foundation, however, had been laid previous to my return to Nova Scotia, two years before. At the present date, less than five months, it is nearly completed. This we consider a remarkably good showing, when the difficulties attending such work in this country are considered.

SERVICES.

The work-people, and all on the compound, are called together each week for a religious service. They fill our school house. They listen attentively. With the Lord's blessing His truth will take effect in some hearts. The Sunday School begins at 7 a.m., preaching service at 8. Prayer meeting at 3 p.m, and an open-air preaching service at 5 p.m at the Clock Tower in the heart of the town. Besides these regular Sabbath meetings we have a Wednesday evening prayer meeting in English; also each day has its religious duties for us in the town, in the surrounding villages and on the compound.

HELPERS.

I am encouraged very often by the helpful spirit manifested by these. There were but three preachers at the 1st of January. In the Lord's providence two others have been raised up. One of these, viz.: P. Reuben, came from Rajahmundry. The other, P. Krishnamurti, has been raised up here among us, by the Lord's grace. He was a Brahmin. His conversion and deliverance from the snare of Satan show forth the wonderful power of Christ. This case has made a deep impression upon our hearts. He feels that God has called him to preach. He has been telling of the Saviour's love daily since he joined the Christians. I trust the Lord has a great work for him to do among the heathen.

There have been three baptisms here since the 1st of January. We are thankful for the blessings bestowed, and are pressing on hopeful to see greater things.

R. SANFORD.

Bimlipatam, June 30, 1887.

CHICACOLE.

From June 30, 1886, to March 31, 1887.

REV. J. R. HUTCHINSON. MRS. HUTCHINSON.

Five Native Preachers. Two Bible Women. One Colporteur. Two Teachers.

Mission Reports are no fanciful inventions gotten up with a view to stimulating annually, at whatever cost, the slow pulse of western enthusiasm. They are a genuine outcome of actual work- work in the execution of which the missionary expends much strength, thought, and prayer. For the missionary is, above everything, a worker. He creates a world of his own (how large, is not for me to say) of which he is the axis and Christ the sun. The object of his every thought and effort is so far-reaching, the results so significant for time, so momentous for eternity, that he is absorbed by that which he has himself brought into being. Under these circumstances enforced abstinence from work becomes, as it must become to every earnestly busy man, a trial of no little severity. He has so woven himself into the feature of that intricate fabric, the myriad accretions of his daily thought and effort. that non-exertion almost seems non-existence. And just when he is busiest, at the very moment when he wishes for the strength of a Samson, the wisdom of a Solomon, and the multiple arms of some Hindu deity, in order to overcome the daily increasing friction of prolific labour, he gets a fit of ague and has to go to bed for a weeks where he subsists on gruel and quinine, and chews, as a substitute for solid food, the bitter cud of reflection.

This was my unfortunate lot during the months of July and August, 1886. As July advanced it had become more and more painfully evident that malaria had taken so strong a hold upon the system that only a complete change of climate would loosen it. There was nothing for it but a trip to the hills. An opportune cheap passage to Columbo decided the matter; and on July 26th, 1886, I embarked at Calingapatam for Ceylon. Five weeks among the heather and tea of the Ceylon hills served to restore me to a better physical condition than I had enjoyed for many months; and though a longer stay seemed almost necessary, in view of an early return to the west I hastened back to my station.

Itinerating was commenced immediately on my return from Ceylon. In September six days were spent upon the field with the helpers. In October, 12 days were spent on the road to and in Akalatampara. It rained vigorously most of the time. In November and December an extended tour of 36 days was made in the Kimidy talug in company with all the preachers. In these 36 days we camped to times, were rained upon for 9 days, preached the gospel of salvavation in 70 villages, and disposed of Rs. 25 worth of Christian books of which 9 were New Testaments in three different languages, 5 Bibles, and an unknown number of Scripture portions.

The recurrence of our annual Conference in January prevented any field work being done in the early part of that month. Not that this Conference is a hindrance to our work; on the other hand we esteem it one of the best aids to the successful prosecution of our duties as missionaries. Indeed, so important a factor is it in our modus operandi that we have again and again observed with pain and regret the apparent indifference with which it is regarded at home. Believe me, a hearty recognition of the efforts of this Conference to further the interests of your mission, would do its members no harm.

On the 28th of January the 5th annual Association of the native churches of your mission was convened at Akalatampara. Some 40 delegates, representing five churches, were present. All exercises were conducted in the vernacular. The sessions were continued for three days, and much enthusiasm was manifested in the conduct of business and the discussion of the many and interesting questions introduced. A Telugu report of the proceedings has been published, embodying the Constitution and By-laws, synopsis of the minutes of the five anuual meetings of the body, and the Circular Letter for 1886. This report was printed at the expense of the churches comprising the Association, and forms, together with the Association to which it owes its origin, a tangible proof that "your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

In the latter part of January the Rev. I. C. and Mrs. Archibald

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It will thus be seen that the total number of field days for the nine months covered by this Report is 73.

We are everywhere, on these tours, recognized as the ambassadors of Jesus. Our work is undoubtedly telling upon the people. They know more generally who we are and why we come. The blessed name of Jesus is more often on heathen lips, and the nature and effects of his mediatorial work more frequently a topic of conversation among heathen men and women. The story of the Cross, the earnest pressing home of pointed reasons for believing that wonderful narrative of God's love for perishing sinners, and for accepting the proffered salvation, is listened to with respectful attention and interest. Close observation leads me to the conclusion that many persons on the Chicacole field are giving the claims of Christ and Christianity upon them careful consideration. Everywhere I find Christian books, Scripture portions, in the hands and homes of the people. At frequent intervals men are met with who have the principles inculcated by these books and ourselves, not only in their heads but seemingly in their hearts as well. Shall not such seed bear fruit?

Touring has been much hindered, and when not made wholly impossible, rendered very difficul', by the want of a good set of tents. This serious defect has now, thanks to the kindness of the W. M. Union and the Foreign Mission Board, been remedied. In October, 1886, the money for a new outfit reached me; and the new tents arrived in time for use on the last day of the Akalatampara Association—a fitting occasion on which to dedicate them to the Lord's service.

Colportage has been more than usually successful during the months under review. The Colporteur has worked steadily, while his efforts have been largely supplemented by those of the missionary and helpers. The total sales amount to Rs 92 9 11.

The helpers are Bagavan Behara, Sookriah, Tammiah, P. David and Venkiah, preachers; Jaggiah, colporteur; and Herriamah and Martha, Bible women. It was found necessary to suspend the latter at the end of 1886, much to our regret. All the other helpers have been faithful in the performance of their duties. The men have done much station and field work besides that undertaken in company with the missionary. The usual summer class had to be omitted, much to the regret of all; but considerable instruction was imparted to the helpers while on tour. These helpers are carnest workers, labouring under many difficulties, for small remuneration, and are in every sense worthy your hearty sympathy and support. True, they are very human; in which they much resemble ourselves. They undoubtedly have their faults; but even of these they do not possess a monopoly.

Schools now number two, being one less than last year. The decrease is owing to the defection of the Comminapilli teacher, who preferred the pleasures of sin to the Society of God's people. The Akalatampara school, taught by James, did excellent work up to December, when the teacher suddenly sickened and died. This was a great grief to us; for James was a good, though a quiet and unassuming boy; and his place will not easily be filled. P. David volunteered to bring the school through examination. then near, which he did with credit. Thirteen pupils were passed, the Government grant amounting to Rs 76. In January Nersimhulu, the teacher of the station school, was transferred to Akalatampara, where he promises to do well.

The station school was taught by Nersimhulu until his transferal to Akalatampara, when Chinna David took charge of it, The attendance has varied from 15 to 25 in the time under review. The school receives no grant; but it was examined (non-officially) in January, by the Government Inspector, when four pupils passed in the various standards.

The boarding department has been considerably reduced, as was intended, little Mary being the only child supported at the station. Two former boaders, Chinna David and Sooriyah, have been in attendance at the Samulkota seminary, as has also the young man Jacob, referred to in last year's report. Mention may also be made here of Devadattam, a lad of fourteen years, who though not a boarder, is receiving his education at the expense of one of our Mission Bands. He was baptized by me some years ago, and is a lad of more than ordinary ability and promise.

The Boarding Department, station school, and Bible women, have been under the direct supervision of Mrs Hutchinson who has in these three departments, found more than enough to occupy such leisure as domestic duties leave her. During my frequent absences from the station, too, she has assumed full charge of the work there, thus relieving me of much care.

The two native churches on this field have been blessed by no recent accessions. Death, on the other hand, has claimed two, one has beed excluded from fellowship, while several have removed from the district.

Both in Chicacole and Akalatampara, Sunday-school and church services have been regularly conducted. Conference meetings occur monthly, and systematic giving is inculcated and practised. Extensive repairs and improvements have been made upon the Chicacole chapel and grounds without expense to the Mission. Please note that these repairs are not those mentioned in last year's report. All incidental expenses of the native churches are borne by the members.

In Tekkali the converts, who hold membership in the Chicacole church, have remained faithful though exposed to many temptations. Services have maintained as circumstances permitted. Our people here need a leader more than any other earthly thing. A place of worship is also a desideratum. It would probably be well to organize this little band into a separate church at an early date.

A brief retrospect may not be out of place in closing this Report and my first term of service. I arrived in Chicacole on the 27th of Dec Rev thre by t

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December, 1881, and handed over charge of the work there to the Rev. I. C. Archibald on the 21st of March, 1887. The five years and three months intervening between these two dates bave been marked by the following events:—

6. The baptism of 37 converts, and the growth of the native church from 38 to 56 members.

2. The acquisition of a chapel in Chicacole and the expenditure upon it of upwards of Rs 450 in repairs and improvements—only Rs 65 of which was contributed by the Mission.

3. The building a chapel in Akalatampara and the organization of the converts residing there into a separate church.

4. The opening a sub-station at Parla Kimidy.

5. The acquisition of a valuable plot of land in Tekkali (donated by Gorahatti) and the establishment of a fund for the erection of a chapel in that place. This fund now amounts to Rs 64, of which Rs 40 was donated by Gorahatti.

6. The establishment of a Vernacular Library Fund for the use and benefit of native helpers. This Fund has already cash and property to the value of over Rs. 130.

7. The translation of a Scripture geography into Telugu, and its publication by the Madras Religious Tract Society.

Undoubtedly the GREATEST PRESENT NEED of the Chicacole field is division. I have now, after more than five years' unremitting labor, seen the greater part of this field at least once. This is a very significant statement. The field is large enough to call forth the best energies of two men. A half million of souls is a mighty burben to impose upon a single Christian missionary. We want another man and another station. And we crave, in response to this appeal, a practical, tangible token of your interest in our work.

In closing this report I also ask your prayers for those who now labor in Chicacole, and for the work under their charge.

STATISTICS.

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J. R. HUTCHINSON.

Chicacole, India, March 31st, 1887.

CHICACOLE.

April 1st to June 30th, 1887.

I. C. ARCHIBALD, MRS. ARCHIBALD, MISS H. H. WRIGHT, Five Native Preachers. Three Christian Teachers. One Colporteur. Two Bible Women.

All of April and a part of May were spent in erecting a much

needed carriage-house, and in repairing Christian's houses, compound walls, &c. In this time I was able to do but little work in the town except in the way of sustaining the regular services, which were well attended.

On the 14th of April it was our privilege to welcome Miss Wright to our home and to a share in our work. We feel very grateful to the Board for permitting her to come, and trust that her labors in behalf of the women of this field may be greatly blessed.

During my absence in May the work was carefully looked after by Mrs. Archibald. A profitable Bible Class was conducted daily while strength permitted, and the woman's meeting proved an important means of strength and upbuilding. Subraider rendered valuable assistance in preaching and in other respects.

For eight days beginning Sunday, June 5th, a meeting was held every afternoon in the large chapel in the town. We were aided by Krishna Murti, the Brahmin convert baptized last Christmas at Bimlipatam, and by Abdul, a Mohammedan convert of two years' standing, from Cocanada. The attendance of the Hindus was unusually large. Do not remember to have seen before so many idolators sitting in the house of God and hearing so attentively of Jesus as the only Saviour and hope of lost and guilty man.

The attendance at the regular services is still good, and earnest work is being done in the streets and lanes of the town, and near villages. The preachers and Christians generally are cheering our hearts by their readiness to co-operate in furthering the work of the Lord.

Early in May all at the station agreed to unite in praying and laboring for the conversion of at least thirty souls this year. Word was immediately taken to the outstations that the Christians there might unite with us in seeking this great blessing. Heretofore in our mission there has been no such ingathering as this number indicates. Will not all who read these lines unite their petitions with us to Him who is able to save to the uttermost, who knows the worth of souls, and loves them too, more than we can?

TOURING.

One tour only has been made. It extended from May oth to June 1st. Was accompanied by four helpers the greater part of the time, all of whom worked well. Ankalatampara and Kimedy were the chief centres from which work was done. In the former village ten days were spent. I found comfortable lodging in the little tiledroof church finished last year. Early in the day we visited villages at some distance. Every afternoon a preaching, prayer or conference meeting was held, and every evening there was preaching to the heathen on the streets both in Ankalatampara and Komanapalli. The church was greatly revived, and a number of the heathen showed such an interest that it was said that they were taken away for a time to other villages lest they might join the Christians. The monthly experience meeting of the church was one of the best I have attended in India.

Our evangelistic work in Kimedy was interrupted to some extent by some necessary building and repairing operations, which resulted in the seating capacity of the little house of worship being more than doubled, and the houses of the preacher and colporteur now stationed there being put in good order. This expense, amounting to about forty-five rupees, will be met by the Chicacole church. 4500 ing mou scer

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While working from this centre I visited Deodangar a mountain 4500 feet in height, about eight miles distant. It was very interesting to see the cultivated fields of the Savaras on the sides of the mountain, to see their villages and enjoy for a little the mountain scenery. It was truly refreshing to stand in the summit and breathe once more the cool breezes reminding one so much of *home*.

On this time only one day was spent in Tekkali hut, in this time, two meetings were held with the Christians, and a number of them were visited at their homes. At the second meeting the Lord's Supper was administered, and the little flock still without such an under shepherd as they had in Gorahuti. were committed to the tender watch-care of Him who never slumbers or sleeps.

CHURCHES.

There are but two, viz.: Ankalatampara and Chicacole. The former has 16 members—6 male and 10 female. The latter has 43 members—21 male and 22 female. Of these nine are non-resident. With these a committee of the church are communicating that they may be influenced for good and that their spiritual condition may be known. Of the remaining 34, fifteen live in Chicacole, and the others with one exception at or near the outstations—Kimedy and Tekkali. At present these churches have no Eurasian or European members.

The Ankalatampara church has as its pastor the only ordained preacher in our mission. Therefore it has contributed nothing to his support; but in May a start was made. A resolution was passed that the collections of the first three Sundays of each month be given to the mission as a token of the gratitude of the church for all past help. The collections for June amounted to two rupees. The weekly collections at Chicacole, Kimedy and Tekkali have amounted to Rs. 32 7 5 for the quarter. The monthly collections for the poor of the Church and the Sunday School collections have amounted to Rs. 48 2:—Total Rs. 36 15 7. The envelope system has been adopted on all parts of the field and is working well. A few have resolved to give a tenth of their income to the Lord, and are keeping a strict account of their donations.

BOARDING DEPARTMENT.

One of the results of the Maytown was an increase of eleven in this department—all of whom are either Christians or the children of Christians excepting one, and he is the smartest among them, and hopes that he has been converted. A married couple is included in the above. The husband believes that he is called to preach; and has been allowed to come for a time on trial on condition that he will do his best to return to the mission all that may be spent for him. Of the remaining nine six are being supported in part by their parents, which duty we have urged upon them. The total number at present in the Boarding Department is seventeen—9 males and 8 females as follows:—Jacob. Suriah, (little) John, John, Appana, Barnabas, Jcseph, Yerricadu, Mary, (little), Sarah, Sarah, Susie, Yerrica, Sirimurti, Hannah, and Oozorla.

SCHOOLS.

These, are two in number. Narsimhulu is working very zealously in the school at Ankalatampara with 15 pupils, and Pedda

David and Chinna David here at Chicacole with about 25; but more are expected. Mrs. Archibald teaches a Bible Class in the school three times a week. We will try to make the school supply the place for us as far as possible of the Samulcotta Seminary, which is closed for one year.

COLPORTAGE.

Receipts for books for the quarter Rs. 14 14 I. Smallness of sales due to a considerable extent to the small assortment of books on hand. Colporteur Juggiah has been moved from Chicacole to Kimedy, to be associated with Sookriah in the work. Jacob and Appana, two now in the boarding department, are doing what they can while attending school to sell books in the villages within a radius of ten miles. The former is doing well.

THE GREAT NEEDS OF THE FIELD.

t. The convicting and converting power of the Spirit to accompany the seed of the word being sown.

2. A new mission family. The field is too large to be worked with the present missionary help. The nearest of three out-stations is thirty miles distant. The three central counties of the field alone have a population of 533,197. Beyond these in the adjoining counties there are probably as many more for whose salvation nothing is being done. Think of this, ye who dwell in Christian Canada, and send help speedily.

Kimedy is a larger town than Bimlipatam, and lies about 42 miles north of Chicacole. It is centrally located, and in some important respects is well adapted for a mission station. If a missionary were to be stationed there at once he would have three preachers and a colporteur to help him, upwards of thirty Christians to look after, and an extensive field to tour over. The Chicacole missionary would have left the county (or talugs) of Chicacole, with its 200,419 inhabitants, and a belt of land across the river of upwards of twenty miles in length and eight or ten in breadth, all dotted over with villages. As yet very little has been done for the salvation of the people of this tract of country, and very little can be done at present without neglecting ground already partly worked. Send us help, brethren, and send it soon.

Mrs. Archibald's health is breaking down under the long pressure of the work in this enervating climate. One thing is certain that a rest or change to a cooler region of three months or more is a present necessity. Recruits should be on the ground soon, learning the language and preparing for the work, whether it be that of opening a new station or caring for an old one.

STATISTICS.

Chicacole, June 30th, 1887.

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BOBBILI.

July 1st, 1887, to December 31st, 1887.

I. C. ARCHIAALD, MRS. ARCHIBALD, Three Native Preachers. Two Bible Women. Two Colporteurs.

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Mrs. Archibald and I gave to the work on the Bobbili field the last three weeks of July and all of August. Of this time twentyeight days were spent in touring to the east and north-east of the station. From Piridi, Pedda Penki and Shivarampuram as centres thirty-two villages were reached. As this was ground upon which previously much work had been done, we were not surprised to find a number who appeared to be near the kingdom, and also a number who were ready actively to oppose. At Pedda Penki stones of considerable size were thrown into the house where we were stopping; but we were graciously preserved from harm.

My last visit to this field was of more than a month's duration, and began October 13th. V. Venketaswamy, formerly of Bimlipatam, and Nursiah, of Bobbili, were my chief helpers – Kotiah and colporteur Peter being both very ill. I planned to spend at least two weeks in touring, but was obliged to return to the station after six days to see that the sick received proper medical attendance. Eleven villages were visited when on tour, and ten from the station. Have never had a larger or better hearing.

It will be seen from the above that one-half of the six months under review was spent on this field, and that in this time two tours were made, covering a period of thirty-four days. Monthly reports from all the helpers have been received regularly. Have reason to believe that all have done pretty good work.

STATION WORK.

When I have been at the station the attendance at the regular services has been good, and the interest manifested encouraging.

In the absence of the missionary it was not deemed wise to continue the services of the Brahmin teacher in the school. A small school was taught on the mission compound by Siammah from about the 20th of August till the close of the year.

But one boarding department has been maintained for both stations. Two of the children properly belonging to this station have been cared for at Bimlipatam. One of these, Godavery, who is from the Jeypore country, was converted a few weeks ago, and will soon be baptized. She is a fine, smart child, and promises to make a useful woman.

CHURCH MEMBERS.

There are at present eighteen. Of this number eight are nonresident. The death of Ragammah, one of our Bible women, was a great grief to the church, and a blow to the work. She enjoyed good health till within a fcw days of her death. In her last hours she talked much of the Saviour in whom she had trusted.

The Sunday collections at the station and out-stations have been fairly good. One or two illustrations may be given as evidence of the growth of the benevolent spirit. Near the close of the conference-meeting of the church held in November, Nila, the wife of Kotiah, rose, and, afterspeaking a few fitting words, came forward and placed on the table five rupees, (the equivalent of her own wages as Bible Woman for about five weeks), as an offering to the Lord for partially restoring her husband to health. This was followed immediately by an offering of one rupee by Amelia, the little daughter of the elder of the two preachers. This was given as a token of her gratitude to God for taking away a fever by which she had been brought very low.

SUB-STATIONS.

Kotiah and Nila have, we think, done good work at Pedda Penki. In all our work in that region we have been cheered by undoubted evidences of the working in the hearts of the people of the gospel leaven. Kotiah tells of six persons in whose salvation he has been especially interested, and for whom he has labored and prayed. Of these two have recently died. He apears not to doubt but that their spirits are in the better land. May God continue to bless the work until multitudes are brought into the kingdom.

There is urgent need of the establishment of out-stations at Mukkova and Rajam but suitable men to plant there are at present wanting.

Sutyavadhi reports that there are three men in his village who are asking baptism. Were it not that there are already five missionaries of another body in that country, and every prospect of large reinforcements, we could not but recommend the Board to take decided steps for the establishment of the work there.

COLPORTAGE.

The sickness of Peter, one of the two colporteurs has materially lessened the sale of books. The total for the half year amounts to Rs. 21 9 9, which is less by nearly three Rupees then for the corresponding months of 1885. Both have given much time to the preaching of the word.

OUTLOOK.

Through the goodness of God, the founders of the station, Rev. George Churchill and wife, have been permitted to return in safety. It is our earnest prayer that their continued presence on the field and all that they may be enabled to do usay result in the speedy furtherance of the work.

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*This number should have been reported last year-not 17.

BOBBILI.

January 1st, 1887, to June 30th, 1887.

Rev. GEORGE CHURCHILL, MRs. CHURCHILL. Three Native Preachers. Two Bible Women, One Colporteur.

My report from Bobbili this year is a brief one, partly because it covers but half a year.

Through the goodness of God we were permitted to reach India at the close of 1886, after a very pleasant voyage. In a few days after arriving at Bobbili we had settled down to the old life, and with the exception of the loss of the language to some extent there was little to remind us of the absence from the station of nearly three years. The place and people and their surroundings remain nearly the same from year to year. Even from generation to generation, the principal change would be in the faces one would see as the old faces pass away and the young grow up. Everything is stereotyped, and the older the better so far as customs and religion are concerned.

The first of January I resumed charge of the station which during my visit to Canada had been under Bro. Archibald's oversight. I was glad to find that though overburdened with the work of two stations, he had been able to take such good care of the property and work of this station.

TOURING.

Nearly all of my time during the first three months of the year was spent in travelling, either in visiting our Conference and Native Association or among villages on the field. On the last tour of twenty days Mrs. Churchill was with me. She was accompanied by Neila, Kotiah's wife, with whose work and character she was much pleased. In all more than 70 different villages were visited, some of them several times. Most of them I had seen before going home. In some of them where we had been but once, I found that the bare memory of our visit was all that had been retained. In others a few had remembered the principal points of our teaching, especially what we had said with reference to idol and devil worship. In some villages that had been visited more frequently either by myself or Bro. Archibald I found more knowledge of our religion, if not more readiness to accept it. In one village which had been visited by our native preachers but once, several years ago, I found an intelligent man of the Raju cast, who professed to believe in Christ, and seemed much interested in our teaching. One aspect of the work is the different attitude of the gospel toward us. There is not the same bitter opposition we used to meet. The Brahmins who used to be always ready to oppose, now leave us alone for the most part. Whether this is because they know us better and dislike our teaching less, or whether they have learned that it is best to keep clear of us, may be a question. While there is a difference in this respect, which I think is encouraging, there does not seem to be as yet any general movement toward the truth. The people seem satisfied with their silly foolish observances. O how much is needed

he work of the Spirit, to "convince of sin of righteousness and of a udgment to come."

STATION WORK.

This includes school work, and all the various methods by which we try to spread abroad a knowledge of the way of salvation. A service is held every morning in the school room on the compound, when all our helpers, boarders and servants are expected to be present. On Sunday morning a Sunday School and preaching service are held in the school house in town, and in the afternoon a preaching service is held on the compound. The Sabbath School has averaged 34, and the preaching services are sometimes well attended. On Thursday afternoon we held our general prayer meeting on the compound. On Friday afternoon Mrs. Churchill holds a prayer meeting in the school house in town for the school children, and as many as the mothers as can be induced to attend.

Nuisiah the native preacher at the station usually goes out morning and evening to the town and nearer villages. Sometimes I go with him and sometimes by myself. He reports that the people do not oppose him as they did at first, and many acknowledge that his teaching is good, but they cannot walk in the narrow way of the Christian religion. There are a few who profess to be interested but none seem ready as yet to take up the cross.

COLPORTAGE.

We have two men employed in this work, Peter on the Bobbili field and Satya Vahdi in the Jeypore country. Their returns for the month of June are not yet in, but during the other five months Satya Vahdi reports 46 days of travelling, 67 villages visited, but only 24 books sold. Beside the tours made with me Peter has been out 100 days, reports having visited 136 villages and sold 540 books. Besides these there have been sold 195 books, making in all 759 sold during the half year so far. The demand for books in all this region is very limited. Satya Vahdi works both as preacher and colporteur. He reports that there are several who are interested and some who are talking of baptism. Just what is the best thing to do with him and the work there, is a puzzling question, especially now that the German missionaries have gone there to settle.

I ought to have referred in the previous section to the work at our outstation at Pedda Penkee, Katiah labored there till in April when he was taken ill and had to come to Bobbili, where he has since remained. His illness under the circumstances has been a sore trial to us.

SCHOOLS.

The girls school was re-opened on Feb. 1st. A teacher with a government certificate has been secured, and a government grant has been promised, when the school has been in session six months. It is under Mrs. C's personal supervision. Siamma and Neila both spend some hours in it daily, besides visiting in town either with Mrs. C. or by themselves in the afternoons. All the branches required by government are taught. But the principal reason for the existence of the school is to afford an opportunity of teaching Bible truth. Over 60 have been enrolled, but only the names of those who continue to come are kept on the register. There are now 40, and the her as a An tru pra

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the daily average made since Feb. 1st is 28. Mrs. C. is encouraged in her work, she has reason to believe that one girl is a true Christian, as she professes to love Jesus, and her conduct is most exemplary. Another who died of small-pox gave good evidence that she was trusting in Christ as she prayed to him in her illness and refused to pray to the idols of her parents.

BOARDING DEPARTMENT.

There were three boarders when we returned: Godavery, Chinnie and David. Two others have been taken in lately. These are Sungana and Ibunnana children of Kanicah who was formerly colporteur here.

The native Helpers names are, Nursiah and Kotiah preachers, Satya Vahdi preacher and colporteur in Jeypur, Peter colporteur, Siamna and Neila, Bible women.

CHURCH STATISTICS.

Reported last year	
Died during the year I	
Dismissed to Chicacole church	
Received by letter	
Received by letter	
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From these statistics it may be readily seen there is abundant room for growth, for which let us all earnestly labor and pray.

G. CHURCHILL.

Bobbili, June 21st, 1887.

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REPORT OF I. C. ARCHIBALD FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1887.

During this time I had the care of no field—the charge of the Bimlipatam and Bobbili fields having been given over at the close of 1886. Soon after the Missionary Conference at Bimlipatam we moved from thence to Chicacole arriving on the morning of the 22nd of January. After our annual Telugu Association held this year with the Ankalatampara Church near the close of January. I accompanied Rev. J. R. Hutchinson on a tour to the eastward, Work was done from Kimedy, Telekali, Nampada, Dundu Gopalpuram and Kottapetta as centres. Brother Hutchinson and one of the five preachers were obliged to leave us at Tekkali, on account of sickness. A second preacher returned to his home from Nanpada for a like reason. Notwithstanding these drawbacks, an encouraging tour of about five weeks was made, during which time the gospel was preached in 84 villages and two towns, and many books were sold.

Mrs. Archibald was with us during the last two weeks of the tour but, owing to an attack of fever, was unable to render the amount of assistance which she generally does. The station was reached on the fifth day of March.

A tour of three days was made about the middle of the month in company with Brother Hutchinson among some villages fifteen miles from the station.

I. C. ARCHIBALD.

Chicacole, June 30th, 1887.

WORK AMONG THE WOMEN.

Another year has passed, and again we have great cause to thank our Heavenly Father for His preserving care, for all His faithfulness and loving guidance, and for encouragement in our work.

Many are willing to listen, and can now tell us who the Lord Jesus is, some can tell the reason why he came to this earth. You at home may be surprised, and will perhaps hardly believe how long it takes to lay even this foundation.

During the year not more than three new houses have been opened to us. These were the homes of high caste women. However after ascertaining that the things of this world would not be the theme of our conversation, and that it was to talk to them of Heavenly things; that their souls welfare was of more importance than all their jewels, their indifference was so great that we directed our attention more to the lower castes. That we had a better hearing, those who were more interested, and some "almost per-suaded," I have no hesitation in saying. It may be some time before we will be able to report many coming, and again it may be soon, for the Word is being carried to the doors of the heathen and we know it will be greatly blessed. We have to repeat the same simple teaching time after time, for they forget so soon. One afternoon when visiting among the Shepherd caste, one woman was much interested and wished us to go there soon. As she listened so well I thought she would certainly remember, and true to our promise we went at the close of the week. As Cassie talked to her I found she had utterly forgotten "the old old story." Being of an inquiring turn of mind she asked me "why I had come to this country?" Having answered fully she seemed pleased and said "whenever I see you I shall always think of these words." Then I wished to know why she had forgotten what we had previously told her. The answer was "When I see you then I will take remembrance." Thus it is from one excuse to another, until we are ready to exclaim, "Who is sufficient for these things?"

As much time as possible has been given to work in town, and beside that we have visited six adjoining villages regularly. In each we have found encouragement I think the most interesting was Thalavalse. From the highest to the lowest castes were visited. The village munsiff knows the plan of Salvation theoretically and can talk as well as some who have been on the Heavenly road for years. He says he has been believing on Jesus for eight years. Why does he not profess his faith in Christ? Listen to his answer. If I do so and unite with the christians, my relatives will put me out of caste, and will never allow me to come to this village. If I remain as I am I can talk to the villagers, and perhaps some of them will have the courage that I have not and bye and bye I will come. That he talks to his neigbors I know for I have heard him, but he has a wife, children, house, lands, etc., and is without treasure in Heaven. At Chillapetta, we had received a hearty welcome very often from a gray haired old woman, so pleasant and happy, that to us she only needs the new heart, and then she would be indeed one of the mothers of Israel in India. For fifteen years she has heard of Jesus' love for such as will come unto Him. What will you think when I tell you that to-day she thinks more of her caste than she does of her soul. In a small petta (village) to the north of Chillapetta

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we have had good gatherings. There we met a young man who asked "What is sin?" He was answered, and not until the stars were twinkling did the conversation close. He accepted tracts, and several times after we met him and he was always ready and able to tell us of what we had given him to read. Much more that you might like to know about the work could be written but remembering that space is limited I will only tell you of my great satisfaction in my Bible women. They have labored faithfully and have shown a growing interest in their work which I have appreciated. During the year my helpers and I have made six hundred and eighteen visits, thousands have heard of The Way. The Truth, and The Life, and many tracts given to those who could read. I feel that my work at Bimlipatam has closed in a most encouraging year.

By the consent of our Board I have been transferred to Chicacole to take up the same department of work. I have made only a few visits with my Bible woman Herrimah, so cannot speak fully of the work among the women here. "Comparisons are odious," I know, but I cannot refrain from saying that the people in this town show darker and harder harts and minds than they do at Bimlipatam. It is ours to toil on knowing that our labor is not in vain for we have the promise that "all nations shall serve Him." To Him who has helped us in the past; to Him we look for grace to serve Him in the coming year with wholly unreserved hearts. May He give us wisdom and discernment that we may make no mistakes in our work, but do all according to His holy will, with true humility and patient love.

HETTIE H. WRIGHT.

Chicacole, June 30th, 1887.

Another year has rolled its rounds. Another record has been made and recorded on High; by that alone, the work of the past will be judged.

The first part of the year was given more especially to study; but I have been able to some extent to care for the work under my direction. The school is smaller in number than it has been for some time, owing to the boarding girls from Chicacole and Bobbili being taken back as the missionaries resumed work there. The heathen children do not attend as they did two years ago; but I am glad to say that some have returned, among whom is our little boy Polus, who was taken from school because he tried to be a Christian.

This year we expect two classes to pass examination for government certificates. Three are studying in the special Upper Primary, the highest reached in our Mission School.

The Bible classes have been taught daily; and the Catechism arranged by Mrs. Archibald, introduced with pleasing results. The worship of half an hour, in which all on the Compound join has kept up regularly.

Since Miss Wright's transfer to Chicacole in April, I have taken up as my special care, the work among the women. During the year, since (July 1st, 1886), I have made 140 visits. These have been among all castes. Within the last few weeks, we have been invited to Brahmin houses. Some hear with interest and receive tracts, others are indifferent. One day a woman invited us to a seat inside the court; and many were coming to hear; but scarcely had we been seated, when a young man came, and asked us if we were

going to make a Bazaar of his house. He said a very religious man lived there, and if we wished to preach we could stand on the street. For the last few weeks the people have been hearing better, and larger numbers are coming to places, in the town where we are holding meetings daily, I have as helpers Cassie and Lizzie. Lizzie belongs to Chicacole, but she has been left here to help me for which favour I am very grateful, Miss DePrazer as usual, is interested in the salvation of this people, and renders valuable help.

Hitherto I have not been able to do much village work. Our visits have been confined for the most part to the town. In future I hope and plan to visit at least the near villages, and our sub-station Raiga.

Bimlipatam, June 30th, 1887.

A. C. GRAY.

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TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

THE FOREIGN MISSIONARY BOARD OF THE BAPTIST CONVENTION OF N. S., N. B., and P. E. I., in account with JOHN MARCH, Treasurer. CR. 1886. Aug. 21. Balance on hand as per last audit.....\$ 500 83 1887. Aug. 18. Received from-Convention Fund, per Rev. G. E. Day, D.D.......\$3696 70 W. B. Missionary Union..... 3000 00 Mission Bands and S. Schools. 789 82 Legacies 400 00 353 72 80 20 Donations..... Bible Fund..... 60 00 Interest on Jacob's Fund -\$8380 44 945 21 Interest on Bradshaw Fund. 9325 65 \$ 9826 48 442 58 Balance due Treasurer..... \$10269 06 DR. Salaries of Missionaries \$4151 37 Travelling expenses..... 2013 54 General purposes..... 1648 50 Lands and buildings..... 357 35 Discount and Interest..... 13 17 House expenses, Office, Year Book, Financial Agent, &c..... 1139 92 -\$9323 85 945 21 Interest paid Jacob Bradshaw -\$10269 06

J. MARCH, Treasurer.

Saint John, N. B., August 18th, 1887.

We have examined the books and accounts of the Treasurer of the Foreign Missionary Board, have checked the entries, additions, &c., compared expenditures with vouchers, and find them all correctly stated in the above account. The balance due the Treasurer is \$442.58.

J. F. MASTERS, W. C. SIMPSON, Auditors

Sept. 7th, 1887.

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THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S BAPTIST MISSIONARY UNION OF THE MARITIME PROVINCES.

CONVENED AT PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, AUGUST 20TH, 1887.

As we ascend the hill of another year's work, and look back over the way we have come, a gladness takes possession of us that is known only to successful warriors; and we ask—

> What shall we render to the Lord, How tune our hearts to sing, For all the victories we have won Through Jesus Christ our King.

For day by day by His strong hand We are led on and up, And with the precious Lord Himself Our souls are made to sup.

How prosperous our work has been. How steadily we go. How we have triumphed in the Lord, And put to flight each foe.

The work taken up for the year has been as follows:

Miss Grey's salary \$ 50	0 00
School 10	0 00
Travelling expenses 2	5 00
Miss Wright's salaries 50	0 00
School at Bobbilli 3	0 00
Towards Male Missionaries' salary 164	0 00
School at Chicacole 10	0 00
Books and tracts	00 00

Making in all three thousand dollars. This was thought a large amount, and on the part of some it was assumed with fear, and indeed a very few years ago it could not have been accomplished; but in our united capacity we have far exceed our most sanguine expectation,

united capacity we have far exceed our most sanguine expectation, As we have assembled in our Quarterly Board Meetings, the Treasurer's report has never failed to show that all accounts had been settled and all bills paid to date; and we have come to wonder that we should have been so slow in taking in the meaning of the text "He is able to make all grace abound toward you that you always having all sufficiency in all things may abound in every good work."

Not only has the pledged amount been paid, but we have a surplus of \$1,735, and besides have paid over to the Home Mission Board the sum of \$258.30.

The work done so faithfully and well by our loved missionaries on the foreign field cannot be counted in dollars and cents, neither is there any way by which we may sum it up. He alone who knows the worth of a soul, and has seen the heathen, through their instrumentality, bowing at His feet and lifting their heartfelt prayers to Him for life and salvation, can estimate. And He will reward, for He has said, "They who turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars forever and ever."

Miss Gray remains at Bimlipatam, her school has been and is in a very flourishing condition. She has a large and interesting class in the Sabbath school. She, with her Bible women, Cassie and Martha, visits the women in their homes, and in every way is filling up her time in earnest work for the dear Master. She has given us accounts of the conversion of one and another from time to time, but most especially interesting was that of Kerishmemueti, baptised on Christmas Day; the strength given him to endure the bitter persecution, and his glorious deliverance from the hands of his enemies, have been a cause for great thankfulness at home as well as in India.

The boarders at this station are Mutty, Yellima, Lizzie, Cassie, Godavary and Chinnie. There are in this town of Bimlipatam nine thousand inhabitants. Miss Wright remained here until April, when the missionaries desiring to have their number as equally divided as possible, deemed it advisable that she should go to Chicacole to aid in the work there. She, with her two Bible women Harriamah and Miriam, visit the women in their homes, reading the Bible to them, and pointing them to the only Saviour of the world, having the promise to sustain them, "My word shall not return void."

Mrs. Hutchinson has had charge of this work for six years, as well as that of the schools, and now after her successful work there, we are glad to bid her with her husband a hearty welcome home, trusting that after the lapse of the proposed time to be spent here she may return again to help in holding high the banner of the cross for many years.

Mr. and Mrs. Archibald take their place. We have tried to see Mrs. Archibald in imagination take up again the work in that place where years ago she went alone, and held the fort for nearly two years, without ever seeing the face of a white man or woman for months together. How truthfully she could say now as she looked over the field. "Hitherto the Lord has helped me, " and although far from being as strong in body, yet stronger in faith, will gird on the armour for a new campaign. The schools, the boarding department, besides her general mission work, are a heavy responsibility. The names of the boarders here at present are Mary, Yerrica, Sooriyah and Jacob. There are two schools in connection with this field, one at Chicacole and one at Akalatampara. Six hundred thousand are on this field, At Chicacole alone there are sixteen thousand. The missionaries strongly urge building at Kimidy, 42 miles from Chicacole; this would about equally divide this large field, and from thence a missionary could occasionally visit the Sauras, a people almost entirely neglected. Over one hundred thousand might thus hear of Christ who now sit in utter darkness.

Our sisters Sanford and Churchill, whom we so much enjoyed having with us in our meetings for the last three years, returned to India in October. During the absence of Mrs. Churchill from Bobbili the schools were scattered, but she has succeeded in gathering togeth teachi of 14,0 labors ing fro the na young

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together the one in town again. She, with Siamma and Neila, are teaching and preaching the gospel to young and old in all that town of 14,000 souls. They have been cheered by seeing some fruit of their labors, and have the daily satisfaction of knowing that many are hearing from them the way of life and salvation. She has six boarders, the names I have not received. She longs to have a devoted christian young lady from home to go out to her,

> Just to help her tell the story As she travels everywhere, Of their living, loving Saviour, And with her to kneel in prayer.

Who will say to-day, I'm ready, And for Jesus sake will go, And the way of His Salvation To our heathen sisters show?

Mr. Hutchinson has translated into Euglish a book written by a Brahmin, in which are six illustrated Indian domestic scenes This book will be almost invaluable to those who are at all desirous of getting a glimpse of inner Hindoo life.

Our "Missionary Link" is being read by thousands and is a blessing wherever it reaches.

Mr. Sanford. Mr. Churchill, Mr. Hutchinson and Mr. Archibald, our four male missionaries towards whose salary we pay this year \$1,640, are in usual health and strength and doing well the work to which they have been called.

And now in clossing this our most successful year, it must be apparent to all that the smiles of the Almighty have rested upon us and upon our work. We have had verified to us the promise "As thy day so thy strength shall be," and now with a quicker step and a more exultant song let us follow closely our Lord and guide.

Signed on behalf of the Union,

M. E. MARCH, Cor. Sec.

REPORT OF THE PROVINCIAL COMMITTEES.

NOVA SCOTIA.

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE PROVINCIAL COMMITTEE OF NOVA SCOTIA, TO THE W. B. M. UNION MEETING IN CHAR-LOTTETOWN, P. E. I., AUG. 20, 1887.

The last year has been scarcely as eventful as many which have preceeded it.

The work at home has been going on its quiet way, missing perhaps in some measure, the stimulus afforded by the presence and words of our missionaries now returned to their respective fields of labour; but it is believed that the zeal of our Societies has enabled the Treasurer to send the pledged sum to the Foreign Board, punctu-

ally as the end of the quarter came round. So far our credit is good and it is pleasing to know that each year the aim has been higher, and with no failure as yet.

Our dear sisters, Miss Wright and Miss Gray have been labouring in their respective fields of labour with their customary zeal and fidelity. Miss Wright has removed to Chicacole during this year where she assists Mrs. Archibald in her work. Mrs. A. writes "Miss Wright relieves me of the care of the Bible Women, and attends to all that department." Miss W. in writing of the change of residence remarks "my work is the same as ever, but the people are different. They do not hear so well as at Bimli, but after a while we hope for a change. It cheers, supports and greatly strengthens us to know that the societies are praying for us. When tired and cast down, it is our encouragement to think of praying friends at home.

Miss Gray is still with the school at Bimli, and coming years will doubtless mature and bring forth the good seed she is so laboriously planting in the apparently unpromising soil of heathen hearts. More prayer accompanied by greater faith would doubtless bring the promised blessing.

Two mission families have returned to India, and one has come home, both in good health. Death has not visited our missions this year. Surely for these mercies alone we have deep cause for gratitude.

The number of societies in Nova Scotia is eighty-five. During the past year thirteen new societies have been organized—at Yarmouth, First Church, Port Greville, Spring Hill Mines, Five Islands and Lower Economy, Upper Economy and Portaupique, Jeddore West, Jeddore East, New Canada, Lunenburg, Spa Springs Wilmot, East Ragged Island, Clementsvale, Annapolis Co., Homeville, C. B., Milton, Yarmouth Co., and ten life members have been elected.— Mrs. Jas. McCurdy, Onslow; Mrs. Maynard Borgald, Chester Basin; Mrs. E. O. Read, Berwick; Mrs. Jas. H. Gates, Middleton; A sister of the Port Medway Church; Mrs. J. Parsons. Halifax, North Church; Mrs. Wm. Church, Falmouth; Mrs. Lydia McQuarrie, Sydney, C. B.; Mrs. W. L. Barss, Dartmouth; Mrs. Aaron Cogswell. 916 contributors have been reported, but this item in not fairly represented, as the blank forms from the secretaries of the Societizes have not all been returned. The true figure would likely be double the number given, if this had been done. The same may be said of the number of women in the churches; 3,193 is the total given, but this can be but half. There are 480 "Mission Links" taken, as far as known.

The reports from the societies have not varied in any special manner from those of previous years. We glean from them a few particulars of interest:—

Sable River.—Mrs. Harlow, the county agent has organized a society at East Ragged Island, with ten members, who comprises all the Baptist women in the community.

Homeville, C. B.—Miss C. McInnis at Cow Bay, reports a new Society here with a membership of eleven. These she writes are earnest workers, and will not be weary in well doing. A good foundation this for future work.

West Onslow,—Reports that the attendance at the meetings is small, but hope for increase in numbers and missionary zeal.

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Halifax,—North Church can say that the monthly meetings have been sustained without exception, at which, interesting letters from missionaries are read. The Mission Band have united with the W. M. A. Society in making their President a life member. Sixty copies of the Missionary Link are taken by this Society.

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Billtown laments, that, though 300 women are in the church, the Society is small, but with promise of increase. More earnest workers needed here and elsewhere.

Chester states that the monthly meeting for prayer has been a blessing to the few who meet in the Master's name. More consecration wanted.

Springfield, is sorry to report a decrease in numbers, some having removed, but still feels encouraged and strengthened, hoping that a greater interest may be taken, and the object of the Society become dear to each member.

Lower Economy expresses gratitude to the Lord who sent Mr. and Mrs. Churchill to organize a Society there. The members are scattered over a distance of ten miles, rendering attendance difficult for all. Average number present twelve. This for a membership of only fifteen is surely praiseworthy, and is a model for larger and more prosperous societies.

Yarmouth, First Church reports that the meetings have been kept up regularly, though the attendance has been small; yet, they have been a blessing, encouragement, and inspiration in the work, and better results are hoped for next year.

Yarmouth, Temple Church, sustain their regular monthly meetings. The members feel that the burden of our prayers at this time should be that God would rouse the thousands of women who are at ease in Zion, neither contributing of their money, nor adding to the interest of the meetings by their presence.

Spring Hill sisters write of an increased interest in missions, and the realized presence of the Master in their monthly meetings.

Canning Society is small but devoted and "holding on."

Pereaux,-Keep up their regular meetings, which are well attended, and the Link is much appreciated.

Cow Bay, C. B. trust that their little band may be the means of sending a ray of gospel light to the perishing heathen.

Brooklyn, Annapolis Co., are pleased to report a good attendance at the usual meetings, and a lively interest shown by the sisters.

Milton, Yarmouth Co.—This is lately formed, and consequently little to report, but the outlook is encouraging and they hope to work and increase both in numbers and zeal during the coming year.

Digby.—The monthly meetings though slimly attended are regularly held.

Berwick reports a good attendance at meetings, a growing membership, and increasing interest in the missionary cause.

Clarence writes favourably of their past year's progress; meetings well attended, members increasing, and showing an individual interest in their united work.

Pine Grove has established two branches this year, thereby lessening their own numbers, but rejoice that the interest is extending. They have revived their annual jubilee meeting and made one of their number a life member.

Great Village reports a small attendance at their meetings, but they have adopted Miss Havergal's magic letters N. S. D.—" Never say die," and are "pressing on."

Sable River mourns the loss of their late President by death, and a lack of interest among the members.

Spa Springs, Wilmot.—A new Society just started, with a good membership list, and a full staff of officers.

Truro Society have adopted the envelope system in collecting their subscriptions, and find it works admirably. They report an addition of twenty-one members to their list, which now numbers eighty-one. This Society sends in the largest number of contributors.

Tusket is of opinion that "we want to be educated up to giving to Missionary purposes." The Society has been cheered by the knowledge that many young people around them are coming into the church, as it is from this source the W. M. A. Societies must look for recruits to their ranks.

The Provincial Committee desire once more to express their high appreciation of the *Missionary Link*, and would recommend its con tinued and increased circulation.

On behalf of Provincial Committee

MARIA R. SELDEN,

Sec'y for N. S.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

"Arise therefore and be doing and the Lord be with thee." With this passage of Holy Writ for an inspiration, with its spirit in our hearts—the progress made by our Societies in New Brunswick may seem all too meagre and amazingly disproportionate to the suggestion of the first clause, "Arise therefore and be doing;" but in the latter clause, "and the Lord be with thee," we can trust in God leaving results with Him. "For there is no restraint to the Lord to save by many or by few."

By correspondence and personal intercourse with our sisters I am assured the interest grows rather than decreases.

This year we have contributed to the W. B. M. Union \$1088.29, an increase over last year, besides to Home Missions no inconsiderable sum—in most cases it all means sacrifice. John wiel Albe

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Four Life Members are reported—two from Leinster Street, St John. Since our last Annual meeting your Secretary for New Brunswick has visited all Societies in Westmorland Co. and Elgin in Albert Co.

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Several Societies have again taken up work—keep up meetings and contribute, while I regret to say others have become discouraged and given up during the year. Three Societies have been formed— Elgin, Salisbury and New Horton. No great numerical strength but we hope the work is taken up by them "for Jesus sake," and with the determination to make it a life work.

Meetings were held at our Associations where our Union was represented by its Secretary and the Secretary for New Brunswick. A number of the Executive Committee were present at Hampton who added much to the meeting.

These large meetings where so many of our women meet must necessarily be the means of exciting a more general interest in the cause we love. The local Societies need only to inform themselves as to the need of laborers in the world wide harvest field, of the work that has been done and is now doing, and of the wonderful results of missionary labor, even in countries where the undertaking would seem most wild and hopeless. Their interest once awakened by a definite knowledge of the advance of the work and of the change the grace of 'God makes in the most degraded places, they cannot slumber again. By such means our larger meetings will gain in interest and power. The promise "Lo I am with you always even unto the end of the world" is seen to be literally fulfilled wherever the command has been obeyed. This year our Societies report a large number of deceased members. I know I but voice the sentiment of all our Sisters in an expression of deep sympathy with the bereaved friends and of sadness and regret for their loss. While so many of our number have been "called up higher." let us who remain see to it that we are not idlers in the vineyard of our Lord.

A. R. EMMERSON, Secretary.

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Hillsboro.—Our monthly meetings have been fairly attended and a good deal of interest manifested. We cannot report an increase of membership. Two have been added to our number. Others have ceased to contribute and their names are dropped. Our dear Sister, Miss Bertie Steeves has been removed by death, and we deeply feel her loss. In May we held an envelope meeting to which we invited the Sisters of the Church and Congregation. The meeting was interesting, and we hope productive of good. On July 5th, Rev. W. J. Stewart, of Portland, gave us a very interesting lecture on Mission Work, and why we should contribute towards it. The lecture inspired us with more zeal. and we hope it will be the means of adding to our membership. May the dear Lord strengthen and encourage us all to labor more earnestly in this blessed work—never losing sight of this precious promise, "Lo I am with you always."

Sackville.—In looking over our records during the year just past, we find that twelve meetings have been held in connection with our Society, which have been full of interest and very enjoyable in some, we agreed each one to bring a scripture text of praise for cur next meeting, and as each one recited her passage with comments of the comfort it had brought to her own heart, it seemed to scatter joy and gladness through every heart present, this plan really makes our

meetings doubly interesting, truly there is nothing so cheering as His Word, and surely "the entrance of Thy Word giveth light." We have also held one public meeting in the interests of Home Missions collection \$20, which was sent, together with a Christmas offering of \$3.00 to the Treasurer of the H. M. Board, also a committee appointed by and from our Society interested themselves in having a S. S. concert in the Salem section of our Church. The programme prepared by Rev. A. Cohoon was rendered, and as a result a collection amounting to \$21.00 for H. M., which was remitted to Rev. A. Cahoon, by our Church Treasurer, W. Fowler. It is with sadness that we record the death of a dear friend to our cause, Sister Mrs. T. Chartes, but we are joyful to know that she rests from her labors, and although hard to part, yet to know that she is with Jesus, alleviates our sorrow. We are looking forward with interest to the change that we presume is being made in our Constitution enabling us to take in Home Missions as our work, meanwhile we are encouraged to go forward feeling that His presence in our meetings repays us for the little effort put forth. We number about 40 members and have sent during the year about \$42.

July 25th,-Since writing the above another of our number has passed away, Mrs. James R. Ayer, who performed her usual house-hold duties on Saturday last and died suddenly about midnight of the same day. To-day we have laid her away in her last resting place, truly life hangs on a brittle thread, who among us will hear the summons next? May we be found ready is our desire.

Yours in behalf of the Sackville W. M. A. Society,

R. E. ESTABROOK, Secretary.

Hopewell Cape.-Our meetings have been regularly kept up and tolerably well attended. We have had some precious seasons, when the presence of the Saviour was with us, and our interest in Missions increased. We hope to get a greater interest taken among the Sisters in the Church next year. We trust the Annual meeting of the Woman's Baptist Missionary Union may be one of profit spiritually as well as financially.

ANNIE H. BRAY, Secretary.

Albert.-Our Society is in union and we are thankful to say prospering, we meet regularly, open our meetings with scripture, reading and prayer. Always the presence of the Master is with us cheering us onward. Death has visited us and taken one dear Sister from amongst us. We deeply feel the loss, yet we trust it is her gain, and by this painful dispensation we hope all will feel more earnestness to press on knowing that "the night cometh when no man can work." Hoping that the presence of the great Master will be with you in all your meetings, and crown them with abundant success.

Riverside .- Our Society is still working, we meet regularly. Our numbers have not increased as we would wish, yet, we are not discouraged. We hope the report from your Annual meetings will be very cheering.

Florenceville Society reported through its Secretary at the Western N. B. Associational meeting. They do not hold regular meetings, but contribute to the funds of the Union.

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Elgin.—Reports from November last date of organization by our New Brunswick Secretary. Three members have since joined us making our membership eleven. We earnestly pray for our missionaries of whose work we heard so much of interest at the Associational meeting held here this year. We enjoy our meetings and hope to have more part in the years to come in carrying out the command of our Lord, "Go teach all nations."

Brussel Street says a deepening interest is manifested in our meetings, which are held regularly each month, and although owing to various causes, our contribution list is not as large as last year, and the amount of money raised smaller, yet we hope with renewed effort this coming year, that we may be able to report more progress next annual meeting.

New Horton.—This Society was organized in June of this year by the kindness of our Pastor Rev. L. M. Weeks.

Hampton.—Our Society is progressing, and we hope many more will unite with us in this grand and noble work. Our monthly meetings are increasing in interest. We have lost an able and efficient worker by the removal to another church of our former Secretary— Martha J. Hay—beloved for her kind words as well as her benevolent deeds. Mrs. Hay her much esteemed mother was called away by death, but loving memories of her must ever remain. Mrs. Todd our pastor's wife is nobly assisting us in every effort for the advancement of our Society. Our prayers go up for our Sisters who gave up home and friends to lead benighted souls from darkness to light.

Second Cambridge.—Besides our regular meetings we can report an additional Missionary meeting in a section of the church known as Millbrock, four miles from our church, at which we obtained four members—two women and two little girls—the latter are half-price. We have no Mission Band, but five of our members are little girls. We have been forced to drop some names from our list. Seven have been added since our annual meeting Jan. 4, making our membership as shown in report twenty-eight.

Hopewell Hill. – Our Society though small is composed of faithful workers. Each seems to feel that a certain amount of responsibility rests upon her, and is anxious to secure the blessing promised to those who engage in God's work. May we be more earnest in our endeavors to send light to those now sitting in darkness. We meet every month and after spending an hour or more in prayer and missionary reading, we separate feeling strengthened and better able to take up our daily duties.

Moncton.—The monthly meetings of our Society have been regularly maintained, we think there is a growing interest in the Mission work. We had one entertainment this year, and one public missionary meeting, both quite successful. We have twenty subscribers to the *Link*, and find it a very great help in making our meetings more interesting. We hope for a larger circulation next year.

Leinster Street, St. John. – Our meetings during the past year have been held regularly with the usual attendance, and I think with an

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increase of interest. There is great satisfaction expressed in the work being done by our missionaries now on the field, and a strong desire is felt to aid them in every possible way in our power. Two life members have been made in our Society during the past year, and the sum of \$110.00 contributed.

Fredericton.—Meetings for prayer every month keep our missionaries and their work fresh in our minds, and in a measure identify our hearts more with them. It would be a great help to many others if they would meet with us and join in praise and prayer. The first meeting of the year we were favored with the presence of Mrs. Currie—returned missionary—we joined with her in prayer and listened with deep interest to her account of the work in India. The sad news of her husband's death had not then reached her. With our public meeting we combined a Strawberry Social to help in raising our usual contribution—Thirty dollars. The first part of our meeting was musical and missionary. Mr. Saunders gave a good address. The meeting was conducted by the Society.

Salisbury.—Our Society was organized by Mrs. Emmerson in February last. Our meetings are not without profit. We trust they serve. We look forward to early additions to our present number of are a means of growth in grace to us and some help to the cause we twelve members.

Germain Street, St. John.—A spirit of consecration and earnestness seems to pervade the meetings which have been well sustained during the year. One of our most valued members—Mrs. Pettengill —has been removed from us by death. She is greatly missed from our meetings, but while we mourn our loss, we know that it is her eternal gain. We hope to add to our number during the coming year.

Havelock.—Our Society is not so full of interest as we would wish. But we are hoping for greater things when we get our Church to worship in. Our contribution is somewhat larger than last year. If we could all attend the Convention and hear the reports from the other Sisters, and hear our returned missionaries who will be there, it would fire our lagging zeal.

Dorchester.—With thankfulness to onr Lord we report an increase in membership, a larger attendance at our monthly meetings—the spirit of which becomes more and more helpful to us all, by awakening a more general interest in Mission work. More than ever we realize how much could be done if the one hundred Sisters of our Church united with us for prayer and Christian work. We would be much stronger to do for our Church in its general needs. Circumstances prevent our making the usual special contribution this year. We would thank God that while so many mourn departed members, death has not broken our ranks. Bless His Holy name.

Jemseg reports their Society in a prosperous condition. Monthly meetings are held with profit and a fair attendance. They feel encouraged to press on.

St. George, 2nd Falls.-Still carries on the work, although reduced to two active or working members who contribute this year \$4.

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PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

Your Provincial Committee in presenting their Annual Report, would express their heartielt pleasure in being able to welcome, for the first time to our Island home—so many of those who are deeply interested in the glorious enterprise of publishing the good news of salvation in the "Regions beyond," and it is the earnest desire of those who have the honor of being associated with you in this work —that the meetings held at this Convention, and under the auspices of this Union—may prove instrumental in awakening a more general interest in that which seems to be especially laid upon the *Baptist Sisterhood* of these Provinces - to the end that our combined efforts and sacrifices, in this labor of faith and love, may be blessed by the Master in the salvation of many souls.

Your Committee may have little to report of special interest. In common with our fellow-labourers elsewhere, we have our discouragements here, but through the goodness and mercy ef the God of Missions, there are many encouraging features, which lead us to put our trust more implicitly in His hands,

We have to regret that some of our Societies seem to have lost their visibility, or at least their interest. No reports or contributions having been received from them for some time, one in fact has failed to make any report whatever, since the organization three years ago, and here it may be mentioned that in an estimated membership of one thousand, we have about 160 reported as contributing members of our Societies, and it too frequently happens, that our Sisters are hindered in their efforts by the indifference or pronounced opposition of their fellow Church members, all this and more which might be written is certainly discouraging, but on the other hand, more of our Societies are engaging in the work with unabated zeal and fidelity, and the general harmony which prevails with the accession from time to time of willing and valuable helpers may be taken as "sure tokens for good."

The meeting "at the Grove," in Cavendish, was a very interesting one, and many present expressed a willingness to do something practical in the way of securing the co-operation of a larger number of our sisters and having them enrolled as members of Societies.

In conclusion your committee firmly believe that the Baptist women of the Island, have duties to perform in this behalf and in association with their sisters in the larger Provinces – and we humbly trust that there may be on the part of all, a renewed consecration of heart, as well as of means. Assured that as God lives and reigns, we need have no fears for the ultimate success of our efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. KING, Prov. Sec.

Tryon.—We can report regular monthly meetings held with fairly good attendance, while some of our old members have moved away, or ceased to contribute, we have added four new members, somewhat increasing the list of subscribers. A very good interest is kept up in the society and we feel like pressing on to do more than we have yet done to "rescue the perishing," and thus aid in our feeble way to bring the world to Jesus.

LIBBIE A. HOWATT, Secy.

West River.--We are glad to report that our Society is in a flourishing condition. Meetings are held regularly, and are well attended; and our sisters are shewing increasing interest in the work. HATTLE STRETCH.

Alexandra.—With very few exceptions, there is an increasing interest among the members of our Society. During the year twelve meetings have been held, with an average attendance of ten members. Since our last report two more have been led to join with us in this work. We wait, pray, and hope for more. We have found this grand work a joyous privilege. May we all be led to feel, and exclaim with Paul, "The love of Christ constraineth us."

LYDIA JONES, Sect'y.

Bedeque. -We are pleased to report that our Society is in good working order; our monthly meetings well attended, and enjoyed by all. We have reason for thankfulness to Almighty God for the spirit of benevolence still found among our Sisters; at the same time there is cause for regret that the principle is not more general. We also believe that we have reason for much thankfulness in view of the manner in which God has prospered and blessed our Foreign Mission work.

ADA I. HOOPER, Sect'y.

Cavendish.—Our Society is still interested in the Missionary work but we are few in number.

M. MCNEIL, Sect'y.

St. Peter's Road.—We can report that our meetings are held quite regularly, and the interest seems to be increasing.

JANE MCGREGOR, Sect'y.

East Point.—We are striving to do what we can for the cause of Missions. Many of our Sisters have left the Island, but sometimes send their contribution to us. A few have been called away by death. Would to God that all would feel it to be their duty and privilege to give to the cause of the Master.

JESSIE MCLEAN, Sect'y.

North River.— Our meetings have been held as regularly as circumstances would permit, and there is considerable interest manifested in the work. Our contributions are not as large as we would like to have them, and our monthly meetings in some instances not as well attended as they should be, some of our contributors deeming it sufficient to pay their subscriptions without attending the meetings.

LALIA A. KING, Sect'y.

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LIFE MEMBERS of WOMEN'S B. M. UNION for 1886-7.

Onslow,-Mrs. James McCurdy.

Chester Basin,-Mrs. Maynard Borgald.

Berwick,-Mrs. E. O. Read.

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Middleton,-Mrs. James A. Gates.

A Sister in the Port Medway Church.

Saint John, Leinster Street,-Mrs. James E. Masters. Mrs. A. W. Masters.

Saint George, —Mrs. James Kelman and Annie Campbell. Halifax, North Church, —Mrs. J. Parsons. Falmouth, —Mrs. William Church. Sydney, —Mrs. Lydia McQuarrie.

Dartmouth,-Mrs. W. L. Barss.

Lake George,-Mrs. Aaron Cogswell.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

WOMEN'S BAPTIST MISSIONARY UNION in account with MRS. S. J. MANNING, for year ending July 31st, 1887.

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Halifax, August 1st, 1886.

Examined and found correct, M. K. F. SAUNDERS, Auditor.

DETAILED STATEMENT.

RECEIVED FROM W. M. A. S. OF NOVA SCOTIA.

Athol\$ 5 00	Lake George \$25 00
Antigonish 46 25	Middleton 35 00
Amherst 90 00	Margaretville 15 65
Annapolis 6 00	Mahone Bay 8 50
Aylesford 17 50	Milton
Acadia Mines 5 00	Manual
Billtown 33 25	
Bear River 12 00	
Brooklyn 20 50	North Sydney 425 New Germany and N. Canada. 48 64
Bridgetown	New Albany and N. Canada, 48 04
Berwick	New Albany 13 00
Barton and St. Mary's Bay 8 25	Newport 10 00
Chegoggin	Nictaux 12 25
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Canning 13 00	Portaupique & Upper Economy 24 74
Debert River 30 00	Pereaux 10 00
Dartmouth 55 83	Springfield 23 00
Deerfield 2 05	Summerville 36 00
Digby 16 00	Sandy Cove & Little River 19 80
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French Village 11 25	Sydney 53 00
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DONATIONS FROM NOVA SCOTIA.

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HOME MISSIONS

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REPORT OF THE HOME MISSION BOARD.

REPORT OF THE BOARD.

The Home Mission Board herewith present their ninth Annual Report.

THE BEGINNING

of the year just past was dark and discouraging. A debt of nearly \$3,000 rested upon the Board, and the movement at the Convention for lifting it seemed to evoke little response. Though well aware that the needs of the field demanded an increased expenditure, the first meeting of the Board was spent, almost entirely, in estimating probable income and trying to find how to retrench, and at the same time avoid bringing disaster and loss to any of our mission fields. After a careful examination of the roll of fields assisted so few were found that could be dropped or that would bear retrenchment that it became manifest that half of the debt must be carried over to another year, or much that had been expended lost by withdrawing the grants from deserving and promising fields. The former course seemed to be the wisest and was decided on.

Having reached this decision we took up the work, saddened with the thought that there could be no advance, and that all new appeals for assistance must be refused, and these important fields left to languish.

BRIGHTENING.

After some weeks, however, the unsolicited contributions of brethren and sisters towards the payment of the debt began to come in. These awakened hope, and encouraged us to ask for the "*extra*" dollar from each subscriber to *Messenger and Visitor*. The response given to this appeal led to further efforts, and so the debt gradually melted away, while at the same time the regular receipts have exceeded in amount and ratio any former year.

Emboldened by these donations and the increased interest manifested in Home Mission work, the Board ventured to loose the bands with which it had bound itself at the beginning of the year. and move forward. Instead, therefore, of being obliged to report that the work has come to a standstill, as it seemed likely to, we are, thank God, who put it into the hearts of the brethren and sisters to come up so nobly to the rescue, happy to report the work in a healthy and progressive condition.

LABORS AND RESULTS.

There have been 51 men laboring under the direction of the Board for the whole or part of the year. One of these has confined his labors chiefly to the French in Digby County, two have done the work of general missionaries, 13 were student missionaries, 32 were missionary pastors, and three were appointed for brief missions. The time of service of these brethren aggregates 1377 weeks, during which they have preached 3919 sermons, attended 2802 other meetings, made 11707 religious visits, distributed 15417 pages of tracts, and performed much other work for the Master.

The results of these labors that can be tabulated are 532 gathered into the churches—445 by baptism, and 87 by letter and experience; three meeting houses completed and opened for Divine worship, (see table); seven started or pushed forward; a large number of children gathered into the Sunday Schools; and several fields strengthened

spiritually and financially. The total appropriation for this work has amounted to \$4718.69.

THE FRENCH MISSIONARY.

Rev. F. E. Rouleau has confined his labors more closely to the French than heretofore. As but few of these attend the preaching services, he goes from house to house distributing the Word of God, and preaching the truth as opportunity can be found. These faithful labors have aroused opposition, and the priests have even gone so far as to command their people to burn the Testaments and Bibles received from our missionary. In consequence of this a letter, addressed to one of the priests, containing much wholesome truth, was prepared and circulated among the people. Though none have professed conversion, a number are believed to be seeking the truth.

THE GENERAL MISSIONARIES

have again been found to be very important agents in prosecuting our work.

Rev. I. Wallace visited the western P. E. Island fields last autumn, after which his labors were confined chiefly to Queens, Lunenburg and Shelburne Counties, where the greatest pastoral destitution prevailed. Much good resulted from his labors, especially in Shelburne County.

Rev. D. G. McDonald, who labored part of last year, having resigned in order to resume his studies, Rev. P. S. McGregor entered the service of the Board October 1st. Shortly after the church at Canso, owing to difficulties existing amongst them, asked for a visit from a general missionary, and Bro. McGregor was sent to their aid. By the blessing of God upon his labors the troubles were in a great measure removed, and a gracious revival enjoyed. Being unable to secure a pastor, and feeling that the church would suffer without some one to minister to them, they requested that he might remain with them for three months, promising to make up the full amount of his salary. Though needing his services for other fields, yet feeling that the anxiety of the church was well grounded, the Board assented to their request, and the church faithfully carried out their promise. While at Canso short visits were made to Isaac's Harbor, New Harbor, and other stations, and valuable assistance given to pastors in revival work. Since leaving Canso, with the exception of a short visit to Tusket, his labors have been with the churches in the Eastern N. S. Association.

STUDENT MISSIONARIES.

Nine young men from our Institutions at Wolfville, two from the St. John Seminary. and one from McMaster Hall, spent the summer vacation of 1886 in mission work under the direction of the Board. One of them, Bro. W. H. Jenkins, has remained on the field —Granville Mountain—and his labors have been greatly blessed. Another young man left the Institution in December to labor at Midgic, Rockport, and a part of the Sackville field, under the direction of Rev. W. E. Hall, of Sackville. Large blessings have resulted from his labors, especially at Midgic.

It will be necessary in the future, in order to supply our many pastorless churches, and to give assistance to young men, for a few of them to remain out of school each year. At present it is impossib wh

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sible to give employment to all the students during the summer, while in the winter our churches suffer from a dearth of laborers.

The number of appointments being less, and three of the fields having made up the full amount of salary, the expenditure for this department was much less than in the previous year, amounting to only \$515.44.

Twenty-two young men are at work during the present vacation, either by recommendation or appointment of the Board, and others were ready, but situations could not be found for them. Your Board regard this large number of devoted young men now preparing for the ministry as one of the most hopeful indications of denominational prosperity, and place it among the results of increased interest in Home Mission work. Let us see to it that they are not lost to us by indifference and neglect.

MISSIONARY PASTORS.

The most important of all our laborers are the pastors who toil on week after week and month after month throughout the whole year, sowing the seed and gathering the harvest. Until all our churches are thus regularly cared for by faithful men, the largest measure of success cannot be attained. To assist the weak churches in obtaining and supporting pastors is, therefore the principal work of the Board. Such assistance has been given to 60 churches during the year, but from lack of money and men many others had to be neglected.

The fields assisted and the amount of assistance, the men employed, and work performed, &c., will be found in tabular form on pages 96 and 97.

Instead of confining our report to *these* fields, and dwelling at length on each one, we have judged it better to place before you some general facts as they appear by an examination of the ground covered by the different Associations.

GENERAL SURVEY.

The churches of the Nova Scotia Western Association can be conveniently arranged into 42 groups or fields of labor, only about eight of which need assistance in supporting their pastors. Five of these have received assistance during the year, and two others have been visited by General Missionary Wallace. Eight of the groups of this Association have been vacant during the greater part of the year, but all except one are now supplied, four of them by students. The territory of this Association is well covered with churches, few points being unoccupied except in the French district.

The Central Association has many strong churches and several weak ones, besides considerable land to be possessed. Of its 36 groups of churches at least 12 may be put down as dependent. Eight have been assisted during the year. Nine have been pastorless during the greater part of the year, but nearly all are now supplied, some of the supplies being students. As many of the churches cover large areas of country there is reason to fear that important stations are being neglected. It is hoped that the committees appointed by the Association will see to it that all the ground is cultivated.

The N. S. Eastern Association is composed mainly of weak churches. Of the twenty-seven groups not less than 13 need assist-

ance in supporting their pastors. Seven have been aided during the year. The natural order of grouping has, in a few cases, been broken in upon, but they have nearly all been adjusted, so that, as in the other N. S. Associations, the churches are now very generally grouped into convenient fields. Some of the groups are large, and will soon need to be divided. There is room for much mission work in this Association. Five of the fields have been without ministerial labor for a considerable part of the year. All save one are at present supplied, two only by students.

The N. B. Western Association has 70 churches on its roll. Only two have a membership of over 200, and only 16 have more than 100. Want of co-operation has made these weak churches weaker. There has been some advance of late in the matter of grouping, but much remains yet to be done. Of the twenty-six groups into which all the churches of this Association can be gathered about half may be marked dependent. Seven have been assisted during the year. Ten of the groups have had but little ministerial labor, some of them being entirely destitute. There has been some improvement in this direction of late, yet three fields are still uncared for, and four others are supplied by students. This Association needs a strong reinforcement of devoted pastors, and a large expenditure of Home Mission money. Some of the finest agricultural districts in the Maritime Provinces are included in its limits.

The N. B. Eastern Association has several large churches, and, if it has several small ones, it is partially due to the unnecessary multiplication of separate organizations. Though most of the weak churches could be grouped so as to form convenient fields, it is behind all the other Associations in this respect. The cause of this is not difficult to discover, but unpleasant to name. On account of this several churches and important points are uncared for, some pastors are wasting time and strength in travelling long distances, and others are circumscribed to smaller fields than they could care for, and to less support than they need. Of the twenty groups into which these churches could be arranged probably not more than six would need the assistance of the Home Mission Board. Five have received some assistance in the year just past.

The Southern Association of New Brunswick has 40 churches, 20 having less than 100 members each. Though more difficult to group conveniently and economically than the churches of some other Associations, they can all be included in 22 workable fields. Eight of these need assistance. Four of these have received some assistance in the year. Three groups have had little pastoral labor during the year. Three students are at work there at present.

The 27 churches of the P. E. Island Association form 11 groups, six of which are dependent. Assistance has been given to four during the year just closed. Four of the 11 groups have been without pastoral care for a large part of the year. One is at present supplied by a student, and two are destitute. There is room for more work in the bounds of this Association.

The African Association has 17 churches scattered over Nova Scotia. Besides these there are a few African churches connected with the other Associations in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. Last autumn a letter was received from Rev. A. W. Jordan, Moderator of the Association, asking for some assistance, and giving a plan of grouping that had been agreed on. As Bro. Jordan was then at Morgan Park, a letter was addressed to P.S. McKerrow, Esq.,

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of Halifax, Clerk of the Association, asking if the plan was being carried out, and what amount of aid would be required. He replied that on account of Bro. Jordan's absence nothing had been done, and he feared nothing could be done until his return. The subject has not been taken up since, but your Board are convinced that something should be done to give these people more and better gospel privileges than they now have.

From this review it will be seen :

1. That we are aiding less than two-thirds of the fields needing assistance, not including the African Association. But there are besides these fields where work is already begun, several others that should be taken hold of at once, hence the necessity for an increase of income for our Home Mission work becomes more imperative.

2. That a large number of our churches are suffering for want of pastoral instruction and oversight. The churches need men free from worldly entanglements, who shall give themselves wholly to the ministry. We ought to make it unnecessary for the men who serve our churches to serve their farms or other callings; and if they will persist in serving these, they should be excused from serving the churches.

CITY MISSIONS.

Letters from the Baptist Unions of Halifax and St. John brought the question of aiding City Missions before the Board for careful consideration and decision. Dr. E. M. Saunders, of Halifax, chanced to be present at the meeting at which these letters were presented, and afforded much valuable information. The decision reached was that the Board would be justified in granting aid to City Missions that give promise of growing into self-sustaining churches in the future. A grant of \$250 for one year was then voted to the Halifax mission, with the understanding that in addition to Quinpool Road a station was shortly to be opened at Richmond. The Union undertakes to make up the balance of support for missionary.

The case of the St. John mission was deferred for further intormation.

PASTORS' SALARIES.

As instructed by the Convention, the Board have prepared a plan for increasing pastors' salaries to \$600 and parsonage, which they submit in a Supplementary Report.

CONCLUSION.

Your Board hope that the increase of interest and liberality manifested during the year in behalf of this department of our work will continue, and abound yet more and more. If this shall be so a brighter day will soon dawn, not only for our Home Mission work, but for all our denominational interests.

Respectfully submitted,

A. COHOON, Cor. Sec'y.

Hebron, August 13th, 1887.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

In carrying out the special work entrusted to it, viz.: Of preparing a plan "for increasing the rate of remuneration received by our pastors so that the minimum salary received shall be \$600 besides parsonage." your Board found itself confronted by two questions—first, How shall funds be procured to assist in this work? and, secondly, How shall they be disbursed?

As answers to these questions we recommend :

1. That the Home Mission Board be authorized-

(1) To set aside for this work, from its regular income, such amount as may be deemed expedient from year to year.

(2) To receive donations and legacies to be used for the same purpose.

(3) To ask for a special collection for this work yearly from all our churches.

2. That this money thus received be divided half-yearly, viz. : the beginning of February and August of each year, to churches or groups of churches, making application at least six weeks previous, who shall comply with the following regulations:

First.-Adopt a plan of grouping satisfactory to the Board.

Second.—Raise \$450 from the field for pastor's salary besides parsonage, or \$500 without parsonage.

Third.—Contribute at the rate of not less than \$4.25 per resident member for pastor's salary, and contribute in addition to the benevolent enterprises of the denomination.

REMARKS.

I. Before making an appropriation to any church or group of churches, the Board shall endeavor to ascertain if the amount promised by the field is equal to its ability.

2. No appropriation shall be paid until certified by the pastor that the proportion of salary promised by the field has been received. Respectfully submitted,

A. COHOON, Cor. Sec'y.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE H. M. BOARD.

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REPORT OF THE HOME MISSION BOARD.

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66	Rebate of Lunenburg Pastor, on account of receipts for labors at Bridgewater	50	00		
66	Interest	24	00		
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Hebron, Aug. 17th, 1887.

W. R. DOTY, Treasurer.

The accounts of the Treasurer of the Home Mission Board having been handed to the undersigned for audit, we have examined the same and find that all payments were duly authorized by the Board. In reference to the receipts we find the additions correct, but because part of the money credited has been received from persons from whom there is no memorandum, it is impossible to make a complete audit. To ensure a proper audit in future years. we recommend that the Treasurer report at least once a month all sums received the previous month, and that such report be published in the last column on the last page of the Messenger and Visitor, and that the complete fyle of the paper for the year be laid before the Auditors. This, in our opinion, will ensure a complete audit, the donors of funds being the only parties, other than the officers, who know what sums are remitted.

THOMAS B. CROSBY, CHAS. S. P. ROBBINS, Auditors.

Yarmouth, August 15th, 1887.

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REPORT OF THE HOME MISSION BOARD.

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DOMINION HOME MISSIONS.

SECOND ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DOMINION BOARD.

The Dominion Board of Baptist Home Missions presents to the four Baptist Conventions the following as its second annual report, for year ending, May 31st, 1887.

MEMBERSHIP.

The following persons were chosen by the Conventions to represent them on the Dominion Board, and in the following order :

The Convention of the Maritime Provinces elected Rev. J. E. Hopper, D.D., Rev. J. E. Goucher, Rev. F. D. Crawley, B.A., Rev. W. H. Warren, M.A., Rev. A. H. Lavers, Rev. W.B. Bradshaw, M.A., Rev. W. H. Cline, B.D., Rev. D. M. Welton, D.D., T. S. Simms, Esq., and Geo. R. Roberts, Esq.

The Canada Missionary Convention East elected Rev. W. W. Clarke, D.D., Ewing Buchan, Esq., and A. A. Ayer, Esq.

The Home Missionary Society of Ontario elected Hon. Wm. McMaster, Hon. Chancellor Boyd, Rev. J. H. Castle. D. D., Rev. Ira Smith, Rev. S. S. Bates, B.A., C. Raymond Esq., and C. J. Holman, Esq.

The Convention of Manitoba and the North West elected Rev. Joshua Donovan, Rev. J. W. A. Stewart, B.A., and Rev. A. A. Cameron.

Of these twenty three members, eleven are resident in Toronto, and six form a quorum. On the 23rd of last September the resignation of Mr. Thomas Lailey as Treasurer of the Board was accepted, and Dr. Clarke was appointed in his place. On the first of last Nov., Mr. Dadson, on account of removal from Toronto, resigned his secretaryship of the Board, and Dr. Welton was appointed in his place. On the 6th of May. Mr. C. J. Holman was appointed to the office of Treasurer of the Board, rendered vacant by the resignation of Dr. Clarke.

THE WORK.

In the year now reported upon the Beard has held eighteen meetings, and the interests committed to its care have been most diligently attended to. On the first of June, 1836, Rev. Geo. B. Davis entered upon the duties to which he had been appointed, and spent two months in Manitoba and the North West in surveying the field, in locating Mission Stations, and in advising with missionaries as to the best method of prosecuting their work—reporting all his proceedings to the Board. For the purpose of fraternal consultation and of aiding in the advancement of the common cause, Rev. Joshua Denovan, President of the Board, attended the meeting of the Manitoba and North West Convention, which was held in July. By thus putting itself in communication with the great west, the Board has been able not only to make itself better acquainted with its spiritual needs, but also to enter into arrangements for more harmonious and efficient co-operation with the North West Board.

In September last the Board found itself greatly hampered from lack of funds to carry forward its work and meet even the necessarily limited obligations which it had assumed. At this time it had

received nothing from the Maritime Convention and only \$200 from the Home Mission Society of Ontario. It was therefore wholly unprepared to pay the salaries of Missionaries, some of whom, for want of the same, were in actual suffering. To meet the emergency of the hour, private personal solicitation was resorted to. Dr. Clarke visited Montreal, and other members of the Board called upon a number of individuals in Ontario. The result was the bringing into the treasury of about \$1000, which, with the \$250 from the Ladies Mission Circles, enabled the Board to tide over the difficulty. The relief however was only temporary, and the Board found it expedient if it should exist at all and do anything to justify its existence to address itself to the whole question of ways and means. In the light of the vote taken at the Maritime Convention, it was found that only \$500 could be expected from that source for the current year. Morever this sum was voted on the tacit understanding that no agency should be employed on the field embraced by the Convention for obtaining anything additional. Pretty nearly the same condition of things existed in Ontario. The Home Mission Society preferred to become responsible to the Dominion Board for a specific sum rather than have the latter employ an independent agency of its own. After mutual consultation it was finally agreed that the Home Mission Society should endeavour to raise \$1500 or more during its current year for the work of the Dominion Board, and meanwhile undertake to pay \$1200 for the year, payable quarterly.

The Dominion Board was now in a position to estimate its probable income for the year. From all available sources it did not see its way clear to fix the amount in excess of \$2500, a pittance indeed for all the Baptists of the Dominion with which to carry on Missionary work in the great North West and British Columbia. Still, with this comparatively small sum at its disposal, the board has been enabled to make a respectable shewing. Adhering rigidly to the principle of the wisest and most economic expenditure of its funds, it is glad to be able to report the following :—

RESULTS

I. Rev. J. H. Doolittle is serving the Emerson Church as Pastor, and is greatly encouraged in his work. He is now receiving from the Board a supplementary Grant of \$300, which, it is hoped, may be considerably reduced next year.

2. Rev. J. E. Moyle has charge of the Shoal Lake and Strathclair Churches. The Board is aiding these Churches to the extent of \$400 a year. Mr. Moyle performed some labour on the Grenfell and Moosamin fields previously to his engaging with the Shoal Lake and Strathclair Churches.

3. Rev. W. F. E. Ashe is labouring in Rapid City. The church in this place is weak and needs considerable supplementary aid. The Board however does not see its way clear to pledge more than \$200 a year, and is of opinion that the pastor of Rapid City church should serve Minnedosa also, as under the former arrangement.

4. Rev A. Whitman has recently taken charge of the Morden and Warrington field, rendered vacant by the resignation of Mr. Mellick. The outlook on this field is quite encouraging. Mr. Mellick, whose labours were highly appreciated and greatly blessed, baptized quite a number shortly before leaving. At present the

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Board contributes \$30 a month towards Mr. Whitman's support, and hopes that at no distant day the field will be self-supporting.

5. Mr. J. W. Gregory, student from McMaster Hall, is engaged to labour from May 1st to October 1st at Pilot Mound and vicinity, which field, it is expected will contribute the greater part of his salary.

6. Mr. J. B. Cody occupies the Carnduff field, Assiniboia, and the Board has granted to this field \$100 for 6 months from April 1st, 1887.

7. In addition to the foregoing, the Board has engaged Mr. R. H. Yule for permanent service as a colporteur in Manitoba at a salary of \$40 a month, inclusive of expenses. Mr. Yule possesses rare qualifications for this work. He is expected, in addition to selling and distributing religious literature from house to house, to hold religious meetings, organize Sunday Schools, and co-operate generally with pastors and missionaries in evangelistic work.

8. The Board has not confined its operations to Manitoba and the North West Territory; it has also attempted something for British Columbia. Mr. J. B. Kennedy, recently graduated from McMaster Hall, has been appointed to the new city of Vancouver, at the terminus of the C. P. Railway, and is expected to enter upon his labours on the 1st of July, Rev. Mr. Daniels having charge of the station, under the auspices of the Board, till Mr. Kennedy arrives. Vancouver is a point of great promise, and though the mission must prove considerably expensive at the first, the Board deems it wise to assume the burden, believing that the field will soon prove self-supporting.

9. Finally, the Board has sent Mr. W. C. Steeves, McMaster Hall student, to perform missionary labour for 5 months at Lulu Island, near the mouth of the Fraser river, and he is now on the ground. Both Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Steeves will be counseled and aided as far as possible in their work by Mr. Lennie, pastor of the New Westminister Baptist Church. It ought also to be stated that the Board has contributed \$200 towards the erection of the new Baptist Meeting house in New Westminister, and \$125 towards the Spring Ridge Mission, under the care of the Baptist Church of Victoria, Vancouver Island.

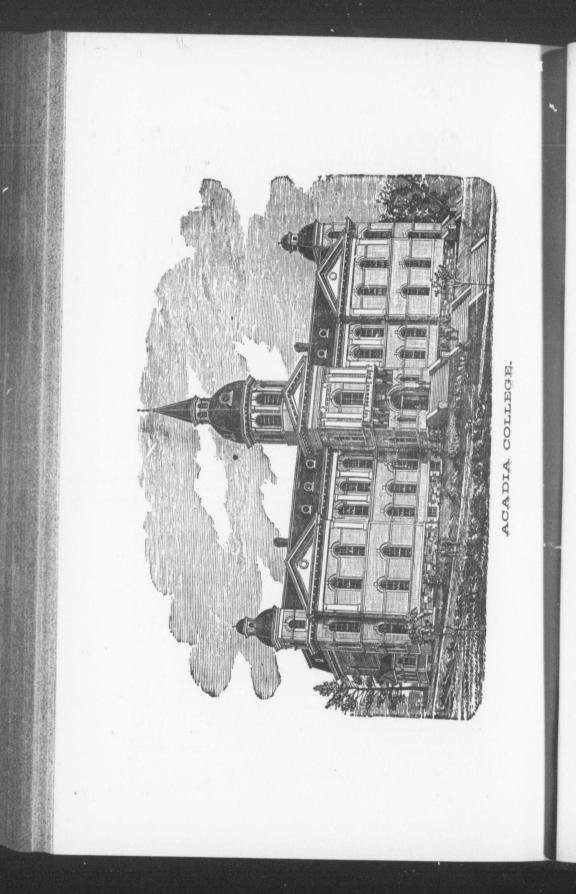
It will thus be seen that, notwithstanding the limited resources of the Board, it has assisted some fifteen different fields, and has now no fewer than nine men under its employ, for whose support it has become in a large measure responsible. The effort thus made comes almost infinitely short of meeting the great need; still, under God's blessing without which no enterprise can succeed, and with which none can fail, much good may be expected to follow what has been thus attempted.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion the Board desires to express its growing conviction of the importance of the work which has been committed to it, and its earnest hope that provision will be made for prosecuting it on a much larger scale in the tuture, or as its great necessities demand. It trusts that the different Conventions will be able to put at its disposal at least double the amount of funds with which to work during the coming year. A number of promising fields could be entered at once, did the state of the treasury permit.

Respectfully submitted,

D. M. WELTON, Secretary.



EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

THE UNIVERSITY OF ACADIA COLLEGE. Instituted A. D. 1838.

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Vacating office 1888. Rev. S. B. Kempton, M.A., H. H. Bligh, M. A., Q.C. Rev. E. M. Saunders, D.D.,

Vacating office 1891.

Silas Alward, D.C.L., M.P.P., Judge Johns Rev. J. E. Hopper, D.D. Judge Johnston, D.C.L.,

Vacating office 1894.

Rev. Dª A. Steele, M.A. Rev. S. M. Black, M. A. Rev. D. Freeman, M. A.

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Vacating office 1888. Hon. Neil McLeod, M.A., F. H. Eaton, M.A. L. S. Morse, B.A. T. E. Corning, B.A.

Vacating office 1891.

E. D. King, M.A., Q.C.,

Rev. W. H. Warren, M.A., W. M. McVicar, M. A.

Vacating office 1894. J. F. Tufts, M.A. Rev. G. O. Gates, M.A. Wallace N. Graham, B.A., Q.C., H. C. Creed, M.A.

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EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

HORTON COLLEGIATE ACADEMY, Established A. D. 1828.

The Academy and Ladies' Seminary are under the control of the Board of Governors of Acadia College.

Teachers.

PROF. J. F. TUFTS, M.A., PRINCIPAL, Latin and History.
E. W. SAWYER, B.A., Greek and English.
E. R. MORSE, B.A., Mathematics.
H. A. SHAW, Elocution.

ACADIA SEMINARY.

Instructors.

MARY A. WADSWORTH ; PRINCIPAL, English Literature and Rhetoric. ELIZABETH L. MARGESON ; Latin and English. MME. CONSTANCE C. BAUER ; French and German. HELEN L. BUTTRICK ; Instrumental Music. HARRIET M. EATON ; Assistant, Instrumental Music. MARY H. VAUGHAN ; Vocal Music. ELIZA T. HARDING ; Drawing and Painting.

ERRATUM.—On page 104, line 25, instead of "D. F. HIGGINS, Ph. D., Professor of the Greek and Latin Languages," read:

D. F. HIGGINS, Ph. D., Professor of Mathematics.

R. V. JONES, Ph. D., Professor of the Greek and Latin Languages.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF ACADIA COLLEGE, AUGUST, 1887.

Since the last meeting of the Convention, August, 1886. the Board of Governors of Acadia College has been called together three times; in November, February, and June last.

The condition and wants of the Institutions at Wolfville have been carefully and anxiously considered at each of these meetings. It is no small matter to keep pace with the demands of the times in educational work. Our fathers found great difficulty in getting the machinery started. We shall find greater difficulty in getting it stopped, simply because there is no stopping place.

At the meeting in November more room and better accommodation for the Academy students were the principal topics dealt with, although many other questions also demanded attention. Not being able to decide on all matters of detail, this meeting was adjourned till February, in order to allow more time for maturing plans and making estimates of cost, &c. In February the Board met again, decided to build at once, agreed upon a site for the new building, and appointed a Committee to attend to the work.

It was ascertained that the funds necessary for this outlay could be secured from G. P. Payzant, Esq., of Windsor, at the rate of 5 per cent per annum, and the building committee was instructed to arrange with Mr. Payzant for the money. It is confidently expected that with the increasing attendance at the school, the profits of the business will provide for this indebtedness without burdening the other funds at the disposal of the Board.

At the meeting in June the Building Committee reported that the contract for the new building had been let at a cost of \$7815, and that the work was progressing favorably. The building is to accommodate 50 students, beside furnishing accommodation for the Teachers in charge.

The appointment of a Professor to fill the Chair of Modern Languages and History was carefully considered in June. And this long-felt want has been supplied by the appointment of Prof. L. E. Wortman, M. A., to fill that position. He has accepted the offer and is expected to enter upon the duties of the office in January, 1888. From his long experience as a Teacher, as well as from numerous testimonials received, it is believed that the Governors are fortunate in being able to make this addition to the staff of Instructors.

The year just closed is regurded as one of the most successful. The attendance in the College has been larger than that of any previous year. Ninety-one students have been enrolled. Senior Class 17, Junior 18, Sophomore 19, Freshman 25, and general students 12.

The President reports the work done by Professors and students as satisfactory, the deportment of the young men, upon the whole, good, and the internal affairs of the College encouraging and hope-

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ful. The chief drawback has been the want of a Teacher in the Modern Languages, which has now been supplied.

The first degree, B. A. was conferred upon 18 young men at the Anniversary in June. These had completed the prescribed course of study, and passed satisfactory examinations. The order of exercises and names of the students are as follows :

PROGRAMME OF EXERCISES.

PRAYER,.....Dr. Hopper. ORATEONS BY MEMBERS OF THE GRADUATING CLASS.

*The Student as a Patriot : Colman W. Corey, Havelock, N. B.

The Rational and the Empirical in Medicine; Jesse T. Prescott, Sussex, N.B. *Government by the Majority; Oliver S. Miller, Bridgetown, N. S.

The Future of Japan ; William E. Boggs, Wolfville, N. S.

*The Commercial Route of Hudson Bay; J. Allan Sharp, St. John, N. B.

What is Literature ; Samuel K. Smith, Milton, Queens, Co., N. S.

William, Prince of Orange ; Henry Vaughan, St. Martins, N.B.

*The Relation of the Professions to labor ; Geo. R. White, St. Martins, N.B.

MUSIC, Piano Solo, Miss Buttrick.

Civilization as Affected by International Relations; Edwin L. Gates, Melvern Square, N. S.

*The influence of one Thinker on his own and Succeeding Ages, illustrated by Plato; Ernest R. Morse, Paradise, N. S.

The uses of Mythology in Art; Thaddeus S. K. Freeman, Milton, Queens, N. S.

*The Gradual Advancement of Learning; Israel W. Porter, Deerfield, N.S. MUSIC......Miss Hitchens.

The Moral Benefit of Science Studies ; Charles H. Miller, Clarence, N. S.

Conservation and Radicalism in Ancient Greece; George A. Whitman, New Albany, N. S.

*Conscience as seen in the Plays of Shakespeare; John B. Morgan, Fredericton, N. B.

The Popular Element in the English Constitution; Ernest M. Freenan, Newport, N. S.

*The Reign of Victoria ; Robie W. Ford. Milton, Queens, N. S.

Honor Certificates were next awarded as follows: In the Senior Class to J. B. Morgan, in Metaphysics; E. R. Morse. in moral philosyphy; I. W. Porter, in moral philosophy and history; G. A. Whitman, in history; L. D. Morse, of the Junior Class, in logic; C. H. McIntyre, Sophomore, in physical science; J. E. Eaton and C. B. Freeman, of the Freshman Class, in classics.

This is the largest class that has been graduated in any one year since the Institution was founded. The average standing of the students is quite equal to that of their predecessors. And the prospect at present is that the class about to enter upon the studies of the Freshman year, will be much larger than any that has preceded it. If the popularity of the College can be maintained the buildings will soon be too small to accommodate the classes. The assembly hall is already inadequate to meet the demands.

Every thing that is possible with the funds at our disposal is being done to give comfort and convenience to the College premises. The fire which occurred in April, removed the last remnant of the original buildings. And although loss was incurred an opportunity was thus afforded to make some important changes. The barn has been removed to a more convenient locality. Chipman Hall and Acadia Seminary have been covered with what is regarded as a water-proof and fire proof cement; and all the buildings have been newly and thoroughly painted. The Seminary is now provided with a large room for the purposes of exercise in stormy weather. And the Executive Committee have been instructed by the Board to make some other changes still which will improve the general appearance of the place, and afford opportunity for other branches

HORTON COLLEGIATE ACADEMY.

Principal Tufts states that the number of pupils enrolled during the year has been as follows: from Nova Scotia 65; from New Brunswick 17; from P. E. Island 5; and one each from Quebec, Newfoundland and the United States—in all 90. Of this number 40 have been registered in the Senior year of the Classical Course; 8 in the Senior year of the English Course; and 42 in the Middle year

the Senior year of the English Course; and 42 in the Middle year. Of the Senior Class 27 completed the required course of study in full, and 10 have a small amount of work yet unfinished, which they will complete in September previous to the opening of the College in October.

One student entered College at the beginning of the Winter Term; thus making the number passing from this Academy into College this year, or fitting to enter College 38—from the Classical Course 36, and from the English Course 2.

Although the number of pupils has been large the deportment has been reasonably good, no very serious cases of discipline have occurred.

The work of the year has gone along much as usual, though some special attention has been given to elocution. Mr. H. N. Shaw has had a class in that subject for a large part of the year, with satisfactory results.

The prospect for pupils for next year is very good. Several rooms in the new building are already engaged. Judging from present appearances, the financial report at the close of the year will be satisfactory.

June 1st, 1887.

It is pleasing to be able to add that since this general statement was handed in the accounts have been carefully examined, and the expectations expressed fully realized.

The profits of the year's business from the Academy and Seminary, together with a small surplus of last year have been sufficient to wipe out the deficits of some previous years. And now these schools may start forth anew, free from all incumbrances so far as current expenses are concerned.

It is exceedingly important to keep this department of our work in the highest possible state of efficiency. While there are other excellent schools all over the country, Horton Academy has been hitherto the principal feeder of Acadia College. It is of course hoped that the Academy and Seminary at St. Martins, under the joint

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management of the Baptists and Free Christian Baptists of N. B. will share largely in this work in the future. There is a great work for these schools to do; Horton Academy has never had such an opportunity for doing its share as now opens before it. The new building is, for health, comfort and convenience, all that could be desired; and the inducements for parents to send their sons to Wolfville for education were never so strong as at present.

From the various sources of supply the Faculty of the College may expect that their ability to meet the demand will be taxed to the utmost.

ACADIA SEMINARY.

From the report of the principal Miss Wadsworth, we learn that the attendance has been good. Total number enrolled during the year 83. Of this number 11 were from N. B., 3 from C. B., 1 from P.E.I., 3 from the U.S. and 65 from N.S.

The new principal is a person of extensive information, especially, in the department of general Literature. Her aim has been to raise the tone of the School to a higher level in the direction of purely intellectual pursuits.

The anniversary exercises of the Seminary appear to be attracting much attention from the public. Eight of the pupils completed the prescribed course of study in June last and received their diplomas according to the studies pursued. Those who attended the examinations and such as were fortunate enough to gain admittance to the Assembly Hall at the closing exercises of the school spoke in high terms of what they witnessed. The excellency of the music rendered by the pupils, as also the Drawings and Paintings on exhibition, testified to the ability of the Teachers to instruct, and to the industry and perseverance of the students.

Improvements have been made in the method of heating the Seminary Building so that a more uniform temperature throughout will be secured. And the Board confidently commend Acadia Seminary to all parents wishing to educate their daughters in comfort and safety.

Although there has been nothing of special interest, in a religious point of view, during the year to record, we are happy to report that the moral and religious character of our Institutions is maintained.

Of the 91 students in the College, more than half of them are members of christian churches. Some 25 young men, who have been studying at Horton during the past year are either already candidates for the Christian ministry, or are looking thoughtfully and we trust prayerfully in that direction.

Much interest has been manifested in the religious meetings of the students, and also in christian work in the community. Ambition to excel in literary pursuits does not destroy the higher ambition to imitate the example of Him who "went about doing good."

The cause of Christian Education is again commended by your Board to the prayerful regards of the churches composing this Convention, in the hope and belief that the work so well begun will be carried on in the future with still greater determination and zeal.

Impressed with the advantage that will result from bringing Acadia College into intimate association with the Convention in all its management the Board have by resolution determined in the future to submit to the Convention the names of the graduates, they

deem suitable for Fellows of the College and leave the appointment with the Convention. They also deem it advisable that the number of Fellows should be increased from six to nine. And they nominate for such office, Rev. David Freeman, Rev. Dr. Hopper and H. H. Bligh, Esq.

The Board of Governors wish in behalf of the Denomination, hereby to express most hearty thanks to the kind Providence which has brought us safely thus far.

Since the founding of Acadia College, by those devoted men, very few of whom are now left to review the history nearly 50 years have passed away. They have been eventful years: years of anxiety, struggles, tailures and successes.

The College began with a feeble life, but it has grown and strengthened with the years, and by its fruits has proved its right to be. In recognition of the mercies past, and in anticipation of the brighter days ahead the Board has invited the Convention to meet with us next August the Jubilee year at Wolfville, action in which the 1st Horton Baptist Church heartily co-operates. And it is hoped that the occasion may be one of great interest and profit to all concerned.

The Jubilec year was in the olden times a year of release and therefore a time of great rejoicing. The hope of the Governors is that the generous liberality and enthusiasm of Acadia's friends will be such that the Jubilee celebration, 1888, shall proclaim Acadia College free—free from all encumbrances of every kind—so that without clogs or weights of any description she may start out on her second half of a century's history with a power for usefulness, that even her large hearted founders hardly dreamed of, when the first foundation stones were laid.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

College Accounts for Current Year to August 1, 1887.

DISBURSEMENTS.

To paid	Professors' salaries	\$7400	00	
•6	Treasurer's salary	200		
66	interest on College mortgage	500	00	
66	" small loans and discounts	134		
66	insurance on College and contents	268		
66	one-third part salary Financial Agent	333		
66	" expenses "	81		
66	" salary Special Agent	116		
66	" expenses "	53		
66	expenses for Year Book	217		
66	balance due on Piano College Hall	152		
Incident	als, viz. : Small bills, librarian, pew rents,	101	00	
	tor, care rooms two years, printing, postage	681	23	
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General Statement.

1887.	DR.		
Aug. 1	-Gross deficit from last year\$ 2214 06 Disbursements the year per account 10138 74		80
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Aug. 1	-By received during the year per general account	8762	74

H. C. P.	Gross deficit	\$3590 00
E. & O. E.		

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1887.	DR.				
Aug. 1.—To	new investments and re-investments cash deposit receipt People's Bank Balance carried down	800			0(34
	Cr.			\$11004	34
Бу	balance of Account stated cash from Savings' Bank deposit last year "sale Armstrong dyke "mortgages taken up "notes and pledges donations	\$1000 100 7368 513	00 00 00 12	\$1969	72
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By E. & O. E.	balance cash in hand brought down	1104	34	\$11004	34

Schedule of Acadia College Assets.

Loans on mortgages of real estate	18 7	1	
Varmouth County dependence 40	00 0		
Yarmouth County debentures	00 0	-	
Albert County, N. B. debentures	00 0	0	
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apparatus, museum, furniture, &c		91500	00
E. & O. E. Total assets		\$188360	

Indebtedness Fund.

DR.

To paid	cash to retire note Peoples Bank favor Rhodes and			
**	Curry. S. R. Sleep's bill	50 80		
"	B. Murphy work on College	12 00 30 62		
**	B. Murphy work on College. S. B. Angus, masonry " Freight lumber from Amherst.	10 00		
	1887. Balance on hand		09 75	
		\$15	585	38

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1886. Cr.				
Aug. 2. By balance of account stated 1887.	\$72	17 9	99	
Aug. 1. "from Building fund now merged in Indebtedness Fund\$13 "Amount received during the year	3 30			
Amount received during the year		7 :	39 1585	38
" Balance in hand brought down	147	15	75	
MEMO. PRESENT INDEBTEDNESS.				
Mortgage on College '' Seminary	\$10000		\$20000	00
Current expenses borrowed from Endowment, 1881 Gross deficit General Statement, 1886 Deficit General Account, 1887	\$2044 2214 1376	06	5634	
Less balance in hand stated			\$25634 1475	
E, & O. E.			\$24158	85

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LIBRARY FUND.

1886.	Cr.				
Aug. 2.	By balance from last year.	\$33	88 00		
1887.	" debenture interest	24			
Aug. 1.	" interest on investment with Endowment Mortgage debited General acct. on \$1200.			\$137	00
1886.	D _R			\$191	00
Oct. 28. Nov. 25. 1887.	To paid Treasurer Senate	33 48	88 00		
Aug. 1.	By balance in hand			\$137	88
	and the second se			410,	
	AID FUND.				
1886.	CR.				
Aug. 2. 1887.	By balance per account stated\$	87	86		
Aug. 1.	" interest on investment	174	62	\$262	48
1887.	Dr.			<i>\$202</i>	20
Aug. 1.	To paid Students per order\$ Balance in hand\$	200 62	00 48		
	E LO E			\$262	48

E. & O. E.

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Wolfville, N. S., 10th August, 1887. X. Z. CHIPMAN, Treasurer.

The books and accounts of the Treasurer of Acadia College have been audited by me twice during the past year and found correct.

The receipts and disbursements, including balances from the previous year, are shown in the following statement :

Received. \$ 8762 74 11004 34 1585 38 137 88 262 48	General Account, Endowment Fund, Indebtedness Fund, Library Fund, Aid Fund, Balance cash in hand,	Disbursed. \$10138 74 9900 00 109 63 81 88 200 00 1322 57
\$21752 82		\$21752.89

1. Eight Hundred Dollars, (800.00), on deposit receipt is in the hands of the Treasurer to the credit of the Endowment Fund, which is included in the \$9900.00 paid out on account of that fund.

2. The net deficit for general expenses for the year 1887 is \$1376.00.

COLIN W. ROSCOE, Auditor.

FINANCIAL REPORT

HORTON COLLEGIATE ACADEMY

AND

ACADIA SEMINARY,

For Year ending July 31st, 1887.

I.-Cash Account.

DR,

To cash paid on	account of	Chipman Hall	\$4506	20	
		Academy Boarding House.	1085	36	
	н	Acadia Seminary	3896	41	
	/1	salaries of Teachers	5535	43	
i		Janitor, insu'ce, postage &c	456	66	
н	. 11	bills due July 31st, 1886	2504	92	
н	indirect acc	count	772	79	
	paid by cre	edit in ledger for barter	341	47	
		and the second	the second		24
		CR.			
By cash receive	d from Acad	demy	\$8038	88	
	" Sem	inary	8922	50	
	" old l	bills	1457	98	
	n indir	rect account	368	41	
By barter receiv	ved as cash.		341		

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II.-Income and Expense Statement.

1sr.-ACADIA SEMINARY.

Income for year ending July 31st, 1887.

By income from	board\$5347	0)	
	rent of rooms 398	46	
	tuition, English and Classics 1131	87	
	tuition, French, (Seminary) 333	06	
	" " (Academy) 83		
п	" German, (Seminary) 9	00	
		50	
11	Instrumental Music 1110	75	
"	Vocal Music 666	74	
-11	extra use of pianos 224	55	
u	Music, (Academy) 12	10	

Ву	income from	Drawing, \$128.27; Oils, \$197.59	\$ 325	86	
		Crayoning	00		
		Carrie perilonity	14	_	
		account ing mooning moonin mooning mooning moo	52	81	
	"	Pew rents	52	51	
	1.			_	8

\$9861 65

Expenses for year ending July 31st, 1887.

o sappliés for table.	\$2677	76
Commy porto, 17; 011, 600.40; Wood, \$43.95	100	4.4
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rurmismings	000	
ichus and buinny manos	41.0	00
insurance, janitor, postage, stationery, fuel for class	500	00
rooms, interest on notes, printing new rents &	004	17
salaries	3035	43
Profit for year		

Profit for year \$1181 72

2nd.-ACADEMY BOARDING HOUSE.

Income for year ending July 31st, 1887.

	wood, \$9.08;	special repairs,	\$3.15.	• • • • •	12	83
	coal, #02.00;	oil. \$28.94			91	59
From	board				\$1761	91

\$1866 33

8679 93

Expenses for year ending July 31st, 1887.

For supplies \$1164 coal, \$151.20; oil, \$32.10. 183 wood, \$10 00; services, \$254.36. 264	0.0
repairs	06
Profit for year \$58 81	- 1807

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3RD.-CHIPMAN HALL.

Income for year ending July 31st, 1887.

From board							 			 					 		\$5403	90	
BUIILEV SHIES																	104		
coal, \$357.00; 011,	Q	16	14	• 1	9	 											 . 441	85	
wood		•	• •		• •	 •		• •	• •	 	•	•	• •	• •			 . 22	07	
																	and the second second		05

\$5992 33

Expenses for year ending July 31st, 1887.

For	supplies for table	3217	05	
	COAL, 0012,00; OH, 2105, 18; wood \$47.39	ACA	50	
	10rmsnings, \$189.52; repairs, \$391.34	580		
	insurance, interest, &c.	112	53	
	Mr. Keddy's salary	965	00	
	Profit for year	20		

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TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS.

4TH.-HORTON ACADEMY.

Income for year ending July 31st, 1887.

(Chipman Hall) 797	48	\$2452 .08	
DOW TOHDS	90		
From tuition	35		

Expense for year end	ng July 31st, 1887.
For salaries	\$2018 45
janitor, fuel, incidentals	
	.2258 88

Profit for year \$193 20

III.-Profit and Loss Account.

DR.				
To balance on Dr. side, July 31st, 1886	42			
shrinkage in assets during current year	78	01.00	-	
, Bernarden Ar	-	. \$1421	20	
Cr.				
By surplus for year on Seminary	72			

B	y surplus	for year on	Seminary	
			Chipman Hall 652 39	
	41		Academy Boarding House 58 81	
	41	14	Academy 193 20	
			.2086-12	
		Profit	n veare' husiness \$2086 12	

IV.-Balance Sheet Summary.

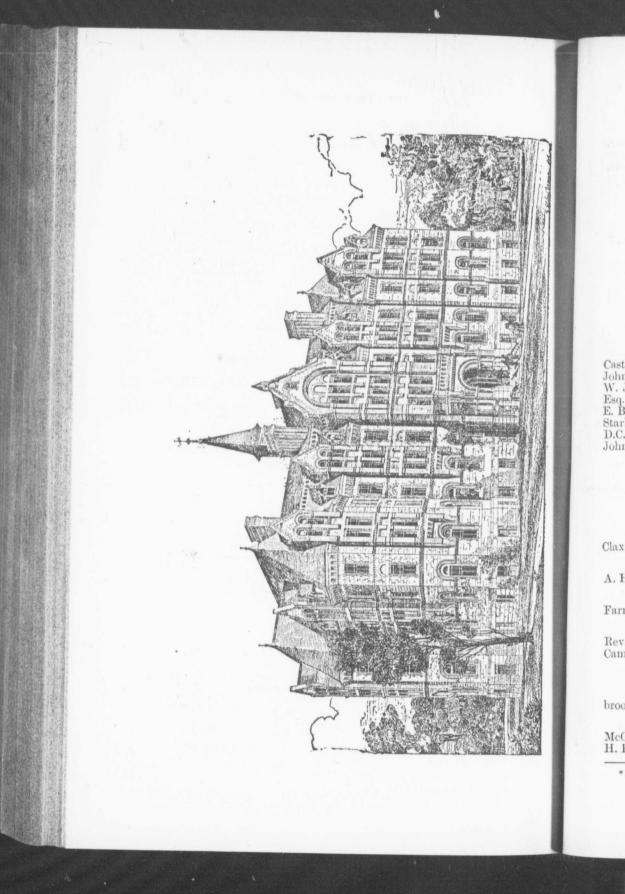
July 31To	liabilities as per Ledger\$5016 27 amount to balance	
By	balances due as per Ledger	
	J. F. TUFTS, Treasurer.	

Wolfville, August 8th, 1887.

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I audited the books and accounts of the Treasurer of Horton Academy and Acadia Seminary in December, April and August for the past year, and found them correct. The business is kept well in hand, and, in my opinion, the prosperous financial condition of these Institutions is due largely to the untiring and almost endless labors of the Treasurer in attending to the business in all its details. I heartily endorse the foregoing Financial Report of the Treasure for the sum of the labor. of the Treasurer for the year ended July 31st, 1837. COLIN W. BOSCOE, Auditor.

Wolfville, August 13th, 1887.



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* This chair will be filled at an early date. In the meantime the best provision possible is made for this department.

MINISTERIAL RELIEF AND AID FUND,

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THE EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF THE MINISTERIAL RELIEF AND AID FUND.

The past year has been one of solicitude on the part of your Board. As the years come and go they feel more deeply impressed with the greatness of the responsibility entrusted to them. It is well known to the members of this Convention, as well as to your Board, that the provision made for our aged and infirm ministers and their families has been hitherto utterly inadequate, and not only so, the principle on which even this small amount has been administered in the past is felt to be *unsound* and *unsatisfactory*. The beneficiaries are placed in the painful position of feeling that they are asking for charity, and it is the equally unpleasant duty of your Board to divide this very small amount among applicants who should have just and legal claims for definite and much larger sums. In view of these facts your Board feel it to be incumbent upon them to urge the pressing necessity of this Convention taking immediate steps to create a fund that shall be more nearly equal to the present and prospective demands of our aged and infirm ministers and their families.

By co-operating with the Committee appointed by the Convention last year to consider this matter the Board has done what it could to torward the undertaking. An agent was put in the field for about two months. not to make a general canvas of the churches as the authority of your Board to do that might be called in question —but to solicit contributions from individuals who might feel disposed to give to this object without lessening their gifts to the other enterprises of the denomination. The result of this effort was quite satisfactory revealing the fact that some of our brethren are coming to realize more fully their responsibility in this matter.

The amount secured by the agent, in cash and reliable subscriptions is about three thousand dollars, and also the promise of considerable sums in the future, in the shape of legacies and donations.

This fund when it shall be sufficiently enlarged and administered on sound principles will put an end to the present very unsatisfactory state of things.

All our aged and infirm ministers will then have the opportunity of securing for themselves and their families just and honorable claims to funds that shall be more nearly adequate to their needs. The plan on which it is proposed to administer this annuity fund will be given in the report of the committee appointed last year, and so need not be given here. The salaries received by most of our pastors are pitifully small, so small that the most rigid economy would not enable them to make provision against old age, or infirmity, hence the unquestionable duty of the Churches they serve, to make some provision for those who are no longer able to serve. As this matter has been so long neglected in order to give place to the other great enterprises of the body, your Board feel that the time has come when it should at least, be put on an equality with them. If we are to expect our pastors to give themselves wholly to the ministry of the Word, and to labor with minds undistracted and hearts unoppressed, for the welfare of their families when their labors cease, then there must be provision made for anticipated wants, such as will satisfy the denomination that their obligations have been discharged in this respect, to the ministers who have worn themselves out in the service of Christ, and in the building up of our churches We say again, that the time has come, when there must be an Annuity Fund under the control of this body, and so administered that the beneficiaries will have an honorable c aim upon it.

Since last Convention the Board has held ten meetings, and the sum of six hundred and sixty-five dollars has been expended. Aid has been given to eight brethren and ten sisters.

One sister has passed to the better land, and one brother has been added to the list of beneficiaries during the year.

The officers have been the same as for the previous year.

Submitted,

E. J. GRANT, Secretary pro tem.

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TREASURER'S ACCOUNT MINISTERIAL RELIEF AND AID FUND. 123

Board of Management of Ministerial Relief and Aid Fund,

In account with E. M. Saunders, Treasurer.

RECEIPTS.

Brought forward from last year	00 59 00		
		\$3325	19
STATEMENT.			
Mortgages	$55 \\ 56$		
and the second	-	\$4823	78.
DISBURSEMENTS.			
To ten ministers' widows. \$355 To eight ministers. 310 Loaned on mortgage. 2078 Insurance. 12 Postage and Exchange. 1	00 67 00 96		
Balance on hand		2757 567	$63 \\ 56$
		\$3325	19

E. M. SAUNDERS, Treasurer.

Examined and found correct, LEWIS S. PAYZANT, Auditor,

August 3rd, 1887.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

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Members whose term expires in 1890.

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Report of Ministerial Education Board.

The duties of the Board have not required frequent meetings. Two members have been prevented from attending the meetings on account of distance. Another, whose sympathies and co-operation in Christian service were always highly prized, was for a long time debarred from all public duties by distressing illness, which at length

terminated in his death. Candidates for the ministry have found no truer friend than Rev. J. A. McLean. Appropriations have been made within the year to Twenty students. Of these twelve were in the regular College course, three took selected studies in the College and five studied in the Collegiate Academy. As the Board had little more than \$400 to appropriate in aid of students, the amount received by each was small.

The time has come when the Board must have larger funds at its disposal, or it will be unable to meet the reasonable demands made upon it. The number of applicants is increasing faster than the contributions of the churches for this object. Nothing will be gained by compelling our ministerial students to labor for their own support so far as to impair their health or seriously abridge the time given to study. It is true that the necessary expenses in our Inspi-

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION BOARD.

tutions are not large. But, small as they are, most of our ministerial students are not able to meet them, even with such aid as we are giving them. The conclusion from these facts is sufficiently convincing for all who are seriously considering the means by which the welfare and usefulness of our churches may be promoted.

A. W. SAWYER, Secretary.

August 17, 1887.

Ministerial Education Fund,

In account with J. W. Barss, Treasurer.

1886.	Dr.
Dec. To paid 20 Ministerial Stu 1887.	ents, \$12 each\$240 00
Lent Home Missionary	\$10 each 180 00 pard 100 00
1836.	CR.
Aug. By balance per account June. '' Convention Fund 1887.	\$502 65 50 00
Aug. " " Interest from Bank	
1887. Aug. 20. By balance in hand.	\$ 338 50
	J. W. BARSS, Treasurer.

Wolfville, August 20th, 1887.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTERS* ANNUITY ASSOCIATION.

Your Committee submit and recommend the following plan for "The Ministers Annuity Fund :

RULES OF AN ANNUITY FUND OF THE BAPTIST CONVENTION OF THE MARITIME PROVINCES.

I. All legacies, donations, or contributions of any kind, made to the Board for the capital of the Annuity Fund, shall constitute the cipital and shall be kept invested in good securities.

2. Ministers' rates, donations, or contributions made for the purpose, and the interest on investments, shall be used for paying annuities; but no part of the capital shall be used for this purpose.

3. Any ordained Baptist Minister in regular standing, and engaged in ministerial work within the bounds of the Convention, by complying with these rules, shall have a legal right to Annuities. Exceptional cases may be considered and judged by the Board.

4. If any minister, having a right to this fund, shall leave the denomination, he shall forfeit all claims on the fund, but he shall receive back half the amount paid by him in yearly dues,

5. If a minister ceases to labor as a minister, and engages in a secular calling, except from some physical disqualification for continuing his ministerial work, he shall forfeit his claims on the fund; but shall receive back one-half of the amount paid in yearly dues.

6. Ministers removing beyond the bounds of this Convention must have the sanction of the Board in order to retain their claims upon the funds.

7. Any minister eligible for participating in this fund, who shall fail to connect himself with it in the first year of its existence, shall not be received afterwards, except by special action of the Board; and the principle guiding the Board in its action shall be the requirement of an entrance fee from the applicant, equal to the amount of rates and the interest thereon at six per cent. for the time the applicant has neglected to join himself to the fund.

8. Any minister who on account of accident or ill health ceases to receive a salary, and any minister after arriving at seventy years of age, shall be entitled to his Annuity. Every application for an annuity shall be made in writing either by the applicant or by some person on behalf of the applicant; and it shall contain satisfactory information respecting the grounds of the claim.

9. No person can have a right to an Annuity unless all his dues are paid.

10. Annuities shall be paid half yearly on the 1st of July, and the 1st of January.

11. Any minister can at any time commute his yearly rates, and secure his claims to the benefits of the fund by paying a sum judged by the Board an equivalent to all his possible rates. The payment of such a sum may be spread over two or three years.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERS ANNUITY ASSOCIATION. 127

12. The rates shall become due annually, on the first of July, and the first of January. Any minister whose rate is not paid in the first three months after it is due shall be notified of the same by the secretary, and he shall pay, in addition to the regular rates, the interest at 7 per cent. on the rates for the time of his neglect of payment.

If the rate is not paid for one year, the person shall cease to be a member; but shall receive back half the amount of his paid up rates. His re-admission to membership shall be by special action of the Board.

13. No minister receiving an annuity shall be required to pay dues; neither shall he be a member of the Board.

14. The annual rate shall be ten dollars.

15. The maximum annuities, for the present, shall be for a minister \$150.00; for a widow \$75.00; each child of a widow \$12.50; but no family of children shall receive more than \$50.00. If both father and mother are dead, and there is but one orphan it shall receive \$40.00; if there are two orphans they shall receive \$40.00; equally divided among them. No child shall have any claim on the fund after becoming sixteen years of age. If the fund should not be sufficient to pay the annuities above specified, then a proportionate amount of the available funds shall be paid.

16. If a widow receiving an Annuity shall marry, she shall cease from the date of her marriage to participate in the fund; but the children of her former husband shall continue to receive their Annuities the same as if their mother had remained a widow.

17. Any society, church or person, by paying the rates required of a member, shall be entitled to nominate, as a recipient of the benefits of the fund, any minister within the bounds of the Convention not already connected with the fund, and qualified according to these rules; and such minister and his family shall have a right to participate in the fund as if he himself had paid the required dues.

18. No alteration or addition shall be made to these rules except it be recommended by the Board, or at the instance of a member of the Convention, who shall give a year's notice in writing to that body of the proposed addition or change.

That the Ministers according to the Constitution be notified that they may pay their first dues on or before the first day of January, 1888.

That after January 1st, 1890, the Ministerial Relief and Aid Board shall accept no new claims upon that fund except as special circumstances may warrant.

That the Board of Management of the Ministerial Relief and Aid Fund be the Board for the management of the Annuity Fund of this Convention, and that the books, accounts, investments and reports to this Convention be kept distinct from the business of the Ministerial Relief and Aid Fund.

It is recommended that a collection be taken annually in all the churches for the purpose of payment of annuities, on such a day as may be suggested by the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

A. P. SHAND, Chairman.

BAPTIST UNION.

Your committee on the organic union of Baptists and Free Christian Baptists of these Maritime Provinces beg leave to report:

That the union sentiment as it relates to the different sections of the Baptist family in these Provinces has been deepening and widening from its inception until the present hour. All the interchanges of thought and sympathy by deputations and otherwise, and all the discussions which have taken place, have tended to extend and strengthen the desire for union. Obstacles, which to some minds appeared insurmountable at first, have disappeared, and the pathway to organic union is beginning to shine as with the brightness of a sunbeam.

Your committee appointed at the last meeting of the Convention to confer with the Free Baptist brethren with a view to organic union consisted of Rev. Dr. Bill, Rev. Dr. Hopper, Rev. Dr. Higgins, Rev. Dr. Sawyer, Rev. A. Cohoon, Rev. C. Goodspeed, Rev. W. H. Richan, Rev. W. J. Stewart, Rev. S. B. Kempton, John March, J. H. Harding; alternates—Rev. D. A. Steele, Rev. F. D. Crawley, Rev. G. O. Gates, and Rev. J. A. Gordon. With the exception of a few honorable names this committee met with the Free Baptist Conference, at their anniversary held in Carleton, St. John, October, 1886. They were most cordially received, and our Free brethren took the following action. Dr. Musgrove submitted the following report :

Your committee appointed to consider the official letter from the Secretary of the Baptist Convention of the Maritime Provinces, held in St. John, N. B., in August last, beg leave to submit the following report :

First-That this Conference heartily receive the communication, and cordially welcome the delegates from the Baptist Convention of the Mari-

Second—That we have heard with pleasure the desire of the Convention for union of the Baptists and Free Christian Baptists of the Maritime Provinces, and heartily reciprocate the desire for union, and we shall rejoice if it be the will of God if such union be consummated.

Third—And as an earnest of our desire we comply with the request of our brethren for a conference on the subject by appointing the following members of Conference a committee to meet the delegation from the Baptist Convention, who are requested to form a joint committee, and, if possible, draft a basis of union that shall satisfy the respective bodies : Rev. A. Taylor, Rev. G. A. Hartley, Rev. Jos. McLeod, D.D., Rev. Wm. Downey, Rev. Geo. W. McDonald, Rev. John Perry, Rev. F. Babcock, Rev. Joseph Noble, J. A. Vanwart, Thos. W. Musgrove, Wm. Peters, D. McLeod Vince.

BAPTIST UNION.

We also recommend that the Rev. S. N. Royal and E. Crowell, of the Nova Scotia Free Baptist Conference, be requested to meet with the joint committee and aid in the work of the said committee, in expectation that if the union should be effected the Free Baptists of Nova Scotia may also be united with us.

Subsequently Brethren Kinghorn, Phillips, J. W. Clark and Albert Palmer were added to the committee.

Resolved, That Revds. Jos. McLeod, G. A. Hartley and A. Taylor be delegates to the Baptist Convention, and Revds. Clark, Phillips and Noble be their substitutes.

On the following day, the 13th inst., the joint committee, by appointment, met in the vestry of the Germain Street Baptist Church. All deeply felt the grave responsibility of the work in hand, and some time was spent in united and fervent supplication for divine gaidance. The meeting was duly orgunized by the appointment of Rev. Dr. Bill as permanent chairman, and two Secretaries, one from each body. After a full statement of the mature and purpose of the important trust committed, a subcommittee was appointed to examine and compare the creeds of the denominations represented, and to prepare and submit a Basis of Union. Two anxious days were spent in needful investigations, intermingled with earnest entreaties at the throne of heavenly grace. The work of the sub-committee was reviewed from time to time by the whole committee, until there was perfect agreement in the following Deliverance:

THE BASIS OF UNION.

The Scriptures.—The Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments have their authority from God alone, and are given to us by divine inspiration. They are the only perfect, supreme, infallible and sufficient standard of faith and practice.

God.—There is but one true and living God; He is an infinite spirit, self-existent, omnipresent, omniscient, omnipotent, good, wise, just and merciful; He is the creator, preserver and sovereign of the universe; He is inexpressibly glorious in holiness, and worthy of all honor, confidence and love. In the Godhead there are three persons in one—The Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, who are equal in every divine perfection, and who execute distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

Christ.—Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is the person of the Trinity, who, by virtue of his sacrificial work, is the world's redeemer and the Saviour of all that believe. He is at present the intercessor of his people at the right hand of the Father, and is to be the judge of all men.

The Holy Spirit.—The Holy Spirit is the person of the Trinity by whom all saving, comforting and sanctifying power is exerted upon human hearts.

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State and Fall of Man.—Man was created sinless. By his own disobedience he fell into sin. Through his fall into sin, an evil nature was transmitted to the whole race, revealing itself in actual transgression, and bringing all under the reign of condemnation and death.

Atonement.—The perfect life, the vicarious death, and the resurrection of Jesus Christ, have removed the obstacles in the way of the Holy Spirit's regenerating power and of the Father's forgiving grace being extended to the sinner, and constitute for every believing soul an all prevailing plea and sufficient ground for righteousness before God.

Regeneration.—In regeneration a new life principle is begotten in the soul of man by the Holy Spirit, through the word of truth, producing a disposition to joyful obedience to Christ and to holy conduct in life.

Repentance.—In repentance, the sinner having seen his sin being moved by the energy of the Holy Ghost, is led to grieve for, and hate it as an offence against God, and, apprehending the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, he lovingly returns to God to walk in the way of his commandments.

Faith.—Faith is a conviction of the intellect that God will perform all that he has promised, and an implicit trust of the heart in Christ as a personal Saviour. It includes a hearty concurrence of the will and affections with the whole plan of salvation as revealed in the Gospel, and is a condition of justification and of cleansing from the pollution of sin, and of all subsequent Gospel blessings.

Justification.—Justification is an act of God wherein he accepts as righteous the sinner, to whom is imputed the perfect righteousness of Christ, on the condition of faith alone.

Perseverance.—We believe that persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes real christians from superficial professors. If any who have been born of God altogether lose the grace received at regeneration, there is for them no renewal unto eternal life.

This does not mean, however, that the regenerate may not become back-sliders.

Sanctification.—The scriptures teach that sanctification is the process by which, according to the will of God, Christians are made partakers of his holiness; that it has its beginning in regeneration, and that it is carried on in the hearts of believers by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, in the continual use of the appointed means —the word of God, self-examination, self-denial, watchfulness and prayer.

The Christian Sabbath.—We believe that the first day of the week is the Lord's day or Christian Sabbath, and is to be kept saci sinf grad that

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sacred to religious purposes by abstaining from all secular labor and sinful recreations, by the devout observance of all the means of grace, both private and public, and by preparation for that rest that remaineth for the people of God.

A Gospel Church .- We believe that a Church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel; observing the ordinances of Christ ; governed by his laws ; and exercising the gifts, rights, and privileges invested in them by His word; that the only scriptural officers of a Church are Bishops, or Pastors, and Deacons, whose qualifications, claims, and duties are defined in the Epistles to Timothy and Titus. In a more general sense, the word church is used to designate all whose names are written in the Lamb's Book

Baptism .- This is the immersion of believers in water, into the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, in which are represented their death to the world, the washing of their souls from the pollutions of sin, their resurrection to newness of life, the burial and resurrection of Christ, their resurrection at the last day, and their engagement to serve God.

The Lord's Supper is designed to commemorate the sufferings of Christ, and to represent in the use of bread and wine the communion which saints have with him and with each other. Every baptized believer in Christ, being a member of his body, and a part of his visible church, has not only a right to partake of the emblems of his body and his blood in the Communion, but is under obligation thus to commemorate his death.

Death .--- At death our bodies return to dust, our souls to God who gave them. The righteous being then perfected in happiness are received to dwell with God, waiting the full redemption of their bodies. The wicked are cast into Hades, reserved unto the judgment of the great day.

Resurrection .- There will be a general resurrection of the bodies of the just and of the unjust; the righteous in the likeness of Christ, but the wicked to shame and everlasting contempt.

General Judgment.-There will be a judgment of quick and dead, of the just and unjust, on principles of righteousness, by our Lord Jesus Christ, at his second coming. The wicked will be condemned to eternal punishment, and the righteous received into the fulness of eternal life and joy.

Church Polity .- Article I. The voluntary principle underlies the whole church polity of the New Testament. Each church is independent, but the churches are interdependent. All the power the more general bodies have over the less general and the individual churches is to advise, and to enforce ad^{1} is the strongest moral

motives. In case a church, or the churches composing a less general body, depart from the belief and practice of the denomination, it shall be the right of the more general body to withdraw fellowship

Article II. Each church as occasion may require shall have the right to appeal to the more general body for the help of their advice and moral influence, or to call a council from other churches. If a church, torn by dissensions and heresy, decline to seek assistance of this kind, it is the right of the more general body to send a delegation to assist the church as far as this may be possible.

Article III. Any church should be very careful in granting a license to preach. Every license, to be valid, must be signed by the pastor and clerk of the church granting it, and countersigned by at least two neighboring pastors, after an examination of the candidate's qualifications.

Article IV. When a church desires the ordination of a brother, a council from as many of the nearest churches as will secure the attendance of at last five ordained pastors, with a suitable number of laymen, may be called ; or the more general body be requested to attend to the matter.

Having so far completed their work with so much unity of sentiment and fellowship in the spirit, your committee felt that it was desirable to submit their decision to a larger representative meeting for review and critical consideration. Accordingly they called a special meeting of the Educational and Missionary Boards of the denominations represented, and all other brethren who might be disposed to attend.

This meeting took place in the Germain Street Baptist Church November 17, 1886. The response was highly encouraging, 21 of our ministers and 16 of our lay brethren, and 26 ministers and 20 laymen of our Free brethren, were present, in all 83. The basis was prayerfully and carefully reviewed clause by clause, criticisms offered and explanations given. The most perfect freedom in expression was exercised, and all seemed inspired with a spirit of genuine fidelity and brotherly love. After prolonged discussion the basis was most cordially endorsed.

The Messenger and Visitor, in reporting the meeting, said: "There were only two of the proposed articles of faith upon which there was difference of opinion. The first of these, that on final perseverance, passed with but three dissentients; and the one on the Lord's Supper passed with but two dissentients, one of each denomination."

The chairman of your committee, greatly encouraged by the remarkable manifestations of the spirit of union, embraced opportunities of preaching to large and attentive congregations in Yarmouth, Fredericton, Portland, St. John and St. Martins on the

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subject, and recently addressed a mass meeting in the First Baptist Church, Yarmouth, on the same theme. These services were attended by Baptists and Free Baptists, and in all cases called forth a very decided expression in favor of organic union. Several of our Associations have also decided unanimously on the side of union. With a basis of organic union so thoroughly in accord with the teachings of the inspired testimony, and so fully endorsed by the large representative meeting referred to above, and with a desire for union so emphatically expressed and in so many ways by all concerned, your committee cannot but anticipate a cordial endorsement of their work by this Convention, and also by the coming Conferences of our Free Christian Baptist and our Free Baptist brethren, and, if so endorsed, the organic union of the different sections of the Baptist household in these Maritime Provinces will no longer be a matter of doubt but a glorious fact, and they will go forth as a united host to accomplish the distinctive mission committed to their trust, and so far realizing an answer to the Saviour's prayer : "That they all may be one as Thou Father art in Me and I in Thee, that they also may be one in Us, and that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me."

Respectfully submitted.

I. E. BILL, Chairman.

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In presenting his second annual report, your Agent would first refer briefly to his own work. As soon as practicable after the Convention of last year circulars containing an appeal to the benevolence of our churches, and requesting a specified amount from each for denominational work, were sent to all the churches within the limits of the Convention. Collecting cards and envelopes were prepared, and many thousands distributed among our people. Correspondence was had with many of our pastors and leading lay brethren. Letters were also sent to many non-resident church members, asking for contributions to our denominational fund. Fully aware of the mportance of keeping the matter of benevolence constantly before the people, communications giving a brief account of the Agent's work, and making appeals to the churches, were sent to the *Messenger and Visitor* very frequently during the year.

In addition to this, your Agent travelled in the Maritime Provinces nearly 8,000 miles in the interest of the Convention Fund, besides making many short journeys of which he took no account. He delivered during the year about 200 sermons and addresses in reference to our work. He visited and addressed many Ministerial Conferences and Quarterly Meetings, and every Association, with one exception, held during the year, and thus came in contact with a very large part of our church membership.

In regard to the results of these labors, to speak fully would be a useless task; for it cannot be known, until the destinies of eternity are unfolded, how wide a range one's influence may take. Suffice it to say your Agent has reason to believe that his labors have by no means been in vain in the Lord.

A careful analysis of the subjoined financial statement shows that there has been a cheering increase in the contributions to the Convention Fund, so that the total amounts are considerably larger than they were last year, or in any previous year in the history of the Convention Scheme. Prince Edward Island has done better to the amount of \$102.00; Nova Scotia has made an advance over last year's contributions of \$1,713.00; and New Brunswick \$455.00. The Women's Missionary Aid Societies have, as usual, reported an increase in their receipts. They exceed those of last year by more than \$300.00.

Contributions from the churches have been more regular in the year past than they ever were before since the Convention Scheme was presented to the public. This is one of the most pleasing features of improvement in our denominational work.

To what extent the appeals for help to liquidate the Home Mission debt have increased the total amount received, or to what extent, if any, these appeals have lessened the contributions to other

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objects comprised in the Convention Scheme, it is impossible to tell. And how far the many other appeals to the benevolence of our churches for different objects have affected the Convention Fund your Agent does not pretend to know. It is but reasonable, however, to suppose that all the contributions outside of this Fund have not been extra gifts.

From a review of the past your Agent is compelled to speak hopefully concerning the future. The circle of contributing churches is constantly widening; the tendency to give systematically is increasing; and there is a growing disposition in the minds of many to remember in their wills the cause of God.

These signs of the times are auspicious, and they seem to augur for the denomination in the not distant future a bright sun and a glorious day.

G. E. DAY,

Financial Agent and Treasurer.

The following is a summary of the Agent's accounts, and a list of the churches which contributed to the benevolent objects embraced in the Convention Scheme :

STATEMENT OF MONEYS CONTRIBUTED BY THE NOVA SCOTIA CHURCHES for the objects embraced in the Convention Scheme, and ${\rm A}$ LIST OF THE TOTAL AMOUNTS GIVEN LAST YEAR.

CHURCHES, ETC.	Home	Missions.	Foreien	Missions.	Educational	Institutions.		and Relief.	Ministerial	Education.	Women's M, A, Societies.	Total amount,	Last year's	amount.
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Annapolis Royal.	70	20	19	00	1			\$ 40					0 41 0 3	
Annapons and Up. Granville	37	28	75	2 22	2	2 2:	3	4 48					0 9	
Antigonish	197	39	24	1 51	2	0 01		3 98		\$ 99			3 10	
Arcadia	52	00	15		1	5 00		3 00		00		88 0		6 00
Argyle		40	() 25	() 25		0 05		05		3 0		5 25
Aylesford Lower		20	24	54	24			4 92				171 1		
Aylesford Upper		84	79	15	16	8 15		3 23			26 95			
Barrington		00	2	50	5	2 50		0 50		50		15 0		
Beaver River		75	10	06	10	06	1 5	2 01		02		71 9		
Bridgewater	16		6		6	5 20	1	1 25				31 3		0 00
Brookfield, Col. Co		16	13	47	4	48	() 89	0	90		27 9		
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Brooklyn											20 50			5 00
Caledonia	$\overline{2}$	30	1	43	1	44	() 29	0	29		5 7		3 00
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Carleton, Yarmouth	16		1		1	25	0) 25		25		19 00		60
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Chester	33		27	05	12	05	2	41	2	41	45 20	122 40		65
Centreville and Mt. Pleasant		94	8	09	8		1	62	1	63		32 3		90
lements		99	13	47	12	51	2	50	2	53	7 50	58 50		33.
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Cornwallis 2nd, (Berwick)		68	144	71	33	86	6	77	6	78	62 00	426 80		
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Dalhousie East		80	1	75	1	75	0	35	0	35		9 00		
Dartmouth		34		29	26	30	5	26	5	26	55 83	210 58	183	
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CHURCHES. ETC.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions,	Educational Institutions.	Ministerial Aid and Relief.	Ministerial Education.	Women's M. A. Societies.	Total amount,	Last year's amount.
Hammonds Plains 2nd								8 7 1
Hampton	\$ 20 80 30 72	\$ 4 6		5 \$ 0 7	3 \$ 0 73		8 30 69	
Hawkesbury	9 85		0 10 0	0 2 0	0 2 00	\$ 26 8		271 3
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mingrove	12 60	6 00				*****	342 60 27 00	
Hillsburgh 1st Hillsburgh 2nd	53 80				3 98			
Homeville	21 11	8 81	8 8	3 1 78	8 1 77		42 30	6 25
Horton 1st, (Wolfville) Horton 2nd, (Gaspereaux)	355 20	198 93	99 8	19 98	10.07	2 50		
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Isaac's Harbor Jeddore	33 96			3 0 95			65 72	4 00
Jeddore East	7 08	276 250				21 25		28 30
Jordan Bay and Sand Point.	* 00	2 90	2 90	0 50	0 50	18 00	28 00	12 00
Jordan River	5 50	3 43	3 44	0 69	0 69	•••••	13 75	6 10
Kempt, Hants.	30 68	13 11		2 43	2 42	36 00		9 40 91 00
Kempt, Queens Kentville	19 36	4 72					27 90	18 00
Laffave	37 28 1 90	1 48 1 90		0 30	0 30		40 85	118 73
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Lawrencetown & Valley West	37 54	14 09	9 08		1 82	25 00 16 20	$ 42 06 \\ 89 55 $	18 71
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Lindon	15 62	9 76	9 77	0 72	$ \begin{array}{c} 0 & 72 \\ 1 & 96 \end{array} $		14 34	******
Liverpool Lockeport	31 06	7 31	7 32	1 46	1 46	12 50	$ \begin{array}{r} 39 & 07 \\ 61 & 11 \end{array} $	5 30. 54 50
low. Economy & Five Islands.	166 97	55 75	55 75	11 15	11 15	17 94	258 71	270 85
ower Granville	$ 18 \ 67 \\ 26 \ 38 $	$ \begin{array}{r} 13 & 39 \\ 6 & 80 \end{array} $	11 05	2 21	2 22	14 00	61 54	50 00
Lower Stewlacke	3 76	2 35		$ \begin{array}{c} 1 & 36 \\ 0 & 47 \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{c} 1 & 37 \\ 0 & 47 \end{array} $		42 71	58 50
Junenburg	12 20	7 00	7 00	1 40	1 40	8 50	$9 40 \\ 37 50$	83 53
Jahon Town	12 20	7 00	7 00	1 40	1 40		29 00	$ 35 81 \\ 20 00 $
laboulaccan	$ \begin{array}{c} 21 & 58 \\ 2 & 80 \end{array} $	10 05	10 05	2 01	2 01		45 70	43 70
lanchester	2 80 9 16	$ \begin{array}{r} 1 75 \\ 5 72 \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{r} 1 75 \\ 5 13 \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{c} 0 & 35 \\ 1 & 14 \end{array} $	0 35	5 00	$12 \ 00$	23 00.
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ew Glasgow	52 47	10 95	8 50	1 70	0 23 1 70		5 50 75 32	1 50
ew Germany	39 27	61 81	12 25	2 45	2 46	48 64		40 25 126 55
ew Harbour	7 50	3 75	3 75	0 75	0 75		16 50	19 00
ew Ross.	33 03 12 00	16 87	15 25	3 05	3 05	10 00	81 25	16 00
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orth Temple, Ohio	16 60	51 37	10 38	2 07	2 08	8 00	90 50	24
nslow East	26 95 17 00	9 51 3 75	0 13	0 02	0 03		36 64 1	122 95.
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ne Grove	1 40	20 25	0 25	0 05	0 05	24 00	46 00	2 50
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Pleasantville	\$ 10 18	8 1 01	\$ 1 31	0.000	0.00			1
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Port Hillford	20 90	19 99	10 56		2 12	*****	55 68	12 25
Port Medway	4 00	2 50	2 50				10 00	
Prince Street, Truro Pubnico	146 00 5 80		83 13 1 75			126 00		
Pugwash	10 60	6 75 6 75	$ \begin{array}{r} 1 75 \\ 4 75 \end{array} $	0 35	0 35	•••••	15 00	7 00
Ragged Islands 1st	11 40	4 00	4 00			38 65	24 00 59 65	4 25 109 45
Ragged Islands 2nd	3 00					2 00	5 00	10 00
Rawdon	11 05 29 00	16 37	2 38	0 48	0 47		30 75	28 50
River Hebert	29 00	$ 15 00 \\ 4 75 $	$ 15 00 \\ 4 75 $	3 00 0 95	3 00 0 95		65 00	66 00
Sable River	0 40	2 25	0 25	0 05	0 05	7 00	$ 35 50 \\ 10 00 $	$ \begin{array}{c} 20 & 25 \\ 22 & 00 \end{array} $
Sackville	2 40	1 25	1 25	0 25	0 25		5 00	22 00
Sandy Cove	7 00	2 20				19 80	29 00	8 30
Seal Harbour.	4 00 2 00	2 50	2 50	0 50	0 50		10 00	5 00
Springfield	8 00	5 00	5 00	1 00	1 00	23 00	$ \begin{array}{c} 2 & 00 \\ 43 & 00 \end{array} $	26 33
Spring Hill	10 00	14 75	2 50	0 50	0 50	20 30	48 55	10 00
St. Margaret's Bay 1st	0 80	0 50	0 50	0 10	0 10	11 25	13 25	16 00
St. Margaret's Bay 2nd	6 40	2 75	2 75	0 55	0 55		13 00	16 40
St. Mary's Bay	$ \begin{array}{c cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$58 06 \\ 0 75$	8 06	1 62	1 62	8 20	90 46	18 37
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Tancook	11 70	3 25	3 25	0 65	0 65	00 00	19 50	33 90
Temple, Yarmouth	93 10	46 30	46 33	9 26	9 28	25 40	229 67	207 25
Tiverton	4 20	2 63	2 62	0 52	0 53		10 50	
Tracadie Tusket	184 4061	$ \begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 3 \\ 75 \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{r} 1 \\ 3 \\ 75 \end{array} $	0 23 0 75	0 23 0 75	1 25	5 85	2 00
Upper Londonderry	37 26	18 29	18 30	3 66	3 66	$ 33 50 \\ 30 00 $	$83 11 \\111 17$	69 56 24 00
Upper Stewiacke	14 40	2 75	2 75	0 55	0 55	11 00	32 00	28 00
Upper Wilmot.	43 20	34 88	15 55	3 13	3 10	15 65	115 51	88 75
Walton						3 00	3 00	5 00
Waterville Wentworth	1 00			•••••			1 00	7 00
Westchester	1 00						$ \begin{array}{c} 1 & 00 \\ 1 & 00 \end{array} $	•••••
West Brook	0 40	0 25	0 25	0 05	0 05		1 00	4 00
Westport	65 06	28 29	26 29	5 26	5 27	11 25	141 42	26 50
Wood's Harbour Wilmot	564 7653	1 65	1 65	0 33	0 34		9 61	13 00
Wilmot Mountain	8 08	$ 32 32 \\ 5 05 $	$ \begin{array}{r} 30 & 34 \\ 5 & 06 \end{array} $	6 06 1 02	6 08 1 01	31 50	$ \begin{array}{ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$147 46 \\ 20 00$
Windsor	190 69	115 06	63 77	12 76	12 76	55 00	450 04	450 76
Windsor Plains	3 60	2 25	2 25	0 45	0 45		9 00	
Weymouth	16 80	2 50	0 50	0 10	0 10	5 00	25 00	12 50
Yarmouth 3rd, (Deerfield) Yarmouth South, (Chebogue)	28 10 21 57	$ \begin{array}{ccc} 20 & 31 \\ 34 & 75 \end{array} $	16 32	$ \begin{array}{r} 3 26 \\ 2 35 \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{r} 8 27 \\ 2 35 \end{array} $	2 00	73 26	22 51
Yarmouth West, (Chegoggin)	20 38	$ \begin{array}{r} 34 75 \\ 6 25 \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{c} 11 \\ 75 \\ 6 \\ 25 \end{array} $	1 25	2 35	26 00	$\begin{array}{ccc} 72 & 77 \\ 61 & 38 \end{array}$	73 25 46 50
rarmouth 1st	203 83	179 18	104 76	20 92	20 99	19 40	549 08	501 44
Halifax, (African)	13 00	7 00	8 00	1 00	1 00		30 00	
MISCELLANEOUS.								
Jacob L. Archibald, Halifax		4 00					4 00	
J. M. Freeman, Pleasant River.	4 00	2 50	2 50	0 50	0 50		10 00	
Jacob Spicer for F.M., 3; Afri-	1 10	0.00			0.00			
can Association Balance Eastern N. S. Asso ^o n	1 12	3 70	0 70	0 14	0 15		5 81	
Pleasant River, 1; Friend in	25 93	16 21	16 21	3 25	3 24		64 84	
Halifax, 1	2 00						2 00	
Halifax, 1 Nathan Durkee, 1; Mrs. Jos.								
Archibald, Bedford, 1	2 00						2 00	
Shubenacadie, H.M., 2; Mrs. C. Sandford, for Bimli. 5	2 00	5 00					7 00	
Cape Breton sister, 2; Brook-		0.00					7 00	
lyn, Annapolis, 1	3 00					·····	3 00	

Statement of Moneys contributed by the N. S. Churches, etc .-- Continued.

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Aid Educational Institutions. 2 amount Ministerial A and Relief. Ministerial Education. Women's M. Societies. Home Missions. CHURCHES, ETC. ast year's amount. Missions Foreign Total last. J. H. McKim, 2; Annapolis Quarterly Meeting, 2..... David Thompson, 1; Hillsdale, 2; Delhaven, 2..... . 8 4 00 4 00 5 00 Stronach Mountain, 1; Kings 5 00 Co., 2. Co., 2..... Ingram River, 2; Halifax, 1... J. Bew, Arichat, 14.50; R. P. Trefry, 1... 3 00 8 00 3 00 3 00 3 50 \$ 12 00 Mrs. Doane, Lakeville, Yar'th. Port George, 2; Brookfield, 15 50 10 00 Port George, 2; Brookheid, Digby, 1... Mrs. Jos. Archibald, Bedford... Waterford, Digby, 1; Cheerful Gleaner, Halifax. Nappan, 1; J. G. A., 3.50; Lakeside, Yarmouth, 10... Chance Harbor, 2; Johnston's Crossing, 4... Kings Co. Mission, 10; Mrs. Webber, Ship Harbor Lake... 8. E. S. for chapel, Bimli, 10; 10 00 3 00 3 00 0 80 0 50 \$ 0 50 \$ 0 10 \$ 0 10 2 00 13 50 13 50 14 50 14 50 2 00 4 00 6 00 Webber, Ship Harbor Lake...
8. E. S. for chapel, Bimli, 10; Lakeside, Yarmouth, 15....
A. Allan, Brazil Lake, 1; be-quest Thomas Wilson, Mass-town, Colchester Co., for Foreign Missions, 200......
Hants Co. Quarterly Meeting...
Jolicure, 50; Chas. Pinkney, Smith's Cove.......... 4 40 2 75 0 55 0 55 11 00 25 00 25 00 1 00 200 00 201 00 50 00 50 00 0 90 0 25 0 25 0 05 0 05 1 50 Donations to Aid Societies ***** \$172 78 172 78 Other amounts from N. S. sent to X. Z. Chipman for Education 44 80 44 80

Statement of Moneys contributed by the N. S. Churches, etc.-Continued.

Total from Nova Scotia: --Home Missions, \$5,320.27; Foreign Missions, \$3,438.16; Educational Institutions, \$1.934.71; Ministerial Aid and Relief, \$377.90; Ministerial Education, \$377.13; Women's Missionary Aid Societies, \$2,212.56; Total amount, \$13,660.73.

The following churches have no contributions after their names, and are therefore taken from the above tables: Amherst Shore, Beulah, Dalhousie West, Horton 3rd, (New Minas), Lower Sable River, Maitland, Preston 1st, Preston 2nd, St. Mary's 1st, Wallace, Williamsdale and Millvale. African Association—Bear River, Beech Hill, Bridgetown, Cornwallis, Dartmouth, Digby Joggins, Falmouth, Fundy Sectiou, Greenville, Hammonds Plains, Horton, Preston 2nd, (St. Thomas), Preston 3rd, Weymouth Falls, Preston 1st,

STATEMENT OF MONEYS CONTRIBUTED BY THE NEW BRUNSWICK CHURCHES FOR THE OBJECTS EMBRACED IN THE CONVENTION SCHEME, AND A LIST OF THE TOTAL AMOUNTS GIVEN LAST YEAR.

CHURCHES, ETC.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Educational Institutions.	Ministerial Aid and Relief.	Ministerial Education.	Women's M. A. Societies.	'otal amount.	ast year's amount.
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		1	1	1	1	1		1
Aberdeen Albert		•••••	•••••			\$ 90 75	\$ 91 75	\$ 0 50
Alma			\$ 0 75	\$ 0 15		¢ 00 10	\$ 31 75 3 00	38 30
Andover	22 22	21 38	1 39	0 28	0 28		45 55	
Arthurette	4 53		2 83	0 57	0 57		11 33	
Baillie	1 00						1 00	
Bay/ide	3 33	2 08			*****		******	2 00
Birch Ridge Blackville			$ \begin{array}{c} 2 & 09 \\ 1 & 25 \end{array} $	0 41 0 25			8 33	
Blissville	~ 00	1 20	1 20	0 20	0 20		5 00	
Bloomfield	0 18	0 11	0 11	0 03			0 45	10 00
Bright, (A rican)	0 40		0 25	0 05			1 00	
Brussels Street, (St. John)	43 61	59 35	18 38	3 66	3 68			
Butternut Ridge	19 34	9 15	6 15	1 23		23 00		
Caledonia	8 20		1 75	0 35	0 35		17 80	
Calvary, (African) Campbellton	$ \begin{array}{c c} 0 & 40 \\ 28 & 00 \end{array} $		0 25	0 05			1 00	
Cambridge 1st	2 50	1 56	17 50 1 56			58 11	70 00 64 36	
Cambridge 2nd	23 70		8 04	1 61				
Cambridge Lower			0.04			25 00		
Canning and Sheffield	4 96	3 10	3 10	0 62			12 40	8 64
Cardigan	5 06		3 16				12 65	3 25
Carleton, (St. John)	41 40		16 50				148 43	66 39
Carlisle	0 28	0 17	0 18	0 03			0 70	
Centreville, Carleton Co	23 70	9 48	6 38	1 28			45 62	
Chipman Coverdale 1st	6 00 7 49		1 54	0 31	0 31	12 50	24 50 11 15	8 75
Coverdale 2nd	1 21	1 0.0	1 94	0 31	0 31		11 15	$11 50 \\ 13 30$
Dorchester	21 70	9 82	9 82	1 98	1 97	29 75	75 04	58 04
Dumfries and Queensbury								
Elgin 1st	28 43	23 01	16 53	3 31	3 31	7 00	81 59	35 63
Elgin 2nd								11 00
Elgin 3rd	2 57	1 70	1 70	0 23			6 43	
Fairville	$ \begin{array}{c} 1 5 \\ 9 00 \end{array} $	0 34	0 35	0 07	0 07		2 37	100 00
Flørenceville Florenceville East	2 44	7 34	5 01	1 00		7 25	30 61 6 10	34 35
Forest Glen, Victoria Co	11 93	1 83	$ 1 52 \\ 1 84 $	0 30	0 31		16 34	24 65 2 17
Forest Glen, Albert Co	1 49	0 88	0 88	0 18	0 18		3 52	1 49
Fredericton	239 82	156 61	136 62	27 32		30 00		749 18
Gagetown Upper								18 18
Germain Street, (St. John)	128 38	45 23	30 24	6 05	6 05		315 95	239 00
Germantown	9 24	8 02	2 03	0 40			20 10	
Grand Falls	4 36 0 40	2 72	2 73	0 55	0 54		10 90	
Grand Lake 1st Grand Lake 2nd	0 52	$ \begin{array}{c} 0 & 25 \\ 0 & 32 \end{array} $	0 25 0 33	0 05			62 00 1 30	$ \begin{array}{r} 13 & 09 \\ 39 & 00 \end{array} $
Greenwich Hill	0 40	0 25	0 35	0 05	0 05	8 00		34 82
Hainesville Lower		0 40	0 40	0 00	0 00	0 00		10 27
Hammond								6 00
Hampton Station	10 00	10 00					20 00	7 14
Hampton Village	16 78	22 86	9 87	1 97	1 9.	18 20	71 66	42 80
Harvey 1st Harvey 2nd	24 54	9 59	9 59	1 92	1 93		47 57	6 00
Harvey 2nd	******		******		*****			14 42
Hillsborough 1st	74 60	39 75	39 75	7 95	7 95	50 76	220 76	180 40
Hillsborough 2nd Hillsborough 3rd		0 80	0 80	0 16	0 16	•••••	3 16	2 24
Hillsborough 4th		$ 15 00 \\ 1 17 $	1 18	0 23	0 24		15 (0 4 70	0 40
Hodgdon and Richmond	4 10	$\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{55}$	2 57	0 23			10 25	6 25
Hopewell	53 60	17 25	17 25	3 45	3 45	34 00	129 00	115 60
Jacksontown	16 09	14 35	8 51	1 70	1 70	9 00	51 35	31 20
Jacksonville	11 80	7 62	1 13	0 22	0 23	11 50	32 50	42 92
Jemseg	2 68	4 10	1 68	0 33	0 34	24 00	33 13	19 84

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Statement of Moneys contributed by the N. B. Churches, etc.-Continued.

I-h	Home	MISSI011S,	Foreign		Educational	mmmsnr	Ministerial . and Relief.	Mlnisterial	Education	Women's M Societies.	Total amount.	Last year s amount.
Johnson 2nd	\$ 1	20	\$ 01	12 9	8 0	13	\$ 0 03	130	02		\$ 1.50	3 3 00
Kars Keswick 1st	0	23	0 1	4	0	15	0 03	0	03		0 58	5 8 30
Keswick and	4	**			****	**						18 00
Kingsclear 1st	2	$\frac{80}{69}$		99	3		0 60	0 0	60		16 09	3 00
Kingsclear 2nd	0		03	16		$\frac{38}{38}$	0 08		07			
edge, Dufferin	9	20	3 6			62	0 52		08			15 50
Kingsclear 1st. Kingsclear 2nd. Ledge, Dufferin Leinster Street, (St. John).	58	50	97 8		30		6 00			\$110 25		
Attie South west										0110 20	000 00	
didlow												$1 00 \\ 3 00$
Aacnaquack Laugerville. Aill Cove Loucton 1st	21	-5	10 1		6 :	25	1 25		25	18 50	59 10	
faugervine.	11	76	6 7	2	6	74	1 34	1	35		27 91	
foucton 1st	182	04	145 4	: *	110	**		****		******	7 04	9 75
lusquash & Dipper Harbor.	9		$ 145 4 \\ 2 5 $		112 4	50	$22 50 \\ 0 50$	22	0	55 00		A.G. 00
Iusquash & Dipper Harbor. Jashwaak. Jew Canuan			~ 0	1	~ 1	00	0 50	0	50		15 00	
ew Canaan	4 1	00	10 0	ò.							14 00	1 00
ewcastle, Grand Lake	1 :	20	0 7		0 7	75	0 15	0	15		3 00	
ewcastle Up. & Northfield. lewcastle, Northumberland.		• •										1 00
lew Horton		14	20 5		8 1	16	1 64	1	63		87 14	58 17
lew Jerusalem	7 1	50	7 5	0	• • • • •				••		15 00	
ew Maryland	0 :	:	0 1:		0.1		0.00	•••••	**	• • • • • • • •		6 00
ew Salem	0.	60	0 1	2	0 1	1.3	0 02	0	03		0 50	0 50
orth River						•			•••			12 92
orton	6 3	59	2 24	4	2 2	4	0 45	0	46		11 98	12 10
ak Bay	8.8		6 26	5	2 3	7	0 47				18 38	28 01
orton. ak Bay livet. (African), Otnabog ennfield.	0 4		0 25		0 2		0 05	0	05		1 00	
enobsquis	97		7 16		2 6		0 53	0	51.		20 64	31 95
eskehegan	7 8	50	4 87	7	48	8	0 97	0	98		19 50	1 00
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OIDL DE DOTE	16 2		0.10	1	3 1	v	0 64	0	02		12 75	14 50
oint Midgic ort Elgin ortland						1				8 50	$ 16 25 \\ 8 50 $	8 83
ort Elgin	3 5									0.00	3 55	8 00 9 43
ortland	21 0		15 00		10 0		2 00	2 (00	42 75	92 75	159 70
rince William	0 8		5 50		0.5		0 10	0	10.		7 00	12 00
ueensbury Upper ichmond South ockland.	4 5		1 56		1 5		0 31				8 25	9 25
ockland	$ \begin{array}{c} 0 & 2 \\ 10 & 6 \end{array} $		$ \begin{array}{c} 0 & 12 \\ 3 & 50 \end{array} $		0 1		0 03				0 50	12 70
ockport	0 6		0 39		3 50		0 70 0 08	0 0			19 00	46 84
ollingdamothesay	3 2		2 04		2 0		0 41	0 -		1 75	$ 3 33 \\ 8 18 $	2 00
othesay	4 0	0.									4 00	• • • • • • • •
ckville	201 6		108 93		34 5:	2	6 91	6 9	1	57 54	416 45	163 60
lisbury 1st lisbury 2nd	5 3	0	3 31		3 3:	2	0 67	0 (57	10 00	23 27	2 71
lmon Creek												3 15
It Springs	08		0 50		0 50		0 10	0 1		12 29	14 29	52 97
otchtown	4 0		1 25	Ŀ.,	1 28		0 25	0 2	э.		5 00	
cond Falls, St. George	13 2		9 85	••	8 31		1 68	1 6	÷ *	4 00	4 00 .	
rediac	15 1:		22 57		5 08		1 01	10			38 78 44 80	13 00
nithtown. Hampton	4 0	0.				1.					4 00	$ \begin{array}{r} 32 & 00 \\ 0 & 72 \end{array} $
oringfield, York Co	0 8		0 50		0 50)	0 10	01	0.		2 00	10 10
ringheld 1st. Kings	5 64	0	3 37		2 88		0 57	0 5			13 50 .	10 10
Andrew's 1st	2 80		2 75		1 75		0 35	0 3	5		8 00	5 15
Andrew's 1st	1 40		0 88		0 88		0 18	01			3 52	3 (4
Andrew's 2nd	41 30		$ 1 08 \\ 39 62 $		$1 08 \\ 12 64$		$\begin{array}{c} 0 & 21 \\ 2 & 52 \end{array}$	$ \begin{array}{c} 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 5 \end{array} $		57 75	4 31 .	:
. Martin's 1st	62 3:		37 08		37 08		2 52 7 42	2074		57 75	156 37	10 37
. Martin's 2nd	5 80		2 99		3 01		0 60	0 6		12 50	$ \begin{array}{r} 151 & 32 \\ 25 & 50 \end{array} $	149 22
. Mary's	6 00)								12 00	6 00 .	21 75
. Stephen	18 92	2	59 33		9 34		1 88	18	9	20 25	111 61	88 85
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ssex mperance Vale	96 50 0 80		54 76 0 50	÷	39 23 0 50		7 84 0 10	78		9 50	215 68 2 00	78 5)

CHURCHES, ETC.	Home	Missions,	Foreion .	Missions.		Educational Institutions.		Ministerial Aid	and Relief.	Miniotowio1	Education.			Women's M. A.	portentes.	Total amount	TOWN WITTORITY.	Last year's amount.
Upham Valley Church, Hillsboro' Wakefield Wickham Lower Wildow Grove Windsor Woodstock, Main St.) Woodstock, (Albert St.) Johnson 1st MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS.	11 0 0 0	90 40 20 80	\$ 10 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	5 63) 25) 12) 50	\$	21	25.302	000	02			5 . 3 . 4 .		11	50	1 25 0 2		$\begin{array}{c} 0 & \$ & 1 & 29 \\ 57 & 10 \\ 0 & 3 & 00 \\ 0 & 24 & 25 \\ 0 & 0 & 90 \\ 0 & 5 & 00 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & $
Cumberland Creek S. School. Mrs. E. C. Corey A Friend, St. John Anonymoust Carleton and Victoria Quar- terly Meeting	0 0 0 11	40 80 10 64	0000	50 25 50 06 27		0 2 0 5 0 0 7 2	506	0	05 10 01	0		· · ·					00 00 25	
Bear Island, York Co Grand Bay. A. Flemming, 1; Mrs. Lan- gip, 1; Mrs. A. Davis, 1. Rev. W. D. Manzer Thank Offering, St. John	10 (02	35	00		• • • •			••						•	22 35	00 02 00 00	
Baltimore Mrs. J. P. McDonald, 2; Miss McDonald, 1. Rev. E. C. Corey and wife J. Atkinson, Southampton Passakeag, 1; Fairfield, 3;	2 (3 (5 (0 4	00.								••••	••••	•••	•••	•••		2 35	00 00 00	
Westfield, 2.35. T. L. Dienaide, St. John. Free Baptist sister, 1; St. Mary's, 5. A Friend, 1; McDonald's Cor- ner Sunday School, 7.12					••••	••••		••••		••••		•••	•••	•••		1	00	
Westmorland Point: 1; Fred- ericton Junction, 2 Rev. J. E. Fillmore, 2; Rev. E. C. Corey and wife, 2 Bryfield, 1; J. H. Fowler, 2;	8 1 1 6	•		00.	•••				•				•••	••••		3	00	·····
A lady, 2. A Friend, 0.25; Albert Quar- terly Meeting, 12.12.	1 2		2			75		0 1			15		•••				00	

Statement of Moneys contributed by the N. B. Churches, etc.-Continued.

Total from New Brunswick :--Home Missions, \$2023.41; Foreign Missions, \$1401.84; Educational Institutions, \$787.28; Ministerial Aid and Relief, \$157.34; Ministerial Education, \$157.61; Women's Missionary Aid Societies, \$1088.29; Total, \$5615.77.

The following churches have no contributions after their names, and are therefore taken from the above tables :-Avondale, Benton. Buctouche. Canterbury 1st. Canterbury 2nd. Cocaigne, Coverdale 3rd, Esk, North, (Whitneyville.) Lumsden.Maple Grove, (Knoxford), Maple Ridge. Moneton 2nd, Pollett River, Simonds Middle, St. George 2nd, (Mascareen), Weidford, Woodstock Lower, Bocabec.

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STATEMENT OF MONEYS CONTRIBUTED BY THE PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND CHURCHES FOR THE OBJECTS EMBRACED IN THE CONVENTION SCHEME AND A LIST OF THE TOTAL AMOUNTS GIVEN LAST YEAR.

CHURCHES, ETC.	Home	Missions.	Foreign	Missions.	Ful	Institutions	Australiantions.	Ministerial Aid	and Relief.	Ministerial	Education.	Woman't W	Societies.	Total amount.		Last year's amount.	
Alexandra	\$ 20	44	\$ 15	2 78	\$ 1	2	78	\$2	56	\$2	56	\$ 4	6 00	\$ 97	12	\$145	00
Alma	11	20		75730		0			15	0	15	•••	• • • •	3 29	00		
Bedeque	11			3 42		7:			46 28				7 00			34 52	
Belfast	15			81		5 1			16	i	17					36	
Belmont	3		2	2 11	1	2			43	0	42			8	46	21	
Cape Wolfe	0			50		0			10	0	10			2	00		
Cavendish	30) 73		5			15				3 00			67	
harlottetown	26	40		5 15 5 25		5			25 05				• • • •		00	20	00
llyde River Dundas	4	4)		2 75		2			55						00		
Cast Point	58			5)		5			10	3	10	2	5 00	121	00	73	
Emy Vale	4			2 50		2 4	50		50								00
airview	7	01	- 4	38		4:	39	0	88	0	88	1	0 00				
ot 10 Iontague	15	43		39		8	10		68	1	68	***		35		5 44	
furray River	17			87		0 1			18	2	17					35	
North River	22			3 75		3			75	2	75	2	6 00	81	00	61	
PLeary Road t. Peter's Road							• •									6	
t. Peter's Road	28			73		1			35		34		0 4)			23	
ummerside	14			5 26 3 00		5 :			06 6)		60	***	5 00				
vne Vallev	3			00		2 (40								
Jigg	31	84	8	65		8 (65	1	73	1	73			52	60		
yon Valley Jigg Vest River Rev. D. G. McDonald	34			25		1 :			25		25	1	9 00	104	00	59	
tev. D. G. McDonald	1			•••		• • •	••	***	••		**	•••	• • • •	1	00		• •
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Rev. A. H. Lavers, balance								* *									
Convention Fund		62 40	\$ 1	01	\$	1 (02	\$0	20	\$0	21	•••	• • • •	\$ 4	00		• • •
C. E. Gates, Brookline, Mass. Lady in New York, 5; sundry	0	TO	0	20		0 4	60	0	00	0	00		• • • •		00		• •
donations for Bible work	5	00	43	00										48	00		
riend of Missions, 12.50;																	
Thank offering, 10.00	12													22	50		• •
ister Rice, Brookline, Mass.		00															
Friend, 2; Stewards, 2 Ir. and Mrs. A. J. Gordon,		00					••				••		••••	*	00		•••
New Westminster	2	00												2	00		
Ir. Dimock, Riviere du Loup.														5	00		• •
Rev. J. T. Eaton, 5; Rev. I.	0.						1							05	00		
C. Archibald, 20 liss B. C. Jenks, New York.	20	40	0	95		0 2	25		05	0	05	•••				••••	
yfe Miss. Society, Toronto				00													
ornwall, Eng., 2; Rev. W.																	
ornwall, Eng., 2; Rev. W. H. Robinson, 4	3	60	1	00		1 (00	0	20	0	20			6	00		• •
liss M. Hicks, Hartford, 3;		~~								1.1					00		
W. H. R., 2. has. Sutherland, 5; S. C.	0	00		•••	•••	• • •	••	••••		****	••		••••	0	00	•••••	••
Morrison, East Cambridge,																	
Mass., 1	2	40	1	50	1	1 (50	0	30	0	30			6	00		
Irs. Geo. Churchill, 1? Miss																	
M. Hicks, 5; Miss Annie Scott, Mass., 7		0.0				a .		0		0	an			10	00		
Scott, Mass., 7	33	20		25		3 2			65 22	4	00	••••		13 84		•••••	••
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Mission Board	439	37												439	37		
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\$546 27 \$131 38 \$ 28 39 \$ 5 67 \$ 5 69 \$717 40

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	Home Míssions,	Foreign Míssions,	Educational Institutions,	Ministerial Aid and Relief.	Mfnisteríal Education,	Women's M. A. Societies.	Total amount.	Last year's amount.
From Nova Scotia "N. Brunsw'k "P. E. Island "General receipts., Bal. from last year	$ \begin{array}{r} 355 & 6 \\ 546 & 2 \\ 47 & 0 \end{array} $	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$ \begin{array}{r} 35 & 62 \\ 5 & 67 \\ 54 & 77 \\ \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{r} 157 & 61 \\ 35 & 61 \\ 5 & 69 \\ 39 & 11 \end{array} $	1088 29 241 40	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	5160 83 937 34 433 35
Grand totals Payments		-			001 00	0016 20	20/09 44	******
Balances	\$ 98 8	\$ 166 38	\$ 43 83	\$ 76 40	\$260 25		\$ 312 95	

Yarmouth, N. S., August 18, 1887.

G. E. DAY, Financial Agent and Treasurer.

* The sum of \$37.51 was received by Home Mission Board and incorporated in their report after I had closed my books. This amount is therefore carried to new account.

† Deducting \$1,032.00 which was credited to Acadia College, and objected to as only belonging to College receipts, the total contributions this year are \$3,077.33 more than they were last year.

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First Yarmouth	đ		
Rawdon	\$	3 35	Fairville, N.
TTUFO.		3 00	Falmouth.
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FINANCIAL AGENT'S EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

Yarmouth, N. S., August 18, 1887.

NOVA SCOTIA WESTERN.

The Nova Scotia WESTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION met in its Thirty-seventh Annual Session with the Digby Baptist Church, June 18-21, 1887, the Moderator, Rev. W. H. Warren, in the chair.

After a brief season spent in devotional exercises, the following list of delegates was read :

From the Churches, —Rev. F. E. Rouleau, Mrs. Everett, Rev. W. H. Warren, Benj. Miller, J. B. Reed, Valentine Eaton, John Brooks, A. Thomas, Smith Allen, Rev. W. H. Richan, Rev. J. I. DeWolf, W. H. Goudy, T. Corning, Rev. E. N. Archibald, W. Long, J. Potter, F. Williams, C. Whitman, W. Spurr, B. L. Telfer, Rev. J. S. Brown, J. F. Saunders, W. Watt, G. M. White, J. Ross, J. W. Cousins, Rev. J. C. Morse, W. Cornwall, J. A. Cowan, W. C. Denton, Rev. S. H. Cornwall, H. Denton, Rev. W. A. J. Bleakney, Rev. G. H. Goudy, I. Thurber, B. Havey, Rev. J. L. M. Young, E. Clark, R. Clark, H. H. Chute, T. Dunn, C. Winchester, J. S. Sulis, G. S. Sulis, J. G. Dyer, J. Cornwall, Rev. A. Cohoon, W. R. Doty, R. R. Crosby, N. Durkee, G. M. Rose, E. Brinton, J.R. Hill, Rev. W. L. Parker, S. T. Bacon, R. Reed, W. H. Marshall, E. Bacon, W. J. Warne, C. Hardy, T. Hardy, Rev. J. E. Bleakney, J. Kempton, Rev. A. Cogswell, Rev. J. W. Weeks, G. Kempton, M. Ringer, Rev. F. Potter, Rev. I. Wallace, W. J. Croscup, B. W. Shainer, W. H. Jenkins, (Lic.), S. Sproui, Rev. R. D. Porter, M. C. Beals, J. G. Charlton, J. Beals, L. R. Morse, M. D., J. B. Ganong, (Lic.), J. Ford, Rev. J. A. Ford, C. Kent, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Edgar, Miss Edgar, P. Whitman, S. Whitman, H. Babeer, J. K. Sabean, W. Mullen, J. G. Nowlan, W. C. Shafner, B. H. Parker, C. Fitch, A. Gates, S. Barteaux, Rev. J. A. Stubbert, Z C. Vickery, W. Moses, Rev. J. W. Tingley, C. Skinner, T. A. Neiley, H. Vales, Rev. P. R. Foster, Rev. A. L. Powell, W. Hains, A. McDonald, H. McNeill, N. R. Westcott, C. Marshall, J. C. Grimm, S. Jeffery, A. S. Lent, J. A. Hatfield, Mrs. B. Richards, Rev. J. B. Woodland, A. Kinney, Mrs. Woodland, Mrs. L. Allen, Rev. J. Rowe, L. Baker, C. C. Chute, J. Harris, J. W. Clark, Rev. G. F. Mainwaring, C. S. Phinney, S. W. Jackson, A. Wilson, J. Ray, T. Munroe, Rev. W. Spencer, C. Mullen, J. Kinney, A. Kinney, W. C. Hankinson, Rev. J. H. Saunders, Rev. H. F. Adams, Rev. G. E. Day, D.D., W. H. Gridley, W. E. Heuusis, F. A. Newth, J. E. Nickerson, W. Corning, C. Doty, M

Delegate from N.S. Central Association,-G. R. Margeson.

Iavited,-Rev. C. Goodspeed, M.A., Rev. E. O. Read, Rev. A. E. Ingram, Rev. I. E. Bill, D.D., J. Smith, S. Whitman, G. A. McDonald, G. Clements.

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The following officers were then elected for the year :

Moderator,-Rev. J. H. Saunders. Secretary,-Rev. J. W. Weeks. Assistant-Secretary,-Rev. J. W. Tingley. Treasurer,-Dea. L. Baker. Assistant-Treasurer,-S. N. Jackson.

Rev. Isaiah Wallace offered prayer. The following committees were appointed :

To Examine Letters. - Revds. A. Cohoon, W. H. Richan, J. I. DeWolf.

On Questions in Letters.-Revds. W. H. Richan, G. E. Day, D.D., E. N. Archibald, I. E. Bill, W. H. Warren, H. N. Parry, A. Cohoon.

To Read Letters.-Revds. Isa. Wallace, G. H. Goudey, W. H. Warren.

On Education.-Revds. J. B. Woodland, J. W. Tingley, J. I. De-Wolf, C. Goodspeed.

On Circular Letter.—Revds. J. I. DeWolf, W. H, Richan, J. L. M. Young.

On Denominational Literature.—Revds. G. E. Day, D.D., J. A. Ford, J. E. Bleakney.

On Missions.-Revds. J. Rowe, A. Cohoon, P. R. Foster.

On Sabbath Schools.-Revds. H. F. Adams, W. L. Parker, F. Potter.

On Temperance.—Revds. J. H. Saunders, G. H. Goudey, W. A. J. Bleakney, E. N. Archibald.

On Obituaries .- Revds. R. D. Porter, W. H. Warren, W. L. Parker.

The Committee of Arrangements reported in part, and their report was adopted.

The reading of the Letters occupied the remainder of the session.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. J. C. Morse.

Saturday—Afternoon Session.

Opened with prayer by Rev. H. F. Adams. Minutes of previous session read and approved. The reading of the Letters was resumed. The Ccmmittee of Arrangements reported as follows :

That the Committee on Sabbath Schools report this afternoon. That the report on Temperance be presented this evening. That the report on Education be read Monday morning. That the report on

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Denominational Literature be presented Monday afternoon. That Sabbath appointments be as follows: Digby Baptist-Rev. I. E. Bill, D.D., Rev. H. F. Adams; Digby Methodist-Rev. C. Goodspeed, Rev. A. Cohoon; Digby Presbyterian-Rev. G. E. Day, D.D.; other churches to be supplied by Revds. W. H. Richan, J. A. Stubbert, J. A. Ford, I. Wallace, J. Rowe, G. F. Mainwaring, S. G. Cornwall, H. N. Parry, J. B. Woodland, E. O. Read, J. I. DeWolf, J. W. Tingley, A. L. Powell, E. N. Archibald, A. Cogswell, A. E. Ingram, J. E. Bleakney, W. Spencer, J. L. M. Young, I. E. Bill, W. A. J. Bleakney, J. H. Saunders.

Report adopted, with the exception of the clause referring to Sabbath Schools.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. A. Cogswell.

Saturday-Evening Session.

Opened with prayer by Rev. J. A. Stubbert.

Minutes of previous session read and approved.

Report on Temperance was presented, and spoken to by Revds. J. H. Saunders, W. H. Richan, J. B. Woodland, J. Rowe, H. F. Adams, I. Wallace, W. H. Warren. The report was adopted. Adjourned.

Monday-Morning Session.

Opened with prayer by Rev. F. E. Rouleau.

Minutes of former session read and approved.

Report of Committee on Sabbath Schools was read, and laid on the table.

The Committee on Questions in Letters reported in part, relative to the North Temple Church, Ohio, Yarmouth Co. Report adopted.

Committee on Circular Letter reported, and recommended that it be read. The Letter was read by the writer, Rev. W. H. Warren; subject—" A plea for Scriptural methods in Christian work." It was voted that it be adopted as the Letter of this Association, and forwarded to the churches.

Voted, that the editor of the Messenger and Visitor be requested to publish the Association Sermon and the Letter.

On motion, the report of the Committee on Education was read, and laid on the table.

Report on Sabbath Schools was again taken up, and adopted. Adjourned with prayer by Rev. A. E. Ingram.

Monday---Afternoon Session.

Opened with prayer by Rev. J. A. Ford. Minutes of previous session read and approved.

Resolved, That the reading of the report on Denominational Literature be deferred, and the Free Baptist delegation received.

The credentials of Rev. Messrs. Atwood and Crowell were read by the Moderator. These brethren were introduced, and addressed the Association. On motion, they were invited to seats in the Association.

The report on Denominational Literature was then read, and spoken to by Revds. C. Goodspeed, I. Wallace, G. E. Day, D.D., Bro. G. A. McDonald, and others.

The following resolution was submitted and passed :

That, having listened with pleasure to the fraternal greetings of the Free Baptist denomination, conveyed to us by Revds. C. B. Atwood and E. Crowell, we do heartily reciprocate the kindly feelings expressed, and trust that the brotherly love between the two denominations will not only continue, but increase until it culminates in organic union;

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by this Association to attend the next meeting of the Free Baptist Conference, conveying to our brethren expressions of fraternal feelings, and our desire for a closer union, if such can be effected on a basis mutually accepted.

Report on Obituaries was presented and adopted.

The report on Education was then taken up, and discussed by Revds. A. Cohoon and G. E. Day, D.D., and laid on the table again.

Closed with prayer by Rev. E. O. Read.

Monday-Evening Session.

Opened with prayer by Rev. W. H. Richan.

Minutes of last session read and approved.

The report of committee on Missions was presented, and spoken to by Revds. J. Rowe, J. C. Morse, W. H. Warren, F. E. Rouleau, G. E. Day, D.D., A. Cohoon, and adopted.

Adjourned with benediction by Moderator.

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Tuesday-Morning Session.

Opened with prayer by Rev. H. F. Adams. Minutes of former session read and confirmed.

Resolved. That the church called Lower Sable River be known henceforth as the 2nd Sable River Church.

On behalf of the North Temple Church, Ohio, the hand of recognition was given to Rev. H. N. Parry, and the hand of fellowship to Rev. G. F. Mainwaring.

The following resolution was presented and passed.

Recognizing the excellence of the Circular Letter of this Association, and believing that a familiarity with its contents would be highly beneficial not only to the membership of our churches, but also to the people with whom we labor, therefore :

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed, and instructed to secure the publication in cheap and convenient form of a sufficient number for distribution among those who most need its wholesome truths, and that the sum of ten dollars be appropriated from the funds of the Association for this purpose.

Report of Committee on Questions in Letters was read, and on motion was considered clause by clause. The first and second clauses were with some corrections adopted, and read as follows :

Resolved, That every effort should be made by each church to ascertain the location of absentees, and to induce them to unite with the Baptist Church nearest to their respective homes but if they hear not the church. and make no effort to maintain their denominational standing either by communicating with their own church or transferring their membership it is but reasonable that after the lapse of a year their names should be erased.

Resolved, That both the dignity of our churches and ministers will be best maintained by avoiding not only the advertizing, but also the candidating system of securing pastors, as this system is adapted to create unpleasant feelings among rival candidates, and to cause unnecessary divisions among church members, whose diverse tastes will lead them to revive the old contention of calling one for Paul, another for Apollos, and another for Cephas.

We recommend the appointment of a judicious committee by pastorless churches, after seeking divine guidance in prayer, to make private inquiry by correspondence or otherwise relative to the character, standing, and abilities of ministers supposed to be available, and submit to the church the name of the person who in their judgment is best suited to the field. If this name meets the approval of the church the clerk should be instructed to inquire whether the minister named is open to a call before extending a call to him, which should be as nearly unanimous as possible. We also suggest that the Home Mission Board be utilized as a medium of correspondence between pastorless churches and unemployed ministers.

And in view of the fact that a Pastor is often unnecessarily un-

settled through the custom of giving an annual call by the church we recommend the discontinuance of this custom, and advise all our churches to engage pastors for indefinite periods, and three months notice to be given on either side, in case of any dissatisfaction or desire for a change.

The third elause referring to the difficulties in the Weymouth Church was then discussed. During the discussion the report of the committee appointed in 1886 to inquire into these difficulties was presented, and discussed, and left unfinished.

On motion Revds. J. H. Saunders, I. E. Bill, D.D., and G. E. Day, D.D., were appointed a committee to frame a resolution with reference to the Jubilee year of the Queen.

The Treasurer's report was read, and he was authorized to pass the money in hand to Dr. Day. The Report was as follows :

TREASURER'S REPORT

OF MONEYS FOR BENEVOLENT OBJECTS RECEIVED AT N. S. WESTERN ASSO-CLATION, HELD WITH THE BAPTIST CHURCH AT DIGBY, JUNE 18, 1887.

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Session closed with prayer by Dr. Bill.

Tuesday-Afternoon Session.

Opened with prayer by Rev. J. A. Stubbert.

Minutes of last session read and adopted.

The committee appointed to frame a resolution with reference to the Jubilee of the Queen reported. It was adopted and read as follows:

Resolved, That this Association recognizes with humble gratitude the merciful providence of God in preserving amidst all changes, the life of Her Gracious Majesty our beloved Queen Victoria, to celebrate the fiftieth year of Her successful reign; and that special united prayer be offered that the God of all grace will still prolong Her valuable life, and make Her reign, in the future as in the past, to Her family, to the nation, and to the world, one of purity, dignity, and glory.

Resolved, That any of the Brethren attending any of the Associations be regarded delegates from this Association.

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Resolved, That H. H. Chute, W. R. Doty, and Bro. Welch be delegates to the Convention.

Also resolved. That Revds. H. F. Adams, J. B. Woodland, J. A. Ford, W. H. Richan be a delegation to convey our kindly feelings to the Free Baptist Conference.

Moved and passed that the following resolution be substituted for the first section of the third clause of the report on Questions in Letters.

Resolved. That a committee be now appointed to visit these churches, whose duty it shall be :—

To settle if possible existing difficulties. .

To furnish from the records of these churches for the information of this body the best possible description of their condition and character, and report to the next Association.

This committee was appointed, and is composed of the following persons : Revds. E. N. Archibald, I. Wallace, I. E. Bill, W. H. Warren, J. B. Woodland.

A hearty vote of thanks was tendered to the friends of Digby, who so hospitably entertained the Association.

Report on Education was adopted.

The final report of Committee of Arrangements was presented, and adopted, and read as follows :

That Rev. H. F. Adams preach the Annual Sermon; the Rev. G. H. Goudey be his alternate. Rev. J. H. Saunders write the Circular Letter. That the next Session of the Association be held with the Clarence branch of the Paradise Church.

COMMITTEES FOR 1888.

Education,-Revds. A. Cohoon, J. B. Woodland, J. A. Ford.

Denominational Literature,—Revds. W. H. Warren, J. W. Tingley, Bros. Benj. Miller and A. W. Kinney.

Obituaries,-Revds. J. H. Saunders, J. C. Morse, G. H. Goudey.

Sabbath Schools,—Bros. S. N. Jackson, J. L. Brown, T. Shaw' H. H. Chute.

Temperance,-Revds. H. F. Adams, W. H. Richan, Bros. R. R. Crosby, and W. Corning.

Missions,-Revds. J. I. DeWolf, B. F. Nobles, J. W. Weeks, and Brother Gilbert Kempton.

Circular Letter,—Revds. E. N. Archibald, F. Potter, Deacon B. H. Parker.

Committee on Arrangements,-Revds. G. F. Mainwaring, J. Clark, J. W. Tingley, W. H. Warren, J. Rowe.

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* No report.

Questions in Letters,-Revds. J. L. M. Young, P. R. Foster, J. S. Brown and Bro. F. Williams.

Resolved, That the Minutes of this Association be printed in the Year Book as last year.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Association be extended to steamboat and railway companies for the reduction in fares.

Adjourned to meet with the Church at Clarence on the third Saturday in June, 1888, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Closed with prayer by the Moderator.

J. H. SAUNDERS, Moderator.

J. W. TINGLEY, Assistant Clerk.

J. W. WEEKS, Clerk.

NOVA SCOTIA CENTRAL.

NEW GERMANY, Saturday, June 25, 1887.

The Thirty-seventh Annual meeting of the Nova Scotia Central Baptist Association was opened in the House of Worship of New Germany Baptist Church, this day at 10 o'clock, a.m., Rev. J. W. Manning, Moderator, in the chair. After singing, prayer was offered by Rev. D. Freeman, and Rev. S. B. Kempton.

Delegates from the Churches.—Samuel Bowlby, John Palmer, Wm. West, D. W. Morton, Rev. E. H. Howe, Edward Woodbury, John Wheelock, Holmes Casiday, S. G. Baker, A. P. Saunders, John Hall, Rev. C. R. B. Dodge, Rev. S. March, Isaac Durling, Rev. David Price, C. W. F. Webster Bertha Whitman, Wm. Faulkner, Jos. Wharton, Rev. J. F. Kempton, Rev. S. B. Kempton, Austen T. Kempton, Geo. C. Pineo, Rev. E. O. Read, R. Illsley, (Lic.), Jos. Dimock, J. Cox, J. W. Selfridge, John Barteaux, Rev. F. H. Beals, John Lantz, J. E. Dunham, W. S. Sweet, Rev. D. Freeman, Rev. E. J. Grant, Rev. J. W. Brown, Rev. W. H. Cline, B. D., Rev. E. M. Saunders, D. D., B. H. Eaton, Rev. J. W. Manning, Mrs. J. W. Manning, Rev. T. A. Higgins, D. D., Prof. A. E. Coldwell, Mrs. A. E. Coldwell, Burpee Witter, Rev. M. P. Freeman, L. A. Cooney, (Lic.), Dea. Illsley, W. H. Webster, Henry Lovett, Rev. D. W. Crandall, Nathaniel Langill, Rev. S. H. Cain, S. E. Hallimore, E. M. Rafuse, Jacob J. Rafuse, Isaac S. Hallimore, Rev. M. W. Brown, David Lantz, George Barss, A. E. Durland, A. D. DeLong, Joseph Lantz, Judson Mason, B. W. Hatfield, (Lic.), John A. Marple, (Lic.), Rev. H. Foshay, A. P. Shand.

Delegates from Western Association.-Rev. G. E. Day, D.D., Rev. Isaiah Wallace.

Invited Members.—Rev. J. T. Eaton, Joseph Thomas, of Florida, Albert Skinner.

The Committee of Arrangements was completed by appointing Rev. D. W. Crandall.

The following officers were elected :---

Moderator,-Rev. David Freeman.

Secretary,-Rev. M. W. Brown.

Assistant Secretaries,—Prof. A. E. Coldwell, and Rev. F. H. Beals. Treasurer,—Bro. H. Lovett.

The Committee of Arrangements' report was adopted, making provision for business, and the following sabbath appointments :

New Germany, (Baptist).-Rev. E. M. Saunders, D. D., and Rev. J. W. Manning, A. M.

New Germany, (Methodist).-Rev. J. W. Manning, and Rev. H. J. Foshay.

Other Churches to be supplied by—Rev. F. H. Beals. Rev. David Price, Rev. S. B. Kempton, Rev. E. O. Read, Rev. J. F. Kempton, Bro. L. A. Cooney, (Lic.,) Bro. B. W. Hatfield, (Lic.,) Bro. John Marple, (Lic.,) Rev. J. W. Brown, Rev. E. J. Grant, Rev. W. H. Cline.

The following Committees were appointed :

To examine Letters.—Rev. Dr. Higgins, Rev. M. P. Freeman, and Bro. B. H. Eaton.

To read Letters.-Revs. W. H. Cline, E. H. Howe, and S. March.

On Questions in Letters.-Revs. S. B. Kempton, D. W. Crandall, and E. J. Grant.

Committee on Nominations.—Revs. S. H. Cain, E. O. Read, J. W. Manning, M. P. Freeman, Bros. H. Lovett, Burpee Witter, Whitman Morton.

Resolved, That in the reading of the Letters all the Statistics be omitted excepting the statement of membership and amount contributed to denomiaational objects.

The reading of Letters occupied the rest of the morning session.

Closed with prayer by Rev. Dr. Saunders.

Saturday-Afternoon Session.

Association resumed business at 2.30 p.m.

Prayer was offered by Rev. E. J. Grant.

Records of last session read and approved.

On request of Rev. S. H. Cain, that Rev. W. H. -Cline be released from his sabbath appointment to preach in Lunenburg Town, the matter, on motion, was referred back to the Committee on Arrangements.

Reading of Letters resumed—after which addresses on the state of religion in the Association, were delivered by Revds. J.W. Manning, S. B. Kempton, S. March and Rev. Dr. Saunders.

The Rev. J. W. Manning was added to the Committee on Obituaries.

Moved by Rev. Dr. Saunders, and seconded by Rev. H. J. Foshay :

MINUTES OF THE N. S. CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

Resolved, That the ground covered by this Association be divided into districts and that the Ministers of these several districts be requested to unite in holding meetings in the several sections beginning in the early Autumn, and seeking to put the Convention plan into more efficient operation and to stir up the Churches in he general work of the Lord and especially to encourage these to do more missionarv work in their respective neighbourhoods.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed for the purpose of recommending to the Association at its present session the best means to be adopted for the purpose of extending missionary work in the neighbourhood of the several Churches and for the more efficient working of the Convention plan.

A Committee was appointed to carry out the spirit of the resolution, consisting of Revs. E. J. Grant, Dr. Saunders, J. F. Kempton, E. H. Howe, E. O. Read, D. W. Crandall.

Bros. H. Lovett and Randall Ilsley, (Lic.,) were added to the Committee on Sabbath Schools.

Rev. C. R. B. Dodge, was added to the Committee on Missions. Closed with prayer by Rev. J. T. Eaton.

Saturday-Evening Session.

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Session opened with prayer by Rev. J. F. Kempton, and Rev. M. P. Freeman. Minutes of last session approved. The Report on Temperance was read by Rev. S. H. Cain. On motion the report was laid on the table for future discussion. After devotional exercises the report on Sabbath Schools was read by Brother H. Lovett, and spoken to by Bro. H. Lovett, Bro. Randall Ilsley, (Lic.), Rev. J. W. Brown, Rev. W. H. Cline, Bro. Jos. Thomas, Rev. J. W. Manning, Rev. S. March, Rev. Dr. Saunders, and ordered to lie on the table for the present.

Closed with prayer by Rev. Dr. Higgins.

Monday Morning, June 27th.

Association assembled at 10.30 a.m. Prayer by Rev. E. O. Read. After reading of Scripture by Rev. F. H. Beals, and prayer by Rev. H. J. Foshay. The Association Sermon was preached by Rev. E. H. Howe, from Matt. ix. 37, 38.

The Committee on the Circular Letter was enlarged by the appointment of Revds. J. F. Kempton, Dr. Saunders, E. O. Read, Dr. Day, and J. W. Manning.

The Rev. T. A. Higgins, D.D., on behalf of the Committee appointed at the last meeting of the Association to consider and

report on the manner of conducting the business of this Body, reported as follows :

I. That the Association meet on Thursday afternoon instead of Saturday as heretofore and that the Associational Sermon be preached during the first session. All business matters disposed of and closing on Sunday with Sermons, exhortations, &c.

2. That the reading of the Letters in full be dispensed with. In view of this that a Committee be appointed by the Association to receive the Letters at least two weeks before the meeting of the body. That the substance of these Letters be condensed into a report of the progress of the year within the limits of the Association. This report to be followed by such remarks, questions and dis. cussions as might naturally arise.

3. That all the time saved by the plan suggested be given to the spiritual interests of our Churches.

(a) That one session be given entirely to the consideration of Sabbath School work.

(b) That as much time as possible be given to social religious services, to prayer, and praise.

(c) That some time be given to the discussion of question relating to the spiritual needs of our churches. The utility of prayer meetings, the best methods of conducting them so as to make them as interesting as possible. Report adopted.

Voted that henceforth this Association meet on the Thursday before the 4th Saturday in June.

Reading of Letters resumed. Closed with prayer by Rev. Isa Wallace.

Monday-Afternoon Session.

Session opened with prayer by Rev. W. H. Cline. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be given to Rev. E. H. Howe for his excellent sermon, and that he be requested to furnish a copy for the *Messenger and Visitor*.

Rev. S. B. Kempton read the report of the Committee on Obituaries. Report adopted.

The Committee on Questions in Letters reported. Report adopted.

The report on Temperance was taken from the table and adopted.

The report on Sabbath Schools was taken from the table and recommitted for emendation.

The Committee on the Circular Letter recommended that the Letter not be read. Report adopted.

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MINUTES OF THE N. S. CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

Voted, that for the present we omit the appointment of a person to write the Circular Letter.

Committee on Nominations reported :

COMMITTEES FOR 1888.

Denominational Literature,-Bro. A. P. Shand; Rev. J. W. Brown, Rev. A. Freeman; Bro. Geo. A. MacDonald.

Benevolent Funds, -Rev. Dr. Saunders, Bro. J. W. Barss, Rev. E. Grant, and Bro. J. Dimock.

Education,-Pro. D. F. Higgins, Ph.D.; Rev. S. B. Kempton; Rev. Rev. S. McC. Black, Dr. Barss, B. H. Eaton, Esq.

Missions,-Rev. W. H. Cline, Rev. J. F. Kempton, Rev. J. L. Read, R. Illsley, (Lic.); Bros. Edward Parker and A. A. Pineo.

Obituaries,-Revs. S. March, and D. W. Crandall.

Sabbath Schools,,-Rev. D. Freeman, Bro. J. W. Baird, Dea. John Vaughan, Bro. Caleb Spidle, Dea. Andrew Shaw, Bro. R. Killam.

Temperance,-Rev. C. R. B. Dodge, Rev. F. H. Beals, Rev. E. T. Miller, J. F. L. Parsons.

History of Churches,-Rev. T. A. Higgins, D.D., Rev. M. P. Freeman, Rev. H. J. Foshay.

Associational Sermon,-Rev. H. J. Foshay, alternate, Rev. D. W. Crandall.

Letters from the Churches,-Rev. H. J. Foshay, Rev. J. W. Brown, Bro. W. A. Porter.

Arrangements, —Revs. M. P. Freeman, Dr. Higgins, S. B. Kempton, S. McCully Black; Prof. Coldwell, Deas. John Vaughan, and Andrew Coldwell.

Delegates to Convention,-Rev. D. Freeman, Bro. Henry Lovett, Rev. S. B. Kempton, Rev. J. W. Manning, Bro. A. P. Shand.

P. E. I. Association,-Any Member of this Association, who may attend.

N. S. Eastern Association,—Any Minister from this Association. N. S. Western, Association,—Revs. E. H. Howe, J. L. Read, E. O. Read.

Report adopted.

Report on Denominational Literature was read by Rev. W. H. Cline. Spoken to by Rev. S. B. Kempton, Bro. A. P. Shand, Revs. Isa. Wallace, Dr. Day, M. P. Freeman; Dr. Saunders, J. W. Brown, D. W. Crandall, W. H. Cline, J. W. Manning. Report adopted.

Closed with prayer by Rev. D. Price.

Monday-Evening Session.

Association resumed business at 7.30.

Prayer by Bro. Charles Mosher, (Lic).

Records of last meeting read and approved.

The amended report on Sabbath Schools was read by Rev. S. March. Adopted.

Resolved, That the Churches be requested to carefully fill up columns of Sabbath School Statistics.

The committee appointed to group the churches of this Association in accordance with Dr. Saunders' resolution reported. Report laid on the table for future discussion.

Report on Missions read by Rev. M. P. Freeman. Spoken to by Revs. Isa. Wallace, Dr. Day, M. P. Freeman, H. J. Foshay, F. H. Beals, Dr. Saunders.

On motion of Rev. M. P. Freeman, it was

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of this Association be given to the Church and friends of this community for their generous hospitality towards the delegates of the Association.

Closed with prayer by Dr. Day.

Tuesday-Morning Session.

Association assembled at 10.30 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. J. W. Manning:

Minutes of last session read and approved.

The report of the committee to group the churches of this Association for systematic work was taken from the table and read as follows:

GROUPS OF CHURCHES IN THE CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

I.-Lower Aylesford, Upper Aylesford, 4th Cornwallis, 2nd Cornwallis, Cambridge.

II.-3rd Cornwallis, 1st Cornwallis, Canning and Pereaux.

III.-Kentville, New Minas, Canaan, Wolfville and Gaspereaux.

IV.--Hantsport, Falmouth, Windsor, Waterville, Newport, Rawdon, Maitland, Windsor Plains, Kempt, Walton, New Ross, and Brocklyn:

V.—Jeddore East, Jeddore West, Musquodoboit, Fall River, Colored Churches at Fall River, Preston, Beech Hill Halifax, Hammonds Plains 1st and 2nd, Sackville, Indian Harbor, 1st St. Margarets Bay, Dartmouth, 1st Halifax, Tabernacle, North Church.

VI.—2nd St. Margarets Bay, Tancook, Chester, Lunenburg, Bridgewater, Chelsea, Pleasantville, New Germany, New Cornwall, LaHave, and Lunenburg Town.

THE COMMITTEES FOR THE LECTURES AND THEIR DUTIES.

1. The Committees of each section shall be composed of the resident pastors and not more than three brethren from each Church who may be appointed by the Churches at the request of the Pastor.

2. The Committees shall be called together by the Chairman as soon after the meeting of the Association as convenient to make arrangements for the year.

3. The work of the Committees shall be (1) to introduce and carry into effect plans for systematic and liberal giving under the Convention scheme and (2) to help the Churches in whatever way assistance can be given especially in doing Missionary work in their respective neighbourhoods.

4. The Committees shall report to the Association annually.

2. It shall also be the duty of these Committees to report their work from time to time in the Messenger and Visitor.

6. The Chairman of these Committees shall be appointed annually by the Association.

After discussion by Revs. Dr. Saunders, J. W. Manning, W. H. Cline, J. F. Kempton and S. March, the report was adopted.

The following brethren were appointed to oversee the work specified above: Revs. E. O. Read, S. B. Kempton, J. F. Kempton, M. P. Freeman, W. H. Cline and H. J. Foshay.

A collection amounting to \$18.36 was taken up to aid the Baptists of New Cumberland, Lunenburg Co., to build a church.

The following resolution was passed, viz. :

Resolved, That we the officers and members of the Central Baptist Association of Nova Scotia, hereby desire to express and place upon record our sense of gratitude to Almighty God in preserving the life of our Most Gracious Sovereign Queen Victoria to reach the Fiftieth Anniversary of her reign, and recognize with feelings of loyalty and devotion, the many generous and noble qualities by which her character has been distinguished during this long and eventful period; not only as queen, but in her more private capacity as Christian, wife, and mother. We would also express our sense of obligation to our Heavenly Father, for the progress which has been made in national, civil and religious liberty, and in every department of social. moral, and religious improvement under the benign influence of her reign; and earnestly pray that God may spare her valuable life to behold the accomplishment of yet greater things in connection with the spread of divine truth, and the glory of our Divine Lord, and that she may long coutinue to sway the sceptre over this great empire.

The report on Education was then submitted. Spoken to by Rev. J. W. Manning, Bro. B. H. Eaton, Rev. Dr. Higgins, Rev. S. B. Kempton. Report adopted.

Resolved, That the report of the Committee to group Churches be published in the Messenger and Visitor.

Resolved, That the report of the Treasurer be adopted and that he be requested to pay the money to the Financial Agent.

Resolved, That in the future whenever any ministering brother comes into the Association for the first time as pastor, the Moderator shall extend to such brother the cordial welcome of the body.

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Resolved, That as the Committee on Church History failed to report this year, it be retained and report next year.

Resolved, That the History of the Windsor Church be presented next year; also Chester Church.

Resolved, That the Committee to confer with other Associations, concerning time of meeting be relieved.

Resolved, That Bro. H. Lovett be a committee to secure reduced fare on the railways for next Association.

Resolved, That the Secretary be requested to notify the chairman of the several committees two months before the meeting of the Association concerning their duties.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be given to the Moderator, Treasurer and Clerks for the efficient manner in which they have discharged their duties.

The Association adjourned to meet with the church at Gaspereaux, Kings Co., the Thursday immediately preceding the fourth Saturday in June, 1888, at 2 o'clock, p.m.

Closed with prayer and benediction by Moderator.

DAVID FREEMAN, Moderator.

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LITTLE RIVER, CUMBERLAND Co., N. S., Friday, Sept. 9th, 1887.

The Nova Scotia Eastern Baptist Association assembled in its Thirty-seventh Annual Session in the house of worship of the Little River Baptist Church, at 10 o'clock, a m., the Moderator, Rev. Joseph Murray, in the chair. Devotional exercises were conducted for half an hour.

The Secretary then reported the following brethren as dele gates to this Association :

C. W. Corey, (Lic.), Hugh Logan, Thompson Keilor, Rev. David McKeen, C. S. Sterns, (Lic.), Rev. W. B. Bradshaw, M. L. Fields, (Lic.), H. B. Smith. (Lic.), Thomas C. Cook, John R. Creed, D. S. Hensley, Silas Hensley, Rev. T. M. Munro, John Bigelow, Rev. T. B. Layton, C. A. Eaton, (Lic.), George Rushton, Charles Doyle, Rev. L. B. Gates, John Mills, Oliver Hunter, Isaac Patton, C. P. Wilson, (Lic.), Dea. Josiah Soley, D. P. Soley, Dea. Levi Johnson, Robert Patton, George I. Thompson, F. H. Rushton, T. M. Johnson, Rev. I. R. Skinner, Job Blenkhorn, Rev. A. T. Dykeman, Rev. F. D. Davison, Rev. C. H. Martell, Rev. I. W. Porter, Dea. T. J. Seaman, Dea. Thos. Fulton, G. A. Fulton, Andrew Thompson, Alvin Crowe, Rev. C. C. Burgess, Dea. Wm. Seaman, Rev. J. E. Goucher, Wm. Cummings, (Lic.), Rev. Joseph Murray, F. L. Peers, Wm. Schurman Dea. Wm. McCully, Dea. Stephen Swallow, Dea. Joseph Dimock, John R. S. Purdy, P. R. Peers, Joseph McKim, David Higgins, Jos. Atkinson.

Invited Brethren,—Rev. E. M. Saunders, D.D., Halifax; Rev. J. R. Hutchinson and wife, returned Missionaries; Rev. W. C. Goucher, Camden, Maine. U. S.; Rev. G. F. Miles, Amherst; Rev. Prof. E. M. Keirstead, Wolfville.

The following officers for the year were chosen :-

Moderator,-Rev. C H. Martell, Onslow.

Secretaries,-Rev. T. B. Layton, Bro. C. P. Wilson.

Treasurer,-T. M. Johnson.

Committees were appointed as follows :---

Arrangements,-Rev. T. M. Munro, Rev. T. B. Layton, Rev. A. T. Dykeman, Rev. L. B. Gates, Bro. F. H. Rushton.

Education,-Rev. E. M. Saunders, D.D., Wm. Cummings, Rev. W. B. Bradshaw.

Missions,-Rev. C. H. Martell, Rev. J. E. Goucher, Dea. T. J. Seaman.

Denominational Literature,-Rev. C. C. Burgess, Rev. I. R. Skinner, J. R. Creed.

Sunday Schools,-Rev. F. D. Davison, H. B. Smith, (Lic.) and C. A. Eaton.

Temperance, - William Cummings, Rev. W. C. Goucher, William Schurman.

Circular Letter,-Rev. F. J. Murray, Rev. A. T. Dykeman, Rev. D. McKeen.

To examine and read Letters,—Rev. E. M. Saunders. D.D., Rev. J. E. Goucher, Rev. C. C. Burgess.

Committee on Arrangements reported in part; and the report was adopted fixing the order of business as subsequently transacted and the following appointments for the Sabbath :---

Little River,-Rev. D. McKeen, Rev. L. B. Gates.

Oxford,—(Baptist) Rev. C. H. Martell. (Presbyterian,) Rev. J. E. Goucher,, (Methodist,) Rev. E. M. Saunders, D. D.

River Philip,-C. W. Corey, (Lic.,)

Centreville,-Wm. Cummings, (Lic.,) C. P. Wilson, (Lic.)

Linden,-M. L. Fields, (Lic.,) Wm. Cummings, (Lic.)

Leicester East,-(Methodist), Rev. W. C. Goucher.

Letters from the Churches were read. Closed with prayer by Bro. M. L. Fields, (Lic.)

Friday-Afternoon Session.

Association opened by singing; prayer by Rev. I. R. Skinner. Reading of Letters was resumed.

The Report on Denominational Literature was presented by Rev. C. C. Burgess, Chairman of the Committee. The report was discussed by Rev. W. B. Bradshaw, Rev. Jos. Murray, Rev. G. F. Miles, Rev. E. M. Saunders, D.D., Wm. Cummings, (Lic.), J. R. Creed, M. L. Fields, (Lic.), and referred to the Committee for amendment.

On motion Rev. Dr. Saunders was granted leave to address the Association on behalf of the Ministerial Annuity Fund.

A collection of \$10.90 was taken and presented to the Secretary.

Session closed with prayer by C. W. Corey, (Lic.)

Friday-Evening Session.

Session opened with prayer by Rev. C. S. Sterns, (Lic.). After devotional exercises the Report on Missions was read by the chairman, Rev. C. H. Martell. Association was then addressed

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by Rev. C. C. Burgess on the "Greatness and Encouragement of the work of Missions."

Rev. W. B. Bradshaw on "Our Responsibilities in Home Mission Work."

Rev. J. R. Hutchinson on "The Present Need of our Foreign Mission Work."

A collection for Convention Fund was taken amounting to \$10.00.

The Report on Missions, was, on motion, referred to Committee for Amendment.

Closed with singing and benediction.

Saturday-Morning Session.

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The Association Sermon was preached by Rev. Joseph Murray, of Spring Hill from Gal. ii. 20 : "I am crucified with Christ."

On motion Bro. Murray was requested to send a copy of this excellent sermon to the Editor of the Messenger and Visitor for publication.

The Committee on Circular Letter recommended that the Letter be read to the Association. The recommendation was adopted and the Letter read, in absence of Rev. M. B. Shaw, the writer, by Rev. A. T. Dykeman, subject, "Soul Winning."

On motion it was-

Resolved, That the Letter be adopted as the Circular Letter of the Association, and that it be published in the Messenger & Visitor.

Rev. A. T. Dykeman was granted leave to speak of the work at New Glasgow and in response to this appeal a collection amounting to \$14.00 was taken.

The amended report on Denominational Literature was presented, discussed and adopted in the following form :

Your Committee beg leave to report that in their opinion the distribution, free or otherwise, of sound denominational literature, stands second only to the preaching of the gospel as a means of turning the minds of the people into right mental channels.

Most approvingly do we regard the efforts of the Baptist Book and Tract Society of Halifax in sending so generally abroad literature which being in harmony with the inspired Book must bear fruit unto holiness. And yet we believe that even greater care should be taken by that Society in the selection and distribution of literature procured from other than Baptist houses. Your Committee would in unqualified terms recommend the *Messenger and Visitor* to our great Baptist brotherhood believing it be one of the best religious educators we have.

We also recommend the Association to pass the following :

Whereas, there exists a growing demand for Baptist literature throughout the Churches of this Association, therefore

Resolved, That this body recommend the appointment of a man to the work of colportage by the Baptist Book and Tract Society who will work also in the interest of Sunday Schools and weak Churches. st of Sunday Schools and Respectfully submitted, C. C. Burgess, I. R. SKINNER, J. R. CREED.

Session closed with prayer by C. P. Wilson, (Lic.)

Saturday-Afternoon Session.

Opened with prayer by H. B. Smith, (Lic.)

The Report on Missions as amended was presented and adopted as follows :

It is with profound gratitude to God we record the preservation of the lives of all our missionaries on the foreign field and the three missionary families who have been making the journey between our land and India. Faithful work has been done at our principal stations in the Telugu land. and more than the ordinary amount of touring during the year. It is hoped that our missionary operations will soon be enlarged, a new station opened and a new missionary family sent out to take charge of it. The number of baptisms is in excess of last year and a larger number of the natives are giving salvation through Christ most careful consideration. The estimated expenditure of the missions for the year will be \$10,000 and the work must be laid on the Churches.

All the Churches in the Maritime Provinces can be grouped into 184 fields. Sixty-six of that number need aid and new fields are ready to be occupied. The H. M. Board has given employment to 51 men during part or the whole of the year. More men and more money are wanted in this department of Christian work. Your Committee also regard with favor the effort being made to prosecute Missions in the North West by the Dominion Board of Home Missions and would call attention to the recommendation of the Missions and would can attention to the recommendation of the Convention that the Churches take a collection on the first Sunday of December for this object. There has been a slight advance in the benevolence of our Churches during the past year. The number of young men who have the Ministry in view at our institutions of learning is increasing. Our sisters are coming up to the work nobly. The Sabbath Schools have been reached by special appeals, and have responded by special donations. Some men have not forgotten the cause of Christ in the way of bequests; may the time soon come when all our brethren will regard the Missionary Enterprise nthis way.

> C. H. MARTELL, Chairman.

A letter was read from the new Church at Manchester, Guysboro Co., asking admission to our Association. On motion their request was granted.

The Committee appointed last year to visit the Canso Church with a view of restoring harmony among them reported that they were successful.

The following is their report :---

Your Committee met at Cape Canso on the 27th of September, 1886, Rev. G. E. Day, being absent on account of ill health. After some consultation with the pastor he decided to place his resignation in the hands of his triends. He did so and it was accepted at a meeting called for the special purpose. He removed from the place in a few months, and the following extract from the Church's letter to the Association this year will speak for itself: "Since last addressing you our hearts have been made to rejoice in witnessing the stately steppings of the Lord among His people and we can truly say, 'Blessed be the Lord God of Israel for He hath visited and redeemed His people. This change in the spiritual life of the Church is due largely to the labors of our general missionary, Rev. P. S. McGregor. Through his faithful labor of love, darkness has given place to light, and one of the oldest churches in the Association has been saved from contention and strife, and is now walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost."

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. MARTELL, W. B. BRADSHAW.

The report of the Committee was adopted and a prayer of thanksgiving offered by Rev. J. E. Goucher.

The report on Sabbath Schools was presented by Rev. F. D. Davison, Chairman of the Committee. The report recorded progress of Sabbath School work as shown by the number baptized from the Schools, and recommended more co-operation of the entire church, that helps in preparing the lesson be used but that these helps should not be brought into the Class, and that suitable literature be provided for the Schools. Interesting addresses were delivered by Dea. Joseph Dimock, Rev. W. B. Bradshaw, Wm. Cummings, (Lic.), J. R. Creed, C. S. Sterns, (Lic.), Thompson Keilor, Rev. T. B. Layton, Rev. J. R. Hutchinson, and the report was adopted.

The Report on Temperance, read by Wm. Cummings, (Lic), Chairman of the Committee, recorded progress in the cause and urged churches to do all in their power to aid the work of promoting temperance sentiment and temperance legislation by holding Gospel temperance meetings, special sermons on the subject and teaching temperance in the Sunday Schools. The report was discussed by Andrew Thompson, Joseph Dimock, Rev. D. McKeen, Rev. J. E. Goucher, Rev. E. M. Saunders, D.D., and adopted.

Session closed with prayer by Rev. W. C. Goucher.

Saturday-Evening Session.

Opened with prayer by Rev. Joseph Murray.

The following resolution was moved and passed :

Whereas, The Minutes of this Association are largely published in the Messsenger and Visitor, and also printed in the Year Book,

Therefore recolved, That in future this Association cease to print their minutes in a separate form.

On motion, Brethren Rev. C. H. Martell, Rev. J. E. Goucher, Rev. Jos. Murray, Rev. D. A. Steele, Rev. W. B. Bradshaw, and Wm. Cummings, (Lic.), were appointed a committee to confer with the officers of the Baptist Book Room, in reference to the Colportage work.

The Committee on Arrangements presented their final report, which was amended to read as follows :----

That the Association hold its next session with the Church at Canso, on the 2nd Saturday of September, 1888, at 10 o'clock, a.m.

That the Rev. T. M. Munro, preach the Associational Sermon. That Rev. I. W. Porter be his alternate.

Rev. C. C. Burgess write the Circular Letter.

That the Committee on Education, be Rev. C. H. Martell, Rev. J. E. Goucher.

On Denominational Literature.—Rev. D. McKeen, Rev. L. B. Gates. On Sabbath Schools.—Rev. M. B. Shaw, Bro. F. H. Rushton.

On Temperance.-Rev. F. D. Davison, Rev. I. R. Skinner.

On Arrangements,-Rev. H. B. Smith, Rev. T. B. Layton.

On motion the thanks of the Association were tendered to the kind friends of this community for their generous hospitality, and also to the choir for their excellent music.

Resolved, That the report on Finance adopted by the Association last year, be the basis of operation for the present year.

The Report on Education was presented by the chairman, Rev. E. M. Saunders, D.D.

Rev. Prof. E. M. Keirstead, gave an address, and was followed by Rev. I. W. Porter and Rev. Dr. Saunders. The Report was then adopted.

On motion, any brethren attending sister Associations be our delegates.

Brethren T. M. Johnson, Wm. Cummings, (Lic.), and A. G. Purdy, were appointed delegates to the Convention to meet next year at Wolfville.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to forward the thanks of the Association to the Railway authorities for reduced fares to delegates attending the Association.

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The Treasurer's report not being prepared, it was left with the Secretary and Treasurer to be completed. The following is the report :---

TREASURER'S REPORT

OF THE N. S. EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION IN ACCOUNT WITH T. M. JOHNSON, TREASURER, SEPT. 9th and 10th, 1887 :--

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T. M. JOHNSON, Treasurer.

Little River, N.S., Sept. 12th, 1887.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet with the church at Causo on the second Saturday in September, 1888, at 10 o'clock, a.m.

Closed by singing the doxology, and prayer by the Rev. C. C. Burgess.

C. H. MARTELL, Moderator.

T. B. LAYTON, C. P. WILSON. Secretaries.

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NEW BRUNSWICK SOUTHERN.

HAMPTON VILLAGE.

Saturday, June 11th, 1887.

THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OF NEW BRUNSWICK convened in its 8th Annual Session, this 11th day of June, with the Hampton Village Church.

In the absence of Bro. C. F. Clinch, Moderator, the meeting was called to order by Secretary, Rev. G. O. Gates.

Hymn—" All hail the power of Jesus' name" was sung, and prayer was offered by Rev. E. M. Keirstead.

A social service followed, participated in by quite a large number, after which the list of delegates was read :

Rev. Thos. Todd, Dea. J. W. Keirstead, Dea. J. C. Harrington, Bro. Benj. Morrell, Bro. D. Parker, Rev. W. T. Covey, Dea. S. E. Frost, Dea. S. Minch, S. F. Wiggins, Bro. R. B. Scribner, Bro. T. H. Brannin, Rev. R. Mutch, Rev. A. E. Ingram, Sister A. Prescott, Sister L. B. Poole. Bro. W. S. Poole, Rev. R. M. Hunt, Dea. J. G. Hayes, Bro. Gilbert Titus, Dea. A. B. Hayes, Rev. J. A. Cahill, Rev. C. Goodspeed, Bro. J. H. King, (Lic.), Rev. S. Welton, Bro. S. T. Morton, Dea. H. F. Keirstead, Bro. Allen Ganong, Rev. Dr. Hopper, Dea. Wm. Alwood, Sister Alwood, Sister E. J. Woodworth, Bro. J. R. Calhoun, Dea. Daniel Thompson, Rev. W. J. Stewart, Dea. M. Sprague, Rev. E. Dayley, (Lic.) Bro. A. P. Wilson, Sister A. Ferris, Rev. J. Scovill, Rev. G. E. Good, Rev. E.K. Ganong, Dea. Josiah Bittle, Bro. Fred Farris, Bro. W. G. MacFarlane, Rev. G. O. Gates, Dea. J. H. Harding, Bro. Chas. Covey. Bro. Wm. Lewis, Bro. John March, Bro. A. L. Palmer, (Lic.), Sister, W. E. March, Rev. E. Keirsted, Bro. W. Keirstead, Bro. E. B. Keirstead, Dea. Jesse Tabor, Dea. James Smith, Dea. J. C. Titus, Bro. John F. Titus, Bro. Jas. Sullivan.

The Association then chose its officers for the current year :

Moderator,—Rev. W. J. Stewart. Secretary,—Rev. G. O. Gates. Assistant Secretary,—Bro. A. P. Wilson. Treasurer,—Bro. Geo. Sharp.

The Moderator after thanking the delegates for the honor conferred, read the Rules of Order and called on Rev. W. J. Swaffield to lead the Association in prayer.

The following Committees were appointed by the chair :

Arrangements,—Revs. Thos. Todd, A. B. McDonald, C. Goodspeed, J. A. Cahill and G. E. Good.

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Nominations,-Revs. W. J. Swaffield, E. Dayley, (Lic.), A. P. Wilson and Wm. Lewis.

The following were invited to seats in the Association :

Rev. E. M. Keirstead, A.M., of Acadia College; A. B. McDonald, C. B. Lewis, E. C. Covey, S. W. Keirstead, Bros. G. A. Wilson, (Lic.), G. A. McDonald of Book Room Halifax; and Rev. G. A. Hartley, Free Baptist.

The Secretary read a note from Rev. J. A. Gordon, expressing regret in being unable to meet with his brethren owing to illness. Prayer was offered in Bro. G's. behalf by Revds. Cahill and Goodspeed, and the Secretary was instructed to convey to him his brethren's sympathy in the hour of affliction.

The Nominating Committee reported :--

(1.) To Examine Circular Letter,-Rev. W. J. Swaffield, A. B. McDonald, Prof. E. M. Keirstead.

(2.) That the following be added to Committees of last year :-Home Missions,-E. Dayly, Wm. Lewis, Rev. C. Goodspeed.

Foreign Missions,-Rev. J. A. Cahill. Rev. W. J. Swaffield.

Denominational Literature,-Rev. C. Goodspeed and Bro, S. W. Keirstead.

Temperance,-Bro. A. P. Wilson.

Sunday Schools,-Revds. T. Todd, E. K. Ganong, and Elias Keirstead.

Adjourned after prayer by Rev. G. E. Good.

Saturday-Afternoon Session.

Opened with prayer by Rev. R. Mutch.

Morning Minutes read and approved.

A digest of the Letters sent the Association was read by the Secretary; also the Church and Sunday School statistics. On motion the thanks of the Association were tendered the Secretary for his work in preparing digest and statistical tables.

On motion it was-

Resolved. That a Committee be appointed to take into consideration the Revision of Church Rolls of Membership. Committee-Revds. Prof. Keirstead, C. Goodspeed and S. Welton.

The Committee on Denominational Literature through the Chairman, Bro. Gates, presented their report, which was spoken to by Bros. Swaffield, Wm. Alwood, Wm. Lewis, C. Goodspeed, E. Keirstead, T. Todd, Prof. Keirstead, and adopted.

The Messenger and Visitor, the Sunday School papers edited by Dr. Hopper, the Baptist Book Room, were strongly recommended as worthy the patronage of the Churches.

Bro. Swaffield for the Committee on Temperance read the report. After an earnest discussion participated in by Bro. Wm. Lewis, J. March, J. H. Harding and S. E. Frost, the report was adopted. In the report the members of the churches were called upon to oppose the liquor traffic, to be loyal in support of Temperance. It has recommended that in every Sunday School Temperance be given a prominent place, and S. S. Scholars be banded in Societies, pledged to abstain from strong drinks and kindred evils. On motion a Committee was appointed to prepare a resolution expressing the sympathy of the body with those who have suffered persecution on account of the stand taken on the Temperance question. Bros. Swaffield and Lewis were named for this Committee.

The following order of services suggested by Committee on Arrangements was adopted :

(1.) This (Saturday Evening) a Sermon be preached, by Rev. Elias Kierstead, followed by a social service.

(2.) The services of to-morrow (Sunday) be-

Hampton Village-10 a.m., Rev. W. J. Stewart.

3 p.m., Rev. Prof. Keirstead. 7 p.m., Rev. W. J. Swaffield.

Hampton Station-3 p.m., Rev. W. T. Corey,

Norton-11 a.m., Rev. A. B. McDonald.

Norton (Hall)-7 p.m., Rev. G. W. Sprague,

Hampton Village (Presbyterian)-11 a.m., Rev. J. A. Cahill.

Hampton Station (Methodist) -- 3 p.m., Rev. R. M. Hunt.

7 p.m., Rev. Dr. Hopper.

After prayer by Bro. J. March, the session closed.

Saturday-Evening Session.

After singing and the reading of Psalm xlviii. Rev. A. E. Ingram, offered prayer. Rev. E. Keirstead then preached a sermon from Psalm l. 2. A social service followed.

The Sunday services were well attended, and the sermons listened to by attentive and interested audiences.

Monday-Morning Session.

After the prayer meeting, the Association listened to the Association Sermon. Text-Joshua xiii. 1., preacher Rev. G. O. Gates.

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The Moderator called on Bro. G. R. White, (Lic.), to offer prayer, and then at the suggestion of Committee of Arrangements called for the report on Education.

The report was read by Rev. Dr. Hopper, spoken to by Dr. Hopper, Prof. Keirstead and Rev. G. A. Hartley and adopted.

On motion a special committee consisting of Revs. J. A. Cahill, W. T. Corey and A. E. Ingram was appointed to confer with Rev. W. E. Vickery *in re* of the action of the Association of last year.

The following resolution moved by Rev. W. J. Swaffield was adopted :

Whereas, The Union Baptist Education Sotiety is erecting a first class building in St. Martins for Seminary purposes,

Resolved, That we believe this school to be a necessity in the successful prosecution of our religious work as Baptist and Free Baptist denomination in this province, and be it

Further Resolved, That we do pledge to this Seminary our moral support, and will request all the churches we represent to give their financial support, as well as moral aid so far as they may be able.

Adjourned after prayer by Bro. Ingram.

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Prayer was offered by Rev. S. Welton.

Minutes of morning session read and confirmed.

The Committee on Circular Letter reported, recommending that it be read and be the Circular Letter of this body to the churches. The letter was read by the writer, Rev. C. Goodspeed, subject—" Regenerated church membership." On motion, it was

Resolved, That the writer be requested to publish the same in the Messenger and Visitor, and that the pastors be requested to read the same to their churches.

On motion the thanks of the Association were tendered to the preacher of Association Serman, and he was requested to furnish the same for publication.

The Secretary presented bills to amount of \$4.13, which on motion were ordered to be paid.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Hopper, seconded by Bro. John March, the following resolution passed unanimously :

Whereas, The Joint Committee of Baptist Convention and Free Baptist Conference on the question of Baptist Union, have agreed upon a basis of Union, and published it in the Denominational papers,

Therefore Resolved, That this Association is of the opinion that it will be for the glory of God and the good of both denominations for an organic Union of the Baptist family to be consummated in general agreement with the terms of the aforesaid basis.

The following resolution *in re* of Quarterly Meetings passed, viz. : that Bros. Stewart, Gordon and Springer, the committee of last year be continued.

Resolved, That Bros. Stewart, Swaffield, Gates and any others of our members who may be present at the Western Association be our delegates.

After prayer by Bro. E. Dayley the session closed.

Monday-Evening Session.

After singing and prayer by Bro. J. H. Harding, the Minutes of the previous session were read and confirmed.

The report on Foreign Missions was read by Bro. J. March, --laid on the table for discussion.

The report on Home Missions was read by Bro. Stewart, and tabled for discussion.

Then followed speeches on Missions, interspersed with music by the choir. The speakers were Bros. March, Dr. Day, Gates, Goodspeed and Stewart.

The reports were then passed.

The Nominating Committee reported, recommending the following Standing Committees for the year :

Education,-Revs. W. J. Stewart, W. J. Swaffield and Dr. Foster McFarlane.

Home Missions,-Revs. J. A. Gordon, G. W. Springer and A. E. Ingram.

Foreign Missions, —Revs. G. O. Gates, J. A. Cahill and G. E. Good. Denominational Literature, —Rev. T. Todd, Bros. A. P. Wilson and Wm. Lewis.

Sunday Schools,-Bros. S. Welton, W. T. Covy and Noble Crandell,

Temperance,-Bro. J. March, Revs. A. E. Ingram and C. Good-

They also recommended that Rev. W. J. Stewart preach the Association Sermon, and that Rev. R. M. Hunt be his alternate. That Rev. J. A. Cahill write the Circular Letter.

On motion the report was adopted.

The following were appointed a committee to select a place for the next meeting of the Association : Revds. T. Todd, G. O. Gates, and Bro. A. P. Wilson.

After singing the doxology the benediction was pronounced by Moderator.

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Was opened with prayer by Bro. Geo. A. McDonald.

Bros. Stewart and Swaffield were appointed delegates to the Eastern Association. The Committee on Sunday Schools reported through Bro. L. H. Wiggins, was spoken to by Bros. McDonald, Gates, Cahill, Swaffield, Todd, King, Stewart, and adcpted.

The Committee on Revision of Church Roll reported. Report adopted and ordered to be printed in *Messenger and Visitor*.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCHES.

Your committee are glad to learn that some of our churches are giving more careful attention to the list of members, and we recommend :—

1. That all our churches give this matter their most serious attention.

2. That the list of members reported be made to correspond as nearly as possible with the resident membership.

3. To this end we further recommend that absent members be urged to apply for letters, and to unite with churches where they reside.

4. In the case of those with whom the church is unable to communicate, and of those who decline to unite with churches in their vicinity, we also recommend that the hand of fellowship be withdrawn, on the ground that they have ceased to be actual church members, and desire to be free from the obligations of real church membership, and in this have violated the church covenant.

5. In the case of those who live where there is no Baptist church we recommend that their names be retained, and that they be expected to contribute to the expenses of the church.

> E. M. KEIRSTEAD, S. WELTON, C. GOODSPEED.

The Special Committee in re of Bro. Vickery reported-

Whereas, This Association has learned at this session that Bro. Vickery is a member of the Ledge Dufferin Church, a fact not known at the Association of last year,

And whereas, Bro. Vickery feels himself aggrieved at the action of the Association of last year,

Therefore resolved, That this Association appoint a committee to urge the Ledge Dufferin Church to call a Council to investigate the whole matter—the Church failing so to do, that this matter be taken up at a quarterly meeting of this Association.

After discussion the report was adopted. The following were appointed the Committee : Bros. Hunt, T. Todd and C. Goodspeed. The Secretary was requested to forward a copy of the above to Bro. Vickery.

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Statistics of the Sabbath Schools in the Churches of the New Brunswick Southern Baptist Association, FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 31, 1887.

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The following were appointed the delegates to the Convention -Bros. Wm. Alwood, A. P. Wilson, Dr. F. McFarlane, and Dea. T. E. Frost.

Votes of thanks were tendered the church and friends of the Village for hospitality and kindness shown the Association, and to the Moderator for the manner he had presided over the session.

The Minutes of the morning session were read and confirmed. Prayer was offered by Bro. Todd, and the Eighth Annual Session of this body closed to meet the second Saturday of June, 1888, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The whole session was marked with utmost harmony. The presence of the Holy Spirit was manifested. The social meetings were seasons of refreshing, and when we parted is was again and again said, "the best session of the Southern Association yet held."

W. J. STEWART, Moderator.

G. O. GATES, A. P. WILSON. Clerks.

MINUTES OF THE N. B. WESTERN ASSOCIATION.

NEW BRUNSWICK WESTERN.

CENTREVILLE, CARLETON Co., N. B. Tuesday, June 28th, 1887.

The New Brunswick Western Baptist Association convened on the above date at 2 p.m., with the Baptist Church at Centreville, Carlton Co. The Association opened with a social prayer and conference meeting, conducted by the pastor, Rev. George Howard. The following is the—

LIST OF DELEGATES.

Ordained Ministers,—Charles Henderson, W. H. Beckwith, George Howard, J. C. Bleakney, T. A. Blackadar, J. H. Tupper, G. W. Springer, A. H. Hayward, J. W. S. Young, Calvin Currie, W. M. Edwards, J. G. Harvey, C. B. Lewis, W. F. Parker, J. Webb.

Other Members, -J. E. Wright, S. D. Irvine, I. Sloat, G. Currie, G. Cregge, F. G. Burtt, D. W. Estabrooks, M. S. Hall, J. B. Gunter, H. McAir, R. Porter, G. R. White, W. Burtt, G. Kitchen, J. Connolly, F. E. Good, B. Burtt, Robert Hannah, B. A. Everett, W. S. Everett, Mrs. B. A. Everett, J. Tupper, G. W. Dykeman, W. H. White, S. N. Estabrooks, W. A. Hayward, A. Walker, Joseph Dunphy. J. W. Higgins, J. Bridges, R. Tompkins, C. T. Boyer, J. Cook, C. J. Shaw, David Parent, D. S. McGregor.

Invited,-Rev. J. E. Hopper, D.D., Prof. D. F. Higgins, Ph.D., Rev. C. Goodspeed, Rev. G. O, Gates, Rev. A. Cohoon, Rev. J. W. Clarke, Rev. C. H. Sison, L. J. Tingley, (Lic.)

The following officers were elected :--

Moderator,—Rev. George Howard, Centreville. Secretary,—Bro. George R. White, Jacksonville. Assistant Secretary,—Rev. T[.] A. Blackadar, Macnaquack. Ireasurer,—Bro. M. S. Hall, Fredericton.

Committees were appointed as follows :---

Arrangements,-Rev. J. G. Harvey, Rev. C. Henderson, Rev. A. H. Hayward, Rev. Benj. Jewett.

Nomination.—Rev. J. C. Bleakney, Rev. H. Charlton, Rev. George Howard, Rev. J. Tupper, Dea. George Craig.

To Examine and read letters —Rev. J. Webb, D. F. Higgins, Ph.D., Rev. C. Goodspeed.

Home Missions,-Rev. W. F. Parker, Rev. A. H. Hayward, Rev. C. Henderson, Bro. M. S. Hall.

Foreign Missions,-Rev. Dr. Hopper, D. S. McGregor, W. S. Saunders, J. B. Gunter, J. R. Barton.

Sabbath Schools,-Dea. R. Hannah, Rev. C. B. Lewis, B. Burtt, C. A. West.

Education,-Rev. J. H. Tupper, D. F. Higgins, Ph.D., Charles Shaw, George Watson. James Gloat.

Denominational Literature,-Rev. G. O. Gates, Rev. G. W. Springer, James Bridges, George Cragg.

Temperance, Rev. W. H. Beckwith, Dea. D. W. Estabrooks, Rev. B. Jewett, Rev. C. Currie, Geo. Currie.

Remainder of the session was given to the reading of letters from the Churches. Closed with prayer by Rev. A. H. Hayward.

Tuesday-Evening Session.

Opened with prayer by Rev. G. O. Gates. Minutes of last session approved. Fifteen minutes were assigned for the reading of letters, after which Rev. A. Cohoon preached from 1 Cor. vi. 20. At the close of the sermon prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Perry; collection was taken for Missions.

Rev. Mr. Gray, (F. C. Baptist) was invited to a seat in the Association.

Reading of letters was continued. Rev. A. H. Hayward, Rev. H. Charlton, and Rev. W. F. Parker, were appointed a committee on special business.

Resolved, That a prayer meeting be held each morning during the Association at 6 o'clock.

Closed with prayer by Rev. H. Charlton.

Wednesday-Morning Session.

After a social service the Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer was offered by Rev. C. Goodspeed. Minutes of last session were approved. Rev. Messrs. Noble and Taylor (F. C. Baptist) were invited to seats in the Association.

The Association Sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. Hopper from Jeremiah vi. 16. Prayer was offered by Rev. G. W. Springer.

A report of Committee of Arrangements was submitted and adopted. Closed with prayer by Rev. J. W. S. Young.

Wednesday-Afternoon Session.

Opened with prayer by Rev. W. F. Parker.

Resolved, That Rev. T. A. Blackadar and Rev. C. Goodspeed be a Committee to examine Circular Letter.

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be tendered Rev. Dr. Hopper for the Association Sermon preached by him, and that he be requested to supply a copy of the same for publication in the Messenger and Visitor.

The reading of letters was completed. The Committee on Circular Letter recommended that it be read. Report was adopted and the Letter read by the writer, Rev. W. Parker. Subject: "Let all things be done decently and in order."

On motion of Bro. M. S. Hall:

Resolved, That the letter read by Bro. Parker be accepted as the Circular Letter of the Association, and that it be printed in the Messenger and Visitor.

The following resolution was moved by Rev. G. O. Gates.

Whereas, The Union Baptist Education Society is engaged in the erection of an edifice for a Baptist Seminary at St. Martins;

And whereas, The Institution when provided with such a building will continue to do a larger work for the benefit of our denomination;

Therefore Resolved, That we recommend the efforts being made to secure funds for its erection to the sympathy and benevolence of our churches.

The following charge was preferred against the Main Street Baptist Church of Woodstock :---

Mr. Moderator and Brethren,-

It becomes our painful duty to prefer a charge against the Main Street Baptist church, of Woodstock, for adopting and propagating to the injury of the peace and usefulness of our churches, the doctrine commonly known as instantaneous and entire sanctification.

Signed	ROBERT HANNAH,
0	F. E. GOOD.

Rev. C. Goodspeed, Rev. J. H. Tupper, and Prof. Higgins were appointed a Committee to investigate the above charge.

A charge was read against the Rev. J. H. Coy, as follows :--

Mr. Moderator and Brethren,-

We prefer a charge against the Rev. J. H. Coy, for propagating the Holiness doctrine of entire and Instantaneous sanctification. Signed JAMES, H. TUPPER,

JAMES, H. TUPPER, T. A. BLACKADAR, C. G. CURRIE.

Rev. G. O. Gates, Rev. C. Henderson, and Rev. J. C. Bleakney were appointed a committee to investigate this charge.

The Report on Education was read and laid on the table.

The Committee on special business reported as follows :----

A letter was received from an African Baptist Church at Woodstock asking that the church be admitted to this Association.

Whereas, The persons sending the above mentioned letter have sent no delegates nor sufficient information regarding themselves to warrant us in taking them into our Association, we therefore recommend that the Clerk of the Association be asked to write them to this effect and to give them such instructions as may be deemed needful. Report adopted.

Adjourned after prayer by Rev. W. H. Beckwith.

Wednesday-Evening Session.

Opened with prayer by Prof. Higgins. Minutes of last session approved. The special committee made the follow report :

Your committee *in* re of Bro. Coy, beg leave to report requesting that this Association inform Bro. Coy, through the Secretary, that the doctrine of "entire sanctification" is at variance with our belief as Baptists, and that if he is still determined to preach the same, thereby unsettling the faith of some and causing discord, this Association at its next Annual Session will be compelled, though painful the duty be, to withdraw from him our fellowship, by causing his name to be erased from our list of ministers.

Signed,

G. O. GATRS. J. C. BLEAKNEY. C. HENDERSON.

The Reports on Home and Foreign Missions were read and discussed. Stirring addresses were given by Rev. A. Cohoon, Rev. G. O. Gates, Rev. C. Goodspeed. The reports were adopted. The Report on Foreign Missions recorded the goodness of God to the work at home and abroad, that the lives of the Missionaries have been spared, that Rev. J. R. Hutchinson is returning, that the extent of the Telugu field demands an increase of the working force, and that the Board is looking for a man to send to India; that more prayer and larger giving by the churches are necessary.

The Report on Home Missions stated that the debt of \$3000 due last year had been reduced to \$360, that 360 persons have been baptized by our Home Missionaries, that more men and money are needed for this work, that the churches should adopt the Convention plan more heartily, that pastors should keep their people informed of the needs of our Home Mission work.

Closed with prayer by Rev. A. H. Hayward.

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Thursday-Morning Session.

After a social service Association resumed business with prayer by Rev. C. Currie. Minutes of last session were approved. The following Report of Committee on Nominations was submitted and passed :---

COMMITTEES FOR 1888.

Home Missions .- G. R. White, R. Hannah.

Foreign Missions,-Rev. W. F. Parker, Rev. J. C. Bleakney.

Education,-Rev. T. A. Blackadar, Rev. P. R. Knight.

Denominational Literature,-Rev. H. Charlton, Rev. J. G. Harvey, Rev. George Howard.

Temperance,-Rev. C. Currie, Rev. M. P. King.

To preach Association Sermon,-Rev. W. F. Parker; alternate, Rev. T. A Blackadar.

To write Circular Letter,-Rev. F. D. Crawley.

Rev. John Perry, (F. C. Baptist), was invited to a seat in the Association.

The Report of Committee on Education, H. C. Creed, Chairman, was taken from the table, discussed by Prof. Higgins, Ph.D., Rev. A. Cohoon and others, and adopted.

The report set forth the value of Denominational Schools; stated that the attendance at Wolfville has been larger during the past year than ever before, being 91 in College, 90 in the Academy and 83 in the Ladies' Seminary, of whom a good number were from New Brunswick; that the graduating class was the largest ever sent forth from Acadia, if not from any college in the Maritime Provinces; that the proposal to raise a Jubilee Fund of \$50,000 should meet with a hearty response; that a much needed addition has been made to the staff of Professors by the appointment of Prof. Wortman to the chair of Modern Languages; that the Seminary at St. John is in need of funds to continue its work.

The Report on Sunday Schools was read by Rev. Josiah Webb, and laid on the table.

The Report on Denominational Literature was read by Rev. George Howard, and laid on the table for discussion this afternoon.

Association adjourned with prayer by Rev. C. B. Lewis.

Thursday-Afternoon Session.

Prayer by Rev. J. C. Blakeney. Minutes of previous session approved.

The Report on Sunday Schools was passed without discussion. The report emphasized the importance of work for the young both at home, in the Sabbath School, and in the church.

The Report on Denominational Literature was discussed by Rev. C. Goodspeed, Rev. A. Cohoon, Prof. D. F. Higgins, Rev. C. Henderson, Rev. T. A. Blackadar, Rev. H. Charlton, and passed. The report enforced the necessity of care in literature furnished for the young, and commended the *Missenger and Visitor* and the Sunday School papers published by Dr. Hopper.

Resolved, That the next Annual meeting of this Association be held with the Second Cambridge Church, Queen's Co.

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of this Association be tendered to the members of this Church and community, who have so kindly entertained the Association.

The following report was submitted :

Your Committee appointed to consider the charge against the Main Street Baptist Church of having harbored the doctrine of Instantaneous and entire sanctification held to be unscriptural by our body, beg leave to present the following report:

We find that the charge is supported by evidence which cannot be questioned. While there are some who have nominal membership in this Church that have not accepted this view, the control is in the hands of those who make no secret of holding it. These cooperate with those who are seeking to propagate instantaneous and entire sanctification sentiments, they, have been parties to an invitation to a minister of another denomination holding this view to become their pastor and have in various other ways committed themselves, in the most open manner, to this doctrine. While our denomination acknowledges the the right of each Church to form and hold what views they please, we reserve to ourselves the right to recognize or disfellowship them as members of our body. Did we not do this we would be in constant danger of being made responsible for beliefs we esteem erroneous and mischievous.

We believe our Association has reason for grief over the access of this error of instantaneous and entire sanctification into the Main Street Church, Woodstock; but there is reason for still deeper sorrow that brethren who have departed from the faith of the body should still seek to remain in the body, thus consenting to occupy a false position which fits them to spread disruptive doctrines more effectually.

Your Committee would therefore recommend that the brethren of the Main Street Church who have accepted this error be exhorted to acknowledge and forsake it. If, however, they do not see their way clear to do this, we recommend that those who still hold to the belief of our body withdraw themselves, and that the fellowship of the Association be withdrawn from those who remain.

> Signed Committee, Signed Committee, C. GOODSPEED, D. F. HIGGINS, JAMES H. TUPPER.

Resolved. That the clerk send a copy of the above Report of Special Committee to the clerk of the Main Street Baptist Church.

Resolved, That the Moderator and Clerk of the Association be a committee to secure from the Main Street Church, Woodstock, a

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reply to the recommendation of the report of the committee appointed to investigate the charge preferred against them and publish the results in the *Messenger and Visitor*, and, failing to get a reply to publish the report of the committee at the end of three months.

On motion, the Treasurer's Report, was received, subject to corrections.

The Report on Temperance was received and adopted as follows :----

Your Committee on Temperance believe that the whole work in strong drink is wrong and wicked, in manufacture, use and sale of same. We therefore rejoice in the firm stand taken by Parliament in sustaining the Scott Act, but regret the decision of the same concerning the Prohibitory Act. We also believe it to be the duty of this body to do all in its power to secure a law to stop the importation, manufacture and sale of strong drink.

Resolved, That the Committee of Arrangements for travel be Bros. M. S. Hall, W. H. White, Rev. M. P. King.

Resolved, That our thanks are due to the Managers of Railways and Steamboats for reduction in fare.

Resolved, That Dr. B. Coburn, Edward Merrithew, G. G. King, H. C. Creed, and A. F. Randolph be delegates to the Convention from this Association.

Resolved That the thanks of the Association be given to the Choir for their excellent music.

Resolved, That Rev. Calvin Currie preach in this house this evening.

Resolved, That we adjourn to meet with the Second Cambridge Baptist Church on the fourth Thursday in June 1888, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Closed with prayer by the Moderator.

GEORGE HOWARD, Moderator.

G. R. WHITE, Clerk.

T. A. BLACKADAR, Assistant Clerk.

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39 Kingsclea		1877	W. E. Everett, Spring Hill, York Co,
40 Kingsclen		1887	G. A. Hammond, Kingsclear, York Co.
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Saturday, June 16th, 1887.

The Eastern New Brunswick Baptist Association convened in the First Elgin Baptist Church, at 2 o'clock p.m., on Saturday, July 16th, 1887, to hold its fortieth Annual Meeting.

Session opened with Rev. W. Camp, Moderator of last year in the chair. Hymn beginning "All hail the power of Jesus' name," was sung. Psalm LXXII. was read and prayer offered by Rev. G. F. Miles. The meeting continued in social conference for forty minutes, during which time all seemed to feel it good to be present.

The following is the list of delegates :---

Dea. Rommel, J. P. Connor, Rev. D. S. Carpenter, Dea. Matthew Allen, Dea. Stephen Davis, A. Fillmore, Dea. J. Thorn, Wm. Beckwith, J. N. Alward, C. B. Hewitt, C. A. Keith, E. B. McLatchy, (Lic.) Dea. James Stewart, Alfred Reid, Rev. W. C. Vincent, Rev. W. W. Corey, Dea. P. Jonah, E. Leeman, R. Ricker, B. Pattison, James Rogers, Rev. F. M. Young, Mrs. A. R. Emmerson, C. E. Knapp, John Downey, Rev. J. W. Carpenter, W. A. Colpitts, Le Baron Goddard, J. F. Horsman, B. B. Blakney, Dea. W. Brunan, Dea. B. Prosser, J. Prosser, Thomas Lounsbury, J. C. Geldart, Nelson Collier, W. R. Collicutt, J, Harrison, Rev. L. M. Weeks, George Berryman, Dea. Asael Wells, Dea. G. Brewster, J. Bishop, F. Bishop, W. A. West, Rev. W. Camp, Dea. O. Steeves, J. T. Steeves, J. W. Steeves, Asa Jonah, Rev. W. W. Corey, Rev. J. E. Fillmore, J. Jonah, M. Duncan, S. Hopper, Dea. D. Basley, Jas. McLatchy, Dea. R. Tingley, N. Peck, J. B. Calhoun, Rev. W. B. Hinson, Dea. J. Doyle, M. Wilmot, George Bleakney, C. A. Steeves, Miss E. McConnell, Rev. E. Alward, Dea. A. McDonald, L. Keith, F. H. Alward, G. N. Corey, Rev. S. S. Archibald, Dea. M. Amos. Dea. E. Carman, M. Anderson, A. Reid, W. Jones, A. Carmon, Rev. E. Alward, Dea. D. J. Dunham, D. A. Jonah, D. Hewitt, Mrs. J. Cleaveland, B. H. Thomas, (Lic.), John Sears, Dea. G. Maxwell, Rev. W. E. Hall, Dea. E. Tingley, J. Bell, B. A. Reid, Mrs. Ayer, Rev. J. M. Parker, Rev. W. T. Corey, Dea. D. L. Keith, J. Mason, Wm. Kinnear, J. H. Jenner, (Lic.), J. G. A. Belyea, (Lic.), Thomas Gay, Rev. M. Gross, H. Nicholson, J. W. Boyd, Mrs. W. C. Atkinson, Abbie M. Smith.

From the list of delegates the Association proceeded to elect the following officers for the ensuing year.

Moderator—Rev. W. B. Hinson. Secretary—Rev. F. M. Young. Assistant Secretary—Rev. W. C. Vincent. Trecsurer—Deacon Le Baron Goddard. Assistant Treasurer—Rev. M. Gross.

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Moved, seconded, and passed that all brethren eligible to a seat in any Association in the Convention be invited to a seat.

The following brethren took seats with us : Rev C. Goodspeed, Rev. W. J. Swaffield, Rev. J. Hopper, D.D., Rev. A. Cohoon, Rev. Dr. Sawyer, Rev. Dr. Day, Rev E. C. Corey, Rev. G. F. Miles, Rev. R. R. Philp, Rev. John H. Hughes, J. H. King, (Lic.)

Rev. L. M. Weeks gave notice that next year he would move that delegates from other Associations have all the privileges of delegates from churches in the Association.

The Moderator appointed the following committees.

On Arrangements, --Rev. J. W. Carpenter. Rev. W. E. Hall, Rev. J. W. Parker, Rev. A. F. Miles, and Rev. M. Gross.

On Nominations,-Rev. L. M. Weeks Rev. E. C. Corey, Rev. W. C. Vincent, Bros. C. J. Knapp and C. A. Steeves.

To Examine and read Letters,-Revs. C. Goodspeed, and W. J. Swaffield.

Reading of letters.

Report of Committee on Arrangements was read and adopted. Meeting adjourned with benediction by the Moderator.

Saturday-Evening Session.

Opened at 7.30, with prayer by Rev. M. Gross.

Reading of letters continued.

Being requested to do so the Secretary explained to the meeting why the Association was being held in Elgin instead of Campbellton as voted last year.

The explanation was received by the Association as satisfactory.

Reports on Home and Foreign Missions were read and laid on the table. Stirring addresses were delivered on the subjects by Rev. C. Goodspeed, A. Cohoon, W. J. Swaffield, and W. B. Hinson. On motion the reports were adopted.

Collection taken for Rev. R. R. Philp, amounting to \$12.26. Adjourned with prayer by Rev. R. R. Philp.

Sunday-Morning Session.

10.30. Associational Sermon by Rev. W. E. Hall. Text, Acts II. 41-42. Subject, "The need of care in receiving candidates for baptism and church membership."

Collection for Convention Fund.

Monday-Morning Session.

9.30. The Moderator being absent on account of illness, the chair was taken by Rev. W. Camp.

Prayer by Rev. J. M. Parker.

Reading of letters concluded.

Report on Temperance read, and, being received was spoken to by Bro. C. E. Knapp, and Rev. M. Gross. Report adopted.

Committee on Denominational Literature reported. Spoken to by Rev. C. Goodspeed, Bro. C. E. Knapp, Rev. W. E. Hall, Rev. F. M. Young, Rev. G. F. Miles, Bro. Allen McDonald, Dr. Hopper, and Dr. Sawyer. The Report urged the churches to patronize our own Book Room in purchasing libraries for their Sunday Schools, to subscribe generally for the *Messenger and Visitor*, and to use Dr. Hopper's Sunday School Helps. Discussion followed by brethren Rev. C. Goodspeed, C. E. Knapp, Rev. W. E. Hall, Rev. F. M Young, Rev. G. F. Miles, Allen McDonald, Dr. Hopper, and Dr. Sawyer, and the report was adopted.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. A. Cohoon.

Monday-Afternoon Session.

Meeting opened by Rev. E. C. Corey in the absence of the Moderator who was obliged to return home on account of sickness.

On motion, Rev. W. E. Hall was appointed Moderator, pro tem. Prayer by Rev. J. H. Hughes. Bro. C. Goodspeed led the meeting in prayer for the recovery of the Moderator from his sudden illness.

Bro. W. C. Vincent moved the following resolution :--

Whereas, The New Brunswick Education Society is engaged in the erection of a building to meet the wants of our Baptist Seminary;

And whereas, This institution supplies an important demand in connection with our educational work as a denomination,

. Therefore Resolved, That we commend the appeal for help to complete the building to the sympathy and benevolence of the members of our churches, and all interested in the work of education conducted under christian influences and direction.

On motion the resolution was laid on the table to be taken up for discussion when the subject of education comes up this evening.

Committee on Nominations reported as follows :----

That the Committees for the year be,-

Home Missions,-Rev. S. J. Archibald, Rev. W. C. Vincent, A. Wells, E. B. McLatchy.

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Foreign Missions,-Rev. W. E. Hall, Rev. J. E. Fillmore, O. Steeves.

Education, – Rev. W. Comp, J. G. A. Belyea. (Lic.), T. Horsman. Temperance, – Rev. W. B. Hinson, Rev. M. Gross, D. Jonah.

Denominational Literature.—Rev. L. M. Weeks, Rev. Geo. Seely, Rev. W. W. Corey, R. Tingley.

Systematic Beneficence,-Rev. J. W. Carpenter, Rev. F. M. Young, Rev. W. T. Corey.

Sunday Schools,-Rev. S. W. Keirstead, E. Alward, E. Hopper, E. Canning.

To examine Circular Letter,-Rev. J. M. Parker, C. F. Knapp, Lewis Keith.

Obituaries,-Rev. M. Gross, Rev. S. C. Moore.

Revising list of Ordained Ministers,-Rev. E. C. Corey, Rev. C. Goodspeed.

Travelling Arrangements,-C. E. Northrup, E. Tingley.

That the Association meet next year at Moncton; that Rev. F. M. Young, preach the Association Sermon; that Rev. E. C. Corey be his alternate, and that Rev. W. Camp write the Circular letter. The report was adpted.

The Committee on Circular Letter reported that they had examined the Letter and recommend that it be read. Report adopted.

Committee on Christian Beneficence reported. After discussion by Dr. Day, Rev. L. M. Weeks, Rev. W. C. Vincent, Rev. A. Cohoon, R. Tingley, M. Gross, Rev. C. Goodspeed, T. Horsman, and Dr. Sawyer, the report was adopted.

Adjourned with prayer by Dr. Day.

Monday-Evening Session.

Prayer by Rev. J. E. Fillmore; singing by Choir.

Report of Committee on Obituaries, which referred to Rev. E. F. Foshay, the only minister deceased during the year, was submitted and adopted.

The Report on Education was read and received for discussion in connection with resolution before referred to. The report referred to the larger attendance at the institutions at Wolfville, to the appointment of Prof. L. E. Wortman to the chair of Modern Languages, to the effort to raise \$50,000.00, to the work of the Baptist Seminary at St. John, and the erection of the building at St. Martins, and the need of a liberal response to the appeal for that purpose, and to the faithful theological work done at McMaster Hall. Discussion followed by Dr. Sawyer, Dr. Hopper, Rev. A. Cohoon, and the report and resolution were adopted.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. G. F. Miles.

Tuesday-Morning Session.

Opened with prayer by J. H. Jenner, (Lic.).

Resolved, That the preacher of the Association Sermon be requested to turnish a copy to the Editor of the *Messsenger and Visitor* for publication.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to take into consideration a plan for revising church rolls, to report at this session.

Brethren C. Goodspeed, A. Cohoon, and L. M. Weeks were appointed such committee.

R. Tingley and A. Wells were appointed delegates to Convention.

Bro. L. M. Weeks moved the following resolution :--

Whereas, It is necessary for the continued existence and growth of our weak churches, that they should be regularly supplied with pastoral watchcare and instruction, and

Whereas, Such pastoral oversight cannot be provided without these churches being grouped into convenient pastorates,

Therefore recoived, That this Association urge upon its churches and ministers to co-operate with one another and with the Home Mission Board in effecting and maintaining a convenient system of grouping.

Spoken to by Rev. W. Camp, Rev. A. Cohoon, Rev. E. Canning, A. Wells, Rev. L. M. Weeks, J. H. King, and adopted.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay over the amount in his hands to Dr. Day, Financial Agent.

The Report on Sabbath Schools, J. M. Parker, Chairman, urged the securing of faithful teachers, the duty of adults as well as of children to engage in the work, the use of good literature and the organization of Schools in the several sections of the churches. The report was discussed by Rev. W. J. Swaffleld, Rev W. Camp, Rev. L. M. Weeks, Rev. G. F. Miles, Dr. Sawyer, Rev. W. E. Hall, Rev. A. Cohonn, and adopted.

Rev. E. C. Corey moved the following resolution :

Inasmuch as Sunday School work is one of the most important parts of our Associational work,

Therefore Resolved, That it have a more prominent place in our gatherings.

Further Resolved, That Sabbath afternoons be devoted to the iuterests of this department of our work.

Anh further Resolved, That the Chairman of Committee on Sabbath Schools select three or four brethren to speak on the subject, their subject to be assigned them by himself and placed before them a few weeks before the meeting of the Association. Adopted.

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Rev. J. M. Parker moved the following :--

Whereas, A Committee of the Baptist Convention and the Free Baptist Conference have agreed to a basis of union for the two denominations and the same has been published in the denominotional newspapers,

Therfore resolved, That this Association views with favor the subject of Baptist union and would be glad to see it consummated in general agreement with said basis.

Resolution passed unanimously by a standing vote.

Committee on Revising List of Ordained Ministers reported : Spoken to by Dr. Hopper, G. F. Miles, F. M. Young, W. C. Vincent, and A. Cohoon. Report adopted.

Committee on the question of Revision of Church lists reported as follows :---

(1.) We believe all churches should make the church lists correspond as nearly as practical with the resident membership.

(2.) We believe however, that no name should be dropped from the list until kindness and persistent effort has been made to relieve the church of the necessity in cutting them off.

(3.) In the case of absent members, when their place of residence is known, they should be urged to unite with the Baptist church where they reside. Should they finally decline to take letters to these churches, unless they regularly report to their churches, and contribute to the funds, we recommend that they be excluded on the ground of culpable indifference to the claims of actual church membership.

(4.) When the address of the absent members cannot be attained, let the right hand of fellowship be withdrawn on the ground mentioned in the last case.

(5.) In the case of members residing where there is no Baptist church, let their names be retained, but they be expected to report, and contribute to the funds of their church. Report adopted.

Report of Treasurer read and adopted.

Vote of thanks to the people of Elgin for their kind hospitality; also to Railroad for reduction of rates for travel to delegates; also to the Methodist brethren for placing their house of worship at our disposal.

On motion, Association adjourned to meet at Moncton, the third Saturday in July, 1888, at 2 o'clock, P.M. Adjourned with singing doxology, and prayer by Dr. Sawyer.

W. B. HINSON, Moderator.

W. E. HALL, Moderator, pro tem.

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PEINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

The PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND BAPTIST ASSOCIATION held its Twentieth Annual Meeting with the Baptist church at Cavendish, on Saturday to Monday, July 2-4, 1887.

The Moderator of 1886, Rev. A. H. Lavers, occupied the chair. The Session was opened with devotional exercises.

The following delegates were present :---

Thomas Wood, John McNeil, W. A. Dunbar, W. S. Clark, Hon. Stewart Burns, Cornelius Leard, Dea. A. Hooper, Colin Schurman, A. J. McCormack, William Crossman, Samuel Simpson, Rev. E. Whitman, George Bell, Dea. Arthur Simpson, George McNeil, George McNeil, Jr., Walter Simpson, Mrs. John Clark, Rev. A. H. Lavers, Dea. Wm. McLeod, Rev. R. B. Kinlay, Wm. McVean, J. G. McLeod, Robert Andrews, Janes H. Green, John McPhee, Paul McPhee, J. K. Ross, Archibald McNeil, Jacob Bain, John Godfrey, Donald W. Stewart, L. A. Palmer, (Lic.), George W. Warren, G. S. Baker, Sister Celia Schurman, Rev, I. J. Skinner, Dea. W. B. Howatt, James Newsom, J. B. Leard, B. W. Howatt, George Newsom, Harry McPhee, Joseph H. McDonald, William Baglole, Mrs. Warren, Miss Warren, Rev. John Williams, Arthur Williams, James H. Bears, Malcolm S. McLeod, Simon Van Iderstine, Miss Grace Forbes.

Delegate from Nova Scotia Western Association.—Rev. G. E. Day, D.D.

Invited.—Rev. D. H. Simpson, Rev. B. F. Simpson, Norman McNeill.

Resolved, That all other visiting brethren present be invited to seats in the Association.

The following brethren were chosen officers :---

Moderator,-Rev. I. J. Skinner, Tryon.

Secretary, -J. B. Leard, Tryon.

Assistant Secretary,-Geo. W. Warren.

Ireasurer,-A. J. McCormick.

The Moderator appointed committees as follows :---

Arrangements,-Rev. J. C. Spurr, Rev. E. Whitman, Deacon Arthur Simpson Dea. W. B. Howatt, and Bro. Geo. McNeill.

Nominations,-Rev. E. Whitman, Rev. J. Williams, Bro. Malcolm S. McLeod, and Bro. Jos. H. McDonald.

To examine and read letters,-Rev. A. H. Lavers, Rev. John Wiliams and Deacon S. Simpson.

Letters read.

Committee of Arrangements reported making the following Sabbath appointments :---

Cavendish, (Baptist)—10 a.m., Introductory Sermon, Rev. I.J. Skinner. 7 p.m., Rev. E. Whitman.

3 p.m.. Social meeting, by Rev. J. Williams.

(Fairview)-2.30, Bro. A. H. Williams, (Lic.).

(Charlottetown)-Rev. Dr. Day, at 11 a.m., and 8 p.m.

Committee on Nominations reported, recommending the following committees :---

Circular Letter,-Rev. John Williams, Bro. Wm. McLeod, and Bro. Layton McCabe.

Questions in Letters,—Rev. J. C. Spurr, Rev. E. Whitman, Dea. S. Simpson, Bro. J. G. McLeod, Bro. A. H. Williams, and Bro. J. H. Bears.

Saturday-Afternoon Session.

Opened with prayer by Rev. A. H. Lavers. Moderator presiding. Minutes of previous session read and approved.

On motion, Rev, J. C. Spurr was appointed to prepare a report on Denominational Literature.

Committee on Sabbath Schools reported. Report discussed and adopted,

Committee appointed to report on the propriety of bringing the work of Sabbath School Convention into the Association, reported, recommending, that the Sabbath School Convention amalgamate with the Association. Report adopted.

The Report on Denominational Literature was read by Rev. J. C. Spurr. The claims of our Book Room and Denominational Newspaper were ably advocated by Dea. Arthur Simpson, Rev. E. Whitman, and Rev. D. H. Simpson. Report unanimously adopted.

Closed with prayer by Rev. E. Whitman.

Saturday-Evening Session.

The time was very profitably spent in devotional exercises conducted by Rev. J. Williams.

SUNDAY.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by I. J. Skinner, at 11 a.m., from Ecclesiastes I. 7. The other appointments were carried out.

Monday-Morning Session.

Praver by Rev. Dr. Day.

Report of Committee on Systematic Beneficence was presented by Rev. J. Williams, and after an animated discussion adopted.

Committee on Circular Letter reported favourably. The letter was read by the author, Rev. J. C. Spurr. Subject: "Our great need—a more extended and ever increasing knowledge of Christ."

Voted, That the writer be requested to furnish a copy of it for publication in the *Messenger and Visitor*.

Also Voted, That the preacher of the Introductory Sermon furnish manuscript for publication in our denominational paper.

Report on Education was read by Deacen Arthur Simpson, and received for discussion. The claims of our Educational Institutions were earnestly advocated by Rev. Dr. Day, Rev. D. H. Simpson, Bro. L. A. Palmer, and Norman McNeill.

Session closed with prayer by Rev. D. H. Simpson.

Monday--Afternoon Session.

Prayer by Rev. D. P. Harris.

Report on Education again taken up, discussed and adopted. Committee on Questions in Letters reported as follows :---

Your Committee in answer to the following question: "Why does not the Baptist Denomination have Elders to dispense the Lord's Supper ? Find, that the New Testament provides for Elders or Bishops and Deacons. That the former which are now called pastors dispense the Lord's Supper, which is the old and established usage of the Churches in their Associations, and while your committee sympathise with all churches that are destitute of pastoral oversight and consequently are deprived of the usual privileges of such oversight, we recommend that the sacred ordinances of the church be left as they always have been to the care of ordained ministers.

Report unanimously adopted.

The following standing committees were appointed, to report next year:

Missions,-Rev. I. J. Skinner, Bro. George W. Warren, and Dea. S. Simpson.

Education,-Rev. J. C. Spurr, Bro. J. K. Ross, Dea. A. Simpson, and Bro. L. McCabe.

Systematic Beneficence - Rev. R. B. Kinlay, Bro. George McNeill, N. J. McDonald, and William McLeod.

Sunday Schools,-Rev. A. H. Lavers, Rev. I. J. Skinner, and Bro. J. B. Leard.

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Denominational Literature,-Bro. J. A. Ramsay, Rev. E. Whitman, Bro. Albert Schurman, and Cornelius Leard.

Rev. J. C. Spurr to preach the Introductory Sermon next year: Rev. J. Williams to be his alternate. Dea. W. B. Howatt to write the Circular Letter, and Rev. I. J. Skinner, Rev. A. H. Lavers, and Bro. J. B. Leard, to prepare programme for Sabbath School Session.

Session closed with prayer by Dea. W. B. Howatt.

Monday-Evening Session.

Prayer by Bro. Allaby. Minutes read and approved.

Report on Missions read by Rev. D. H. Simpson, and adopted. Stirring addresses were delivered by Rev. Dr. Day, R. B. Kinlay,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due to the Railroad and Steamboat authorities for reduction of fares.

Minutes read and approved.

Committee on Arrangements for travel, Rev. E. Whitman, Bro. George Davies, and Dea. James Silliker. Delegate to N. S. Eastern Association,-J. B. Leard.

Association adjourned to meet with the church at Bedeque, on the 1st Friday in July, 1888.

I. J. SKINNER, Moderator.

J. B. LEARD, Secretary.

G. W. WARREN, Assistant Secretary.

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NOVA SCOTIA AFRICAN.

Halifax, Saturday, September 3rd, 1887.

The NOVA SCOTIA AFRICAN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION convened with the Cornwallis St. Church, Halifax, on the 3rd day of September, 1887, in Thirty-fourth Annual Session.

The Association met at 3 p.m. Rev. A. W. Jordan presiding. Prayer by Rev. G. Carvery. After the usual introductory remarks the List of Delegates was read from the various churches.

LIST OF DELEGATES.

Halifax,-Rev. A. W. Jordan, Deas. C. F. Riddle, Jos. Flint, W. Johnstone, C. Cooper, P. E. McKerrow, Brothers H. Russell, Jacob Flint.

Hammonds Plains,-Bro. A. Emmerson.

Preston 1st,-Rev. G. Carvery, Dea. R. Kempt.

Preston 2nd, (St. Thomas),-Dea. Joseph Smith.

Preston 3rd,-Deas. T. Crawley, S. Clayton.

Dartmouth,-Rev. F. R. Langford, Bro. Joseph Tynes.

Africville,-Rev. E. Dixon, Dea. James Brown.

Beech Hill,-Dea. Joseph Hamilton, Bro. R. Hamilton.

Falmouth,-Bro. J. T. Powell.

Cornwallis,-Rev. John A. Smith, Bro. John Gibson,

Fundy Section,-Deas. Charles and George Stevensons.

Digby,-Dea. P. Butler.

Bear River,-Letter.

Weymouth,-Dea. T. Langford.

Greenville,-Letter.

Bridgetown,-Bro. P. Hamilton.

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR 1887-8.

Moderator,-Rev. F. R. Langford. Assistant Moderator,-A. W. Jordan, B. D. Secretary,-P. E. McKerrow. Assistant Secretary,-W. Johnston. Ireasurer,-C. F. Biddle.

The Moderator appointed the following Committees :

Nominations and Arrangements,- Rev. A. W. Jordan, Rev. John A. Smith, Rev. E. Dixon, Rev. G. Carvery.

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To Examine Letters.—Deas. T. Langford, W. Johnstone, and P. E. McKerrow.

On Sabbath Schools,-Bros. A. Emmerson, P. Butler, and P. F. McKerrow.

On Temperance,-Rev. John A. Smith, Bros. C. Stevenson, and C. Cooper.

On Ministerial Education,-Rev. A. W. Jordan, Rev. E. Dixon, and G. Carvery.

On Obituaries,-Deas. Johnstone, Langford, and Rev. A. W. Jordan.

Committee on Arrangements and Nominations reported their various appointments for the Sabbath :

African Baptist—11 a.m., Rev. G. Carvery; 3 p.m., the Associational Sermon, by Rev. John Smith; 7 p.m. Rev. F. R. Langford, (Moderator). Zion Methodist—2 p.m., Bro. James Gabriel, (Lic.); 6 p.m., G. Carvery. They also recommend, a Temperance Mass Meeting for Saturday evening, at 8 o'clock.

Saturday-Evening Session.

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Speakers were, Revs. G. Carvery, E. Dixon, Jordan, Smith, Bros. C. Roane, James Gabriel, Crawley, Butler, T. Langford. Moderator in the chair. The meeting was a grand success. Closed by prayer.

SUNDAY.

The Associational Sermon, preached by Rev. John A. Smith, from John XIV. 1-3 verses, to a crowded house.

Monday-Morning Session.

Prayer for an hour.

Association opened at 9.30, with prayer and the reading of a short Psalm, by the Moderator. Minutes read and approved.

Committee on letters reported. The same was read and adopted. Bro. Philip Hamilton, Delegate from the Bridgetown Church, received the hand of fellowship on behalf of that church being readmitted to the Association.

Brother P. E. McKerrow laid on the table his resolution for dissolution of the Association, and that the churches merge into the other Associations. It was discussed at some length and laid over till the next session.

Session closed with prayer by Dea. Crawley.

Monday-Afternoon Session.

Opened with prayer by Bro. C. Roane. Minutes read and approved. The resolutions were again brought up for discussion, and occupied nearly the whole session; many of the older brethren holding very tenaciously to the present Association. Although not effecting the desired object, they did not feel like Fulling down the flag. On motion, the resolutions were laid over until the next Annual session.

Monday-Evening Session.

Was entirely devoted to Home Missions, in which many speakers were engaged—Revs. John A. Smith, Carvery, Bros. C. Roane, P. Hamilton, and Jas. Gabriel. Some very pitiable stories were disclosed by these brethren.

Benediction by the Moderator.

Tuesday-Morning Session.

After the opening prayer and reading of Minutes, the report of Committee on Letters requested that a committee be appointed to enquire into the condition of the meeting house at Bridgetown : when the necessary information was received, the committee asked the Association to aid these brethren to the amount of five dollars, which on motion, passed unanimously.

Committee on Temperance reported. The report wes discussed at length.

The Committee on Arrangements recommended that the Association meet with the Hammonds Plains Church, next year; said church having invited the Association for two years in succession. The same was accepted with a view of stirring up some spiritual work with these prethren in that locality.

The Report of the Committee on Ministerial Education was presented and laid on the table for discussion.

Adjourned with prayer by Bro. Gabriel.

Tuesday-Afternoon Session.

Opened with prayer and reading of Minutes.

Bro. George McDonald, of the Book Room, being present, was on motion invited to a seat in council with us. He spoke strongly in favour of the members using more united effort in the churches,

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and solicited their patronage at the Book Room. He also spoke briefly on the matter of Sabbath Schools, that subject having been brought on. He knew it required considerable sacrifice, which only a few cared to make, but he felt that those who did make it would be rewarded from on high. He also urged the use of Baptist literature in the schools which would have good effect on the Churches generally. He requested the brethren to remember that next year is the Acadia College Jubilee year and as there is an Endowmen't Fund being raised, the brethren could consider the matter and do their best for its furtherance. Rev. A. W. Jordan also spoke on the theme of endowment, and on motion, it was resolved that this Association subscribe towards said fund to the amount of twenty-five shares, which was unanimously approved.

Rev. A. Simpson, of Park Street Presbyterian church was present and spoke encouragingly to the Association.

The Peport on Ministerial Education was taken from the table and discussed at considerable length by Rev. A. W. Jordan, Rev. J. A. Smith, and Bro. James Gabriel, (Lic).

The session adjourned with prayer by Bro. Flint.

Tuesday-Evening Session.

Opened by singing and prayer by Rev. E. Dixon, preaching by same, from John XV. 16. After the preaching a service of song was rendered by the choir, when the Moderator announced that the labours of the Association had ended, and he was pleased to release the brethren from their duties for this season, and he prayed that the great Giver of all gifts would bestow upon us all strength to perform the duties that are incumbent on us, and that renewed vigour might be experienced by all present. He further besought God's blessing to meet all of his brethren at the next Annual Session, at Hammonds Plains, on the first Saturday in September, 1888.

The session closed finally with prayer and benediction by the Moderator.

F. R. LANGFORD, Moderator,

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Davidson, F. D	River John, Pictou Co., N. S.	
Day Geo, E. M.D. D.D.	Yarmouth, N. S.	
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Dimock, D. W.C. MA	Beaver River, Yarmouth, N. S	1874
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Freeman, M. P., B.A	Wolfville N. S. Newport, N. S.	1863
reeman, A., B.A	Newport, N. S	1880
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roru, J. A., D.A	Milton, Yarmouth, N. S.	1885
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Parker, D. O., M.A	Derwick, Aings Co., N. S.	1861
Parker, J. Melbourne Parker, Obed	Salisbury, N. B. Upper Wilmot, Annapolis Co., N. S	1865
rarker. w. L.	Hill Grove Digby Co N C	1841
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Philp, R. R., B.A	Unio, Yarmouth Co, N. S. Truro, N. S. Long Point, Kings Co., N. S.	1856
Pineo, D	Long Point, Kings Co., N. S.	1844
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Parker, W. F	Parrsboro', N. S. St. Martins, N. B.	18.7
Potter, Frank	Lower Granville, N. S	$1882 \\ 1883$
Powell, A. L., B.A	Guysboro', N. S.	1853
Price, David	Guysboro', N. S. Cambridge, Kings Co., N. S.	
LAND, Me D'	Campridge, Kings Co., N. S	1830
Pryor, John, D.D Read, E. O	Halifax N. S. Berwick, Kings Co., N. S.	1858
Read, J. L	Upper Aylesford, Kings Co. N.S.	1858
Redden, J. O., B.A	Upper Aylesford, Kings Co., N. S. Lompoc, California. Upper Keswick, Kings Co., N. B.	1882
Reese, P. O	Upper Keswick, Kings Co., N. B	1868
erenzen, w. m	Darrington, Shelburne Co. N.S.	1863
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Rowe, John	Upper Wilmot, N. S.	1850
Ross, Malcolm	Upper Wilmot, N. S	1843
autoru, nutus, M.A	Dimipatam, India	1872
aunders, E. M., D.D	Halifax, N. S.	1858
awyer, A. W., D.D	Westport, N. S	$1859 \\ 1860$
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MINUTES.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., Saturday, August 20th, 1887.

According to announcement, the meeting was opened at 2 o'clock, and Mrs. Martell lead the devotional exercises for half an hour, after which Mrs. M. W. Williams, the President, took the chair.

The following names of delegates were then enrolled :

Miss Løgan, Amherst, N. S.; Mrs. J. E. Hopper, St. John; Mrs. F. Higgins, Wolfville; Mrs. Tufts, Wolfville; Mrs. Miller, Wittenburg; Mrs. Currie, St. John; Mrs. Archibald, Halifax; Mrs. Hall, Sackville; Mrs. Bradshaw, Antigonish; Mrs. Blackadar, Halifax; Mrs. Wortman, Moncton; Mrs. John Baird, Moncton; Mrs. J. McSnow, Moncton; Mrs. Byron, Tryon; Miss Johnstone, Dartmouth; Mrs. Clark, Bay View; Mrs. Emmerson, Dorchester; Mrs. Coates, Amherst; Mrs. Chipman, Berwick; Miss Hooper, P. E. Island; Mrs. A. J. Walker, Truro; Mrs. Martell, Onslow; Mrs. C. Faulkner, Truro; Mrs. J. W. Croscup, Truro; Mrs. Murray, Springfield; Mrs. W. J. Stewart, Portland; Mrs. King, North River.

The Union was largely represented as well.

The Corresponding Secretary then read her report. It showed that the year's work, both at home and abroad, was much in advance of any previous year. The pledged amount, \$3,000, had been paid to the Foreign Mission Board, and there was a surplus on hand of \$1,735. They had also given \$258.30 to the Home Mission Board.

The report of the Provincial Secretary of Nova Scotia, Mrs. Selden, was read by Miss Johnston, of Dartmouth. It showed that much practical work had been done, and that there was an advanced movement all along the lines.

The Prince Edward 1sland report was read by Provincial Secretary, Miss L. A. King, of North River, and was very encouraging.

The New Brunswick report was given by Mrs. Emmerson, Provincial Secretary. It showed that the work done had taken root, and was telling, in many instances, on the churches. Out of the missionary prayer meetings have sprung glorious revivals. The work everywhere is aggressive.

The Treasurer's report was read by Mrs. Parsons, of Halifax, the Treasurer, Mrs. Manning, not being present. The report told so strongly of the true inner heart-beating of the sisters all over

MINUTES OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

the Maritime Provinces toward the glorious work, that the congregation with one accord arose and sang the good old doxology.

" Praise God from Whom all blessings flow."

The resignation of Mrs. Selden, who had served the aid societies so faithfully for 18 years as Secretary for Nova Scotia, was read, stating that ill health prevents her from continuing in the work which she so much loves. It was accepted with deep regret.

The Nominating committee was appointed by the chair, and were Miss Layton of Truro, Mrs. Stewart of Portland, Miss Johnston of Dartmouth.

Mrs. Martell, County Secretary for Colchester county, gave a very pleasing statement of the work there.

Miss Johnston spoke of the necessity of sisters carrying out the scriptural mode of laying aside weekly as the Lord had prospered them.

Letters from Mrs. A. H. Gillmore and Mrs. Philips, County Secretrries of Charlotte and York, N. B were referred to by Mrs. Emmerson, and their practical suggestions commended.

Nominating Committee presented the following report :

President,-Mrs. M. W. Williams.

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On motion the report was unanimously adopted.

The committee appointed last year to make such changes in the Constitution as would admit of taking in Home Missions, presented their report. The Constitution for the Union was, on motion, taken up by sections, and after a very full discussion was heartily endorsed.

The Constitution for the Aid Societies was read, and the first and second articles adopted. A difference, however, arose on the reading of the third article, and the whole matter was referred back to the committee to be reported on next year.

The committee as it now stands is Mrs. A. W. Sawyer, Mrs. John March, Miss Amy Johnston, Mrs. Tufts, Mrs. Jessie Harding.

The Corresponding Secretary presented the following list of work selected by the Executive Board from the estimates of the missionaries, and endorsed by the Foreign Mission Board, to be assumed for the year :---

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This, although five hundred dollars more than last yerr, was most enthusiastically adopted.

Mrs. March spoke of the great need of the Chicacole field and of the proposed building at Kimidy, and on motion \$500 were given from the surplus on hand to that work.

Mrs. Hutchinson, a returned missionary being present, was called upon, came to the platform and gave an interesting and touching account of her work in Chicacole.

On motion it was decided to ask the societies to make collections for the Home work as last year.

Monday, August 22nd.

The Mass Meeting of the Woman's Baptist Missionary Union, by permission, was held in the Methodist Brick Church, Charlottetcwn, P. E. I.

The President in the chair, the hymn "All hail the power of Jesus name," was sung by the choir. The Scripture was read by Mrs. Parsons, and prayer offered by Mrs. W. J. Stewart. An address of welcome was given to the Union by Mrs. Lavers. The President replied in fitting words and followed with her address.

The Secretary's report was read.

Miss Johnstone read a letter from Mrs. Sanford to the Union. Mrs. J. E. Hopper addressed words of welcome to Mrs. Hutchinson, and was replied to by her; both addresses were touching and beautiful.

MINUTES OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARX UNION.

Mrs. March read an address sent by Mrs. Churchill.

Mr. Hutchinson spoke on the condition of Hindoo women, of the terrible condition of the widows, of whom there are forty millions, and showed very clearly that nothing could be done for them but to give them the religion of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Mrs. Bates, from Ontario, being present, was called upon, and in response said their sisters were engaged in this same work, advancing from year to year. She spoke encouragingly to the workers, and presented greetings from their Society.

Mrs. Burhoe, from Illinois, was also called upon. She spoke of the Foreign Mission work done by the women of the Western States, was proud to belong to a Society that had done something towards piercing the shadows of heathenism in India. She thought all women in Christian lands should feel sensibly the responsibility of raising money to carry forward that grand work.

Mrs. Emmerson felt it was a great privilege to be present, and had received a new inspiration.

A vote of thanks was moved by Miss Layton, of Truro, and seconded by Mrs. Parsons, to the editor of the *Link* for the able manner in which this paper is conducted and urged the members of the Aid Society to see that this valuable missionary paper was more widely taken. This was heartily passed.

A letter was read by Miss Wright, and one from Miss Gray; also one from Mrs. Archibal l, enclosing one from Kirshnamuti, a converted Brahmin. These letters cheered all hearts.

A vote of thanks was moved by Miss Johnston, and seconded by Mrs. March, to the pastor and trustees of the church for their whole-heartedness and Christian brotherly kindness in giving the use of their house of worship in which to hold the meetings of the Women's Baptist Missionary Union, and also for the generous hospitality extended by them to the delegates and members of the Union. This passed unanimously, with many prayers that God would prosper those dear people.

Tuesday, August 23rd.

A special meeting of the Executive Board was held in the vestry of the Methodist church.

On motion, it was resolved to publish the work done during the year : committee to take charge were Mrs. March, Miss Johnston, Mrs. J. F. Marsters, Mrs. J. Parsons.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Aid Societies be recommended to make their contributions early in the year.

The following committee were appointed to procure and distribute of missionary intelligence for the year :

For Nova Scotia,—Miss Johnston, Mrs. Martell, Miss Layton, Mrs. J. J. Wallace.

For New Brunswiek,-Mrs. Emmerson, Mrs. March, Mrs. James E. Marsters.

For P. E. Island,-Mrs. Lavers, Miss Hannah Jones, Mrs. Clarke.

At 10 o'clock the sisters assembled for prayer. Mrs. D. F. Higgins, of Wolfville, conducted the meeting. An hour and a half was spent in prayer and earnest exhortations, all realizing unmistakably the helpful presence of the Almighty, and felt their hearts renewed for the work of the year.

M. E. MARCH, Cor. Secretary.

NOTICE.

The readers of our YEAR BOOK will observe that certain subjects which had prominent place in last year's edition, are not mentioned herein, notably the List of Baptist Boards in Ontario and Quebec—on page 212; Baptist Statistics of the World—page 213; Form of Bequest, &c.—page 214; Form of Deed of land to H. M. Board—page 215; and we direct inquirers to the above pages of the YEAR BOOK for 1886.

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