

MINUTES

OF THE

TWELFTH SESSION

OF THE

EASTERN NEW-BRUNSWICK

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD AT THE

HILL BAPTIST CHAPEL, HOPWELL,

On Saturday, Monday and Tuesday,

July 9th, 11th and 12th, 1859.

WITH THE

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

N. B. B. H. MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Minutes of Corresponding Associations, and other Documents relating to the E. N. B. Baptist Association, and Letters of General Correspondence, may be directed to the Editor of the "Christian Visitor," St. John, N. B.

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EASTERN N. B. B. ASSOCIATION.

Pursuant to appointment the Eastern New-Brunswick Baptist Association convened in the Hill Baptist Chapel, Hopewell, on Saturday, July 9th, 1859, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

After an interesting Conference the Association was called to order by appointing:—

Elder GEORGE F. MILES, *Moderator.*

Bro. JOHN MCKENZIE, *Clerk.*

“ JOHN S. TRITES, *Assistant Clerk.*

“ JAMES CALHOUN, *Treasurer.*

“ JAMES WELLS, *Assistant Treasurer.*

Resolved unanimously,—That visiting brethren from Nova Scotia and New-Brunswick be invited to take a seat with us as members of this Association—I. E. Bill, S. Robinson, H. P. Guilford, Thomas Todd, Freeman, Balcombe, Foshay, E. N. Harris, and Isaiah Wallace.

The following Committees were then appointed to examine and read letters—Elders Isaiah Wallace, Todd, Freeman, D. Lawson.

To examine Circular Letter.—Elders A. B. McDonald, James Wallace, and I. E. Bill.

On arrangements.—Elders Levi H. Marshall, W. D. Fitch, W. A. Coleman, D. Crandall, J. H. Hughes, and D. Blakeney.

On Colportage and Home Missions.—Elders I. E. Bill, Isaiah Wallace, James Trimble, Elias Keirtead, Samuel Robinson, Guildford, Bros. Robert Howard, William Stackhouse, and James F. Gouldrop.

On Special Business.—The whole Association.

On Statistical Information.—Elders Spurden, Peter Sprague, A. B. McDonald, J. H. Hughes, David Lawson, and Guildford.

On Periodicals.—Elders Spurden, W. A. Coleman, J. H. Hughes, Levi H. Marshall, James Trimble, David Crandall, David Lawson, Thomas Todd, and W. A. Corey.

On Sabbath Schools.—Elders Todd, W. A. Troop, Isaiah Wallace, A. B. McDonald, W. A. Coleman, James Herrett, Judson

W. Blakney, Bros. Jacob Corey, Deacon Fowler, Taylor, and Michael Gowland.

On Education.—Elders Freeman, Todd, Spurden, I. E. Bill, G. W. Springer, Isaiah Wallace, David Blakney, W. A. Corey, Duval, Bros. Haney, McLatchey, Alward, and Michael Gross.

On New Churches.—Elders David Crandall, Patrick Duffy, Bros. John Sears, James Irvine, and Thomas Mason.

On Temperance.—Elders W. D. Fitch, E. N. Harris, Elias Keirstead, Bros. John S. Trites, John A. Read, Israel Steves, Jacob C. Jones, Lewis Constantine, Solomon Smith, Manning Starrett, and John McKenzie.

On Superannuated Ministers.—Elders I. E. Bill, Thomas Todd, William Pulcifer, Springer, Rowe, Duffy, E. N. Harris, Bros. Gouldrop, Joshua Bishop, Barlett, Oliver, Benjamin Bray, Allen West, John S. Trites, F. Sears, Israel Steves, Rufus Fillmore, and Obadiah Starkey.

On desecration of the Sabbath.—Elders J. H. Hughes, Merritt Keith, Todd, Troop, David Crandall, Bros. Malcolm, McDonald, James Teakles, William McPhee, and Deacon James Calhoun.

On departed Brethren.—Elders Trimble, Troop, D. Crandall, Bros. Burns, M. McDonald, George Calhoun, and Lewis Wells.

The Committee on Arrangements submitted the following Report, viz:—

PREACHING STATIONS ON THE SABBATH.

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| Hill Chapel, | at 7 o'clock, | A. M., | Elder David Lawson. |
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| Calkin's Chapel, | " 10 " | " " | D. Lawson. |
| Hopewell Corner, | " 10 " | " " | Howe. |
| Hill Chapel, | " 3 " | P. M. | Spurden. |
| Upper Cape, | " 3 " | " " | Geo. F. Miles. |
| German Town, | " 3 " | " " | E. Keirstead. |
| Hill Chapel, | " 7 " | " " | Elder D. Freeman. |
| Calkin's House, | " 7 " | " " | Elder A. B. McDonald. |
| Hopewell Corner, | " 7 " | " " | Clark. |

Resolved,—That collections be taken at the close of each service.

Adjourned to meet on Monday at 10 o'clock, A. M.
Prayer by Elder I. E. Bill.

FORENOON SESSION, July 11th, 1859.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Introductory Sermon preached by Elder David McKeon, from Matthew's Gospel ix. and 37th and 38th verses—"Then saith he unto his disciples, the harvest truly is plenteous, but the labour-

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ers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."

The letters from the following Churches were then read, and the Delegates took their seats as members of the Association.

Jemseg.—Elder G. W. Springer.

Upper Sussex.—Bro. James Irving, Deacons Daniel Gooland, and James Teakles.

German Town.—Daniel V. Crandall, and Deacon Tingley.

1st Coverdale.—Elder Caleb Sprague, Bro. Peter Jonah, and Asa Jonah.

1st Moncton.—Elder Geo. F. Miles, Deacons Peter Mills, Timothy C. Gallagher, Bros. Abraham Stults, Lewis Constantine, and John McKenzie.

Hopewell.—Elders Marshall, Duffy, Deacons James Calhoun, Levi Wells, Bro. John E. McLellan, William McPhee, and William Robinson.

1st Grand Lake.—Elder E. Keirstead.

New Canaan.—Bro. William T. Corey, and Mr. W. Corey.

Norton.—Elder McDonald, Bros. John Hayes, and Christopher Barnett.

2nd Wickham.—Elder Judson Blakney, and Bro. Malcolm C. McDonald.

1st St. Martins.—Elder J. A. Smith. *Rev. J. Howe*

Hampton.—Elder A. B. McDonald.

1st Cambridge.—Pastor William A. Blakney.

Studholm.—Elder Elias Keirstead.

Caledonia.—Elder David Blakney, Deacons Newton Wells, James Rees, Bros. Manning, Starrett, and Albert Tingley.

2nd Cambridge.—Elder Springer.

1st Harvey.—Elder W. A. Coleman, Bros. Joshua Bishop, John A. Read, Allen West, and Benjamin Gray.

2nd Johnston.—Elder W. A. Troop, and Bro. Obadiah Starkey.

2nd Sackville.—Elder McKeen, Bros. C. Knapp, and J. Ford.

2nd Elgin.—Elder William Pulcifer.

1st Johnston.—Elder Troop, Bros. A. Thorne, and T. Mason.

U. Elgin and Mechanic Settlement.—Elder W. Pulcifer.

3rd Springfield.—Elder Springer, Deacon Corey, and Brother Thomas Ganong.

Kingston.—Elder W. A. Corey.

3rd Upham.—Elder A. B. McDonald, and G. Burn.

2nd Upham.—Elder Trimble, and Deacons Ammon Fowler, Jesse Tabor, Brethren Robert Howe, and William Stackhouse.

2nd Moncton.—Deacon Jacob Trites.

3rd Salisbury.—Bro. John O'Brien.

2nd Grand Lake.—Brethren Wm. T. Corey, Nathaniel Branscombe, and Thomas Branscombe.

1st Salisbury.—Elder George Seely, Deacon Martin Wortman, John Crandall, M. D. Harris, Brethren Martin Wilson, and John S. Trites.

2nd Salisbury.—Elder James Herrett, Deacons Joseph Blakney, Israel Steves, Brethren Jacob C. Jones, and Young Sherman.

1st Springfield.—Elder David Crandall.

2nd Springfield.—Elder W. A. Corey.

1st Hillsborough.—Elder John J. Hughes, Deacon William Gross, Brethren Henry McLatchey, Michael Gross, George Steves, and John Duffy.

4th Springfield.—Elder James Trimble.

2nd Jemseg.—No Delegate.

2nd Hillsborough.—Elder James Wallace, Deacon Joshua Jonah, and Bro. Absalom Steves.

Shediac.—Elders George F. Miles, and H. P. Guilford.

2nd St. Martins.—Brother Abel Washburn.

2nd Coverdale.—Elder James Wallace, Brethren James Gould, and William A. Bolsor.

3rd Hillsborough.—Elder Daniel V. Crandall.

1st Elgin.—Elder James Herrett, Deacons Charles Blakney, Michael Gowlan, and Brother Solomon Smith.

Point de Bute.—Elder David Lawson, and Deacon Rufus Fillmore.

4th Hillsborough.—Elder James Wallace, Deacon David Bazely, Brethren James Irving, and David Tingley.

1st Sackville.—Elder David Lawson, Deacon Fred. Sears, Brethren Edward O'Brien, and John Sears.

Roshea.—Elder Levi H. Marshall, Deacons W. Barber, and B. Oliver

Alma.—Elders P. Duffy, Nathan Cleveland, Deacons John Cleveland, Sen., and John Cleveland, Jr.,

Migic.—Deacons Nathan Hicks, More McDonald, and Bro. Josiah Finney.

Adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock.

Prayer.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 2 o'clock.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Brother Balcombe.

Committee on New Churches beg leave to report:—

That having examined letters from Roshea, Alma and Migic Churches, recommend that they be received into this Association.

D. CRANDALL, Chairman.

The right hand of fellowship was then given by the Moderator,

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Elder George F. Miles, and Delegates took seats as members of this Association.

After discussing the expediency of changing the day of commencing the Association:—

It was Resolved,—To continue its commencement on the second Saturday in July.

Resolved,—That the Association meet next year with the first church in Salisbury.

Resolved,—That Brother D. Lawson preach the Introductory Sermon, and Brother Merritt Keith be the alternate.

Resolved,—That Brother J. Hughes write the Circular Letter. Committee on Circular Letter:—

Recommend its adoption, and that it be read before the Association, and printed in the Minutes.

Resolved,—That one thousand copies of the Minutes be printed in the office of the "Christian Visitor."

Resolved,—That the Articles, Constitution and Covenant be printed in the Minutes.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, on special business.

Prayer by Brother Guilford.

JULY 11th, 7 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Prayer by Brother Trimble.

Meeting of the N. B. B. Home Missionary Society. Elder Samuel Robinson, President, in the Chair. After a few remarks by the President, the Report was read by Elder I. E. Bill, Secretary.

Resolved,—That the Report be accepted and printed in the Minutes.

Stirring addresses were delivered by Elders Smith, Rowe, Freeman, E. N. Harris, Lawson, Isaiah Wallace, Balcombe, Duval, Spurden, Guilford and Miles.

Adjourned until Tuesday morning 9 o'clock.

Prayer by Brother I. E. Bill.

TUESDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK, JULY 12th.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Brother D. Crandall.

Resolved,—That Elder S. Robinson be President of the N. B. B. Home Mission Society; and Vice Presidents—Elder A. D. Thomson, Elder Charles Spurden, A. M., Elder G. F. Miles, Elder David Crandall, Elder J. A. Smith, Elder James Newcomb, Hon. W. B. Kinnear, and G. Hoben, Esq.

Corresponding Secretary.—Elder I. E. Bill.

Recording Secretary.—J. P. Davies.

Treasurer.—Hon. A. McL. Seely.

Auditor.—Mr. Thomas McHenry.

Executive Board — N. S. DeMill, J. F. Masters, John Smith, Moses Lawrence, George Garrison, John Fisher, John Harding, James Brailey, James Masters, M. Francis, B. DeMill, and Edwin Clay.

Resolved.—That Elder Issiah Wallace be Financial Agent and General Missionary.

Resolved;—That Brother Tabor be the successor of Brother Wallace in the Missionary field.

The appointment of Brother Tabor is provisional. If he likes the field and the church receives him.

Resolved,—That our Missionary at Miramichi receive £33 6s. 8d. from the Board, and obtain all he can from the people in making up his salary.

Resolved,—That Elder Issiah Wallace receive £125 salary as Financial Agent and General Missionary.

The Committee on Home Missions beg to recommend the adoption of the following resolutions.

1. Resolved,—That the N. B. B. Home Missionary Society justly claims the confidence, sympathy, and co-operation of the Ministers and Churches of this Association.

2. Resolved,—That it is exceedingly desirable in accordance with the provisions of the constitution to form an Auxiliary in every Baptist Church in the Province, and to co-operate with the Parent Society.

3. Resolved,—That the appointment of Rev. Issiah Wallace as the Financial Secretary and General Missionary of the Society has the entire approval of this Association.

After preaching by Elder Smith, Association resumed business.

Circular Letter read by brother Coleman.

Resolved, That the Circular Letter be referred to the Committee on special business.

Resolved, That the Association resolve itself into an Educational Meeting.

The Committee on Education submit the following report:—

Your Committee learn with pleasure that our Academy at Fredericton under the care and superintendence of Rev. C. Spurden, is still prospering, having been enlarged by the addition of a Female department. As this incurs increased expenditure we hope to obtain some aid from the Legislature. We would also urge the speedy removal of the debt of £500 due by the N. B. Education Society. We are also pleased to hear of the measurable success of the agency in behalf of Acadia College in Nova Scotia, and hope that it may meet with at least equal success in this Province.

We commend our Institutions to the sympathies of the people, and bespeak for them an increased patronage. Let parents entrust their sons and daughters to the care of our faithful teachers who will inculcate right principles as well as scientific knowledge, and let those who

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have been entrusted with the gold and the silver acknowledge their stewardship by a generous support of our Baptist institutions of learning.

Read by Elder Freeman and adopted.

The Report on Education was then submitted and read by Elder Purden :—[See Appendix.]

Resolved, That it be adopted and printed in the Minutes.

Moderator resumed the Chair.

Committee on periodicals submit the following report, which was read by Elder Purden and unanimously adopted :—

The Committee on Periodicals beg leave to report,

That since the last meeting of the Association changes have been made in the proprietorship and editorial department of the *Visitor*.—Elder Gunford has become joint proprietor and Editor, and Mr. McHenry has taken the financial affairs and secular department of the *Visitor* in hand. These changes have relieved Elder Bill from undue pressure, and by dividing the labour, and enlarging the means of conducting the paper will in various ways work beneficially.

They are glad to learn that the circulation of the *Visitor* is well maintained, and that some progress is being made in settling the accounts which have been long due. The business of conducting a newspaper involves a large outlay and weekly expense, funds must therefore be obtained, and unless subscribers pay, and pay punctually, it is impossible for the conductors to meet their obligations. A large subscription list and ready payment enable the Editors to introduce improvements, and incur expense for the advantage of their readers. The Committee think that they are expressing the unanimous opinion of the Association when they strenuously urge the prompt settlement of all outstanding claims, and the adoption of prepayment as a general principle.

In view of the great advantage of a well conducted periodical, and the powerful influence which will inevitably be exerted by a religious newspaper, they can not too strongly recommend the journals of the Denomination to the hearty support of the people. They would remind the local agents, and ministers, that the co-operation is still required for the purpose of extending the circulation of the *Visitor*, and attending to its interest, they trust therefore that these brethren will not relax their exertions which have already been of essential service.

All which &c.,

C. SPURDEN.

Adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock for Special business.

Prayer by Elder S. Robinson.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 2 o'clock.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Elder I. E. Bill.

Resolved,—That the Report of the Council appointed to visit the Third Salisbury Church, and printed in the Minutes of 1858 be adopted.

Resolved,—That the First Church of Upham, and First Church of Dorchester be dropped from the list of Churches.

Resolved,—That the names of Bro. Bunting and James McPhee be discontinued in the List of Ministers.

Resolved,—That the Circular Letter be received and printed in the Minutes and "Christian Visitor."

The Committee on Superannuated Ministers submit the following Report which was adopted.

The Committee appointed to consider the question of support for infirm Ministers, and the widows and orphans of deceased ministers, respectfully submit the following report:—

1. In the judgment of your Committee, Christian Churches are bound by every law that is sacred to make provision for such of their infirm ministers as have no means of supporting themselves, and also to provide for the widows and orphans of deceased ministers when left in a state of destitution.

2. Having this conviction your committee recommend that Brethren I. E. Bill, S. Robinson, Hon. A. McL Seely, T. McHenry, J. Smith, (Deacon) E. Clay, Hon. W. B. Kinnear, be a Committee to carefully consider the best mode of making this provision and having done so to report the same through the columns of the *Christian Visitor*.

3. That Bro. Solomon Hersey be appointed Treasurer to take charge of any money which may be contributed to this object.

Committee on Sabbath Schools submit the following Report which was adopted.---

The Committee on Sabbath Schools beg to Report,

That it affords them great pleasure to hear from so many of the Churches in relation to Sabbath Schools, and they feel assured that our people are waking up to those important interests which are valuable Auxiliaries to the Christian Church, yet we cannot help expressing the fear that in many localities where Baptist Sabbath Schools ought to be established they are entirely neglected. We would therefore recommend the formation of Schools, the establishing of well conducted Bible Classes in every Church connected with this body, to accomplish this, Pastors and Deacons will be required to take hold of this work with renewed vigor, we would also request our people to be particular in sending to our annual gatherings a statistical account of their Sabbath Schools.

THOS. TODD, *Chairman*.

Resolved,—That Bros. Trimble, McDonald, and Smith, be a Committee to visit the Upper Loch Lomond Church.

Committee on Departed Brethren submit the following Report which was adopted:—

The Committee on departed Brethren beg leave to report, that they deeply regret the loss of Father Charles Thorn, who died in the triumphs of faith on the 14th of April last, whose deep and fervent piety, self sacrificing zeal and love of souls are too well known to need comment. Your Committee think that this event calls loudly upon Ministers of the Gospel to be more devoted to their work, and to pray that the Lord would send more labourers into his field.

All which is respectfully submitted,
JAMES TRIMBLE, *Chairman*.

Resolved,—That this Association adjourn to meet with the First Salisbury Church on the Second Saturday in July 1860 at 2 o'clock P. M.

Resolved,—That the thanks of this Association be tendered to the friends in Hopewell for their kindness and hospitality during the Session.

JOHN MCKENZIE,
JOHN S. TRITES.

GEO. F. MILES, *Moderator*.

CIRCULAR LETTER,

To the Churches comprising the Eastern N. B. Baptist Association.

In this our annual epistle permit us to solicit your attention and consideration to a few remarks on the subject of the permanency of the pastorate; which subject you will unitedly admit to be of great importance. We are fully persuaded, because we have you in our hearts, that you hold the faith of God's elect—and therefore are peculiarly anxious that you should enjoy such means as will insure your advancement in the Divine life; but we would remind you that the means that give this warrant are only such as have been authorised and appointed by the great head of the Church, and no means comes to us with greater power and blessing than the preaching of the glorious gospel together with all the other labors of the Christian pastor. When we reflect upon the sacredness of the relationship that exists between the Church and its Pastor, we can but suppose the severing of those ties to be afflictive, therefore detrimental to the interests of the cause of God; neither can we be persuaded that such separation should take place unless good reasons for it can be assigned. Authority for it we have not found, though it has become an almost every day occurrence among us. Young men called of God to preach the gospel are chosen by churches to be their Pastors and to such choice in many instances tokens of divine approval are given, yet in a few months the relationship is broken up. We cannot conceive how this can be for the glory of God when changeable men can scarcely be persuaded to set his seal to an act that is to be disannulled in a few months. This course is not only pursued by those recently set apart to the work of the ministry, but in many cases those that have been long labouring as Christian Pastors have seldom if ever continued long enough in any one place to become fully acquainted with the wants of the people. In view of all this we ask is such a course right? The Bible and every right thinking man says no. It is dishonoring to God and injurious to his cause. Who, then, is benefitted? The churches certainly cannot be. We believe this is the greatest cause of the unceasing complaint of churches being without Pastors, and Ministers without churches; neither can there be a readier way to cripple a church and destroy its influence for good than to change its Pastor every year or two. Of this we have abundant proof in the history of the past. In almost every instance the churches that have been most prosperous, and have done their work efficiently, have been those that have continued the same Pastor until God in his providence removed him; while those that have been ever changing Pastors, and those that imagined they could do without Pastors, have in most cases come to nought. That such practice still exists among us we cannot deny; that the churches are not benefitted by it is evident. Who, then, are benefitted? Are the Ministers? Certainly not; whatever is injurious to the churches must be to the Ministers. It prevents them from storing their minds with useful know-

ledge, every removal breaks up thier studies which are not resumed again for many months, and this loss can not be repaired. Then the unhappy feelings of disunion that in many cases are created and take possession of hearts that should be filled with love to God and to the souls of the perishing. Frequent removals cannot be beneficial to Pastors as regards their pecuniary relations; it must prevent them from making arrangements for the permanent settlement of their families, or for the education of their children. Then the great waste of time. God called them to labour for him and to watch for souls, but when they most expect to see their labours crowned with success the time of their removal comes, and three or six months pass before another settlement is effected, and that probably only for one year.

DEAR BRETHREN—In the fear of God, and in view of the account to be rendered, we make the solemn enquiry, Who is to blame in all this matter?—Blame rests somewhere; at whose door is it to be found? Are the churches to blame? We believe they are; they do not set a proper value on the toils and labours of their Pastors, or if they do, they do not let them know that they have their sympathies and prayers, or that they appreciate their services. Their irregular attendance at the house of God, or the listless manner in which they sit while he is proclaiming to them the glorious gospel, disheartens him—their real aversion to keeping up gospel discipline or at least the disposition to have it carried out without their aid; thus putting the Pastor to do the work of the church, very soon brings influences to bear upon him that renders his removal indispensable. Then there are those in many of our churches who indulge a spirit of intolerance and despotism, and this spirit is so diametrically opposed to the constitution and principles of Baptist churches, that their only hope of success is in the skilful use of flattery and deception; but a Pastor that has become acquainted with them and their design, can not be influenced by them, therefore a speedy removal must be effected, for the accomplishment of which they labour most assiduously, withholding from him all aid and co-operation while they gather around a stranger, though he preaches the same gospel as their pastor, and by fair speeches and a show of piety deceive him and if possible get him to exert an influence against their Pastor, and after a time the Pastor leaves his field discouraged, not knowing whither to direct his steps. Others are forced to resign their charge on account of the irregular manner in which they receive their salaries, want of punctuality and promptitude on the part of churches at once involve the Pastors in difficulty, as the promised salaries are their only means of support; but if they at all complain they are disposed to let them go, and get others that will not require so much salary. Another cause of the frequent removal of Pastors is the want of suitable dwellings for them.—churches instead of providing comfortable houses for their Pastors leave them to provide for themselves, with salaries that render it impossible for them to procure respectable situations. Therefore they are often found occupying the meanest looking and most dilapidated buildings in the community, and in such circumstances they find their influence weakened and are thereby prompted to seek another field where they may be more useful. In some instances the hurried manner in which the sacred connection is formed, is a cause of speedy dissolution. Churches engage Pastors without knowing anything of their qualifications or ability to discharge the duties of the pastorate, and after a time they find themselves disappointed, and now a removal must be effected. But the churches should not bear all the blame. There is a restless spirit in some ministers that is the cause of their often removing from place to place. When called to endure hardness, they try to escape it by removing to another church. A sense of inadequacy to the duties required of them causes them to seek fields more easily cultivated, instead of inducing them to use every means within their power to become efficient in every department of pastoral labour. Unwarrantable desires for the largest salaries may have been the cause of the removal of Pastors in some instances, and perhaps other reasons might be given with which we are not acquainted.

DEAR BRETHREN—Let us as Ministers and Churches put forth a united effort for the removal of all wrongs from among us, and let us by prayer and fasting before God seek to have each heart rightly influenced, and then we will be prepared to labour for the good of others, and may God hasten the time when all sin shall be put away from among us, and when we shall stand before him without spot and blameless.

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LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS,

IN CONNECTION WITH THE EASTERN NEW BRUNSWICK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

| NAMES. | RESIDENCE. | DATE OF ORDINATION. |
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| Blakney, James | Gondolo Point, | |
| Bancroft, Samuel | Butternut Ridge, | |
| Burn, George | Upham, | January, 1851. |
| Blakney, David | Salisbury, | 1850. |
| Blakney, Judson W. | Cambridge, | 1853. |
| Crandall, David | Springfield, | January, 1831. |
| Cleveland, Nathaniel | Alma, | |
| Coleman, W. A. | Harvey, | September, 1848. |
| Crandall, D. V. | Elgin, | June, 1861. |
| Corey, W. A. | Kingston, | 1859. |
| Duffy, Patrick | Hillsborough, | May, 1849. |
| Fitch, W. D. | Hopewell, | January, 1844. |
| Herritt, James | Butternut Ridge, | August, 1845. |
| Hughes, J. H. | Hillsborough, | January, 1854. |
| Keith, Meritt | Butternut Ridge, | August, 1855. |
| Keirstead, Elias | Sudholm, | |
| Knight, Peter | Dorchester, | June, 1848. |
| Lawson, David | Point de Bute, | March, 1855. |
| McPhail, Donald | Buctouche, | August, 1846. |
| Marshall, Levi H. | Hopewell, | November, 1847. |
| Miles, George F. | Monoton, | |
| Match, Alexander | Gondolo Point, | July, 1848. |
| McKeen, David | Seckville, | 1854. |
| McDonald, A. B. | Upham, | October, 1858. |
| Newcombe, James | Monoton, | May, 1843. |
| Pulcifer, William | Elgin, | |
| Skinner, J. C. | Cambridge, | August, 1836. |
| Smith, J. A. | St. Martins, | February, 1842. |
| Sprague, Peter, | Springfield, | |
| Stone, Titus | Sussex, | |
| Sprague, Caleb | Springfield, | June, 1858. |
| Seeley, George | Salisbury, | August, 1852. |
| Springer, G. W. | Jemseg, | 1857. |
| Trimble, James | Springfield, | February, 1845. |
| Troop, W. A. | Springfield, | June, 1856. |
| Wallace James | Coverdale, | August, 1826. |

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ABSTRACT OF THE STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

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| 2 German Town | 1866 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 66 | 0 | 31 |
| 2 1st Coverdale | 1866 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 36 | 0 | 36 |
| 1st Moncton | 1818 | 35 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 186 | 0 | 100 |
| Houseswell | 1864 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 169 | 0 | 100 |
| 1st Grand Lake | 1864 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 29 | 0 | 76 |
| New Canaan | 1864 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 133 | 0 | 93 |
| 2nd Wckham | 1819 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 67 | 0 | 50 |
| 1st St. Martins | 1819 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 153 | 0 | 76 |
| 2 Hampton | 1826 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 282 | 0 | 100 |
| 1st Cambridge | 1826 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 46 | 0 | 53% |
| studholm | 1866 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 81 | 0 | 50 |
| 1 Caledonia | 1866 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 47 | 0 | 210% |
| 2nd Cambridge | 1866 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 39 | 0 | 53 |
| 1st Harvey | 1866 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 72 | 0 | 79% |
| 2nd Johnston | 1866 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 126 | 0 | 152 |
| 2nd Sackville | 1866 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 86 | 0 | 85 |
| 2nd Elgin | 1866 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 133 | 0 | 80 |
| 1st Johnston | 1866 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 32 | 0 | 40 |
| 7 U. Elgin, and M. Settlement | 1866 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 83 | 0 | 104 |
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| 1st Sackville | 1866 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 63 | 0 | 00 |
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| *Alma | 1866 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 76 |
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| 1 Mill Cove | 1866 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 36 | 0 | 00 |
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| 1st Restigouche | 1866 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 56 | 0 | 00 |
| 1st Balgonie | 1866 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 34 | 0 | 00 |
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APPENDIX.

REPORT OF THE N. B. B. H. M. BOARD.

Presented to the Society at its Sixth Anniversary, held at Hopewell, July 11th, 1859.

Your Board in presenting their Annual report cannot boast of extended Missionary operations during the year. With the exception of Elders David Crandal and Walker for a few weeks each, they have only been able to employ two Missionaries, viz., Elder James Blakney, and Elder Isaiah Wallace. Both of these esteemed Brethren have been laboring faithfully and successfully in the Miramichi country. The former in Ludlow, Blissville, Blackville, &c., and the latter in Newcastle, North West, Little Southwest, Black River, &c., &c. The Mission of Brother Blakney is to a large extent self sustaining, and Bro. Wallace expects to derive two thirds of his salary from the people among whom he labors, relying upon the Board for the other third.

Numerous calls have been made upon your Board for Missionary labor, but in the absence of a general Missionary Agency to collect funds they have not felt that they would be justified in multiplying appointments. Consequently the inviting Missionary fields open to the denomination in different sections of the Province have not been cultivated to an extent at all commensurate with their necessities. Instead of two Missionaries, your Board should have at least twenty constantly employed. The moral and religious condition of the Province, and the interests of the denomination imperatively call for this number. Success to a greater or less extent invariably attends the labors of our missionaries. The following interesting reports from brethren Wallace and Blakney show how cheering the success which has crowned their effort in the North.

Report of one year's Missionary labor performed by the Rev. Isaiah Wallace in the Miramichi field, commencing July 10th, 1859.

Newcastle.—This is the place of my residence and the centre of my Missionary operations. Here we have a small Baptist Church and preaching every Sabbath evening. A Bible class is taught by the Missionary on Sunday evenings, usual attendance 14. A weekly prayer meeting is also sustained.

Black River.—Here there is a Branch of the Newcastle Church, and it is expected that a separate Church will be shortly organized. In this station we have had preaching every third Sabbath morning, besides a week day services.

Whitney Settlement.—Here we have had preaching rather more than half of the time on the Sabbath, and occasionally on week evenings. A weekly prayer meeting is sustained, and an interesting Sabbath School is taught under the general supervision of the Missionary.

Little South West.—Here we have had preaching every third Sabbath. A prayer meeting is regularly sustained and a Sabbath School kept in active operation.

ADDITIONS.

There have been added to the Black River Branch six by baptism and two others upon a statement of their religious experience who had previously been baptized. One has been added by baptism in Newcastle. At Whitney Settlement twelve have been added by baptism and three by letter, and at Little South West fifteen have been baptised, two added by letter, and two restored. Total by Baptism 34, by letter &c., 9.

GENERAL REMARKS.

Bay Du Vieu and Upper Nelson have been visited occasionally during the year with hopeful indication.

Our prospects generally in the above stations are encouraging, and should the Board continue its operations there, still more cheering results may be anticipated than have been enjoyed during the past year.

The Missionary has preached usually three times on the Sabbath, and two or three times during week days and evenings. He has administered the Lord's Supper once or twice during the year in each of the above stations, and has travelled and visited extensively.

In conclusion the missionary in view of any success that has attended his imperfect labours, would ascribe all the honor and the praise to Him who has said, "Lo I am with you alway even unto the end of the world."

Rev. James Blackney, reports as follows:—

Between July 1858 and July 1859, I have labored nine months and a half under directions of the Board in the Miramichi district, viz., Blackfield, Blissfield, Ludlow, and Cape Tormentine. In these places I have preached the Gospel with much freedom, and the Lord in mercy has accompanied it with the Holy Spirit sent down from heaven. Sinners have been converted and the kingdom of Christ advanced. To God be all the glory. Miles travelled in the time 1980; meetings held 264; visits made 435; converts baptized 37; pages of tracts circulated 6069; gave away eight Bibles, and nine Testaments; administered the Lord's Supper 15 times, and collected for the Mission forty-eight pounds.

In closing permit me to say I have abundant cause to be humbled under a sense of the divine goodness, and my own unworthiness and unprofitableness.

JAMES BLACKNEY, Missionary.

Rev. James Walker spent four weeks last Autumn in Bushagarnish and Oromocto, in the service of the Board. He reports having travelled during the time 204 miles, preached 22 sermons, attended 3 conference meetings, and visited the people from house to house. His collections for the Mission amounted to three pounds seven shillings and ninepence.

Our brother prosecuted his work diligently and we hope successfully.

The Northern Counties of the Province are calling loudly for additional labourers; but there are no funds in the Treasury to meet the demand.

Your Board regret to say that the Treasury is already in debt to an extent beyond their ability to pay. Nearly £50 are due the former French Missionary Knight, and Bros. Wallace, Blackney, Newcombe, DeMill and Troop, have claims amounting in all to fifty or sixty pounds which ought to be paid without further delay. These will be diminished somewhat by the Association Collections, but these will not be sufficient to wipe off the entire debt.

At the last Anniversary your Board stated to the Society its conviction that it would be utterly impossible to carry forward Home Missions upon an extended scale without an effective general agency in the field, and requested the Society to secure at once such an agency.—This they were unable to do, and therefore instructed the Board to make the appointment

so soon as the suitable man could be obtained, but up to this time your Board has not been able to secure the services of one who in their judgment possessed the qualifications necessary for the successful prosecution of this important work.

Under these circumstances your Board appeals to the Society for guidance. Will the Baptists of this Province allow their Missionary fields and their feeble Churches to pass into the hands of other denominations? Can they do so without being unfaithful to the trust which the great head of the Church has committed to their care? Is it not a melancholy fact that more than half of the Baptist churches of New Brunswick are without pastoral oversight? Shall they continue so? Is there any way of supplying them without a comprehensive Missionary organization? All observation and experience prove to your Board that without such an organization generally favoured by the Churches and liberally sustained by their contributions, too many of our ministers will remain as they are without churches, and too many of our Churches will continue to languish for the want of pastoral administration.

It is comparatively in view that we seek to promote revivals and plant Churches unless provision be made to strengthen and confirm these Churches when planted.

In the judgment of your Board the time has come when the denomination is loudly called upon to put forth vigorous efforts to secure the services of a general Missionary Agent, who shall devote himself entirely to the work of prosecuting the cause of Home Missions. A great work is to be done in this department. Every Church large or small should be visited, and in every Church a Missionary Auxiliary should be formed, occasional excursions should be made in new districts to ascertain their wants, and the best means of supply, and a general supervision exercised over the whole mission field. A General Missionary Agent prosecuting this work vigorously would probably bring a thousand pounds a year into the Treasury. This would enable the Board to call into requisition all the unemployed ministerial talent of the body, to supply to a large extent destitute Churches, to take up from time to time, as occasion might require, new fields of labor, add to strengthen and confirm Churches when brought into existence. They are the children of the denomination, and as such should receive its fostering care.

Your Board would respectfully, but earnestly entreat the Society to consider the enfeebled and inefficient condition of our numerous Churches having no pastoral oversight, and the wide and effectual doors opening in prominent sections of the Province for Baptist preaching, and not to allow the present Anniversary to pass without selecting from among the number of our ministers a suitable man, who shall be willing to consecrate himself permanently to a General Missionary Agency. Having such an agency with the divine blessing success is certain, without it comparatively little can be done.

ACTION OF THE SOCIETY.

1. Resolved,—That the report just now read be adopted and printed in the Minutes.

2. Resolved,—That the success attending the labors of Baptist Missionaries in this Province in the past should stimulate to renewed and persevering exertions in this work of Christian charity.

3. Resolved,—That in the judgment of this Society the successful prosecution of the important work committed to the Baptists of this Province depends largely and under God upon systematic and continuous Missionary action.

4. Resolved.—That the Board be instructed to secure if possible the services of Rev. Isaiah Wallace as Financial Secretary and General Missionary of this Society.

List of Subscriptions to the N. B. Baptist M. Missions in 1859-9.

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| Thomas Hicks, | £0 5 0 | Collection at Canning, | 0 4 6 |
| Hon. Wm. B. Kinnear, | 0 10 0 | S. P. Estabrooks, | 0 5 0 |
| M. Francis, | 1 0 0 | James Rockwell, | 0 4 4 |
| Miss E. Dunham, | 0 5 0 | George M. Hovey, | 0 5 0 |
| J. A. Lee, | 0 5 0 | Collection at Woodstock, &c., | 0 5 0 |
| J. Fellows, | 1 0 0 | Deacon B. Churchill, | 0 5 0 |
| Capt. Jas. Akerly, | 1 0 0 | Mrs. B. Churchill, | 0 3 1 |
| Western Association, | 52 15 6 | Thomas Everitt, | 0 5 0 |
| John Smith, | 2 10 0 | William Sprowl, | 0 1 3 |
| Mrs. J. Bridges, | 0 5 0 | C. Graham, | 0 1 6 |
| J. M. Travis, | 1 0 0 | Mrs. W. Hannah, | 0 2 6 |
| David Fitzgerald, | 0 3 1 | Samuel Burt, | 0 5 0 |
| Mrs. H. G. Hunt, | 0 10 0 | Scott McDonald, | 0 2 6 |
| Do., Colportage, | 0 10 0 | Collection, | 0 5 9 |
| Mrs. Farnham, | 0 5 0 | James Bridges, | 0 5 0 |
| Mrs. Frits, | 0 5 0 | C. M. Bridges, | 0 2 6 |
| A. Estabrooks, | 2 10 3 | C. Estabrooks, | 0 2 6 |
| Hy. Vaughan, | 2 0 0 | Joel Robinson, | 0 1 3 |
| Do., Colportage, | 0 10 0 | Mrs. Hoben, | 0 5 0 |
| Wm. Blakney, | 0 5 0 | Mrs. E. Burt, | 0 0 5 |
| Friend, | 0 10 0 | Friend, | 1 0 0 |
| Baptist Church, Simonds, | 0 5 0 | Thomas Bridges, | 1 0 0 |
| Annie E. Currie, | 0 5 0 | Thomas Bradshaw, | 1 0 0 |
| D. Crandall, Donation, | 6 10 0 | Hy. Bradshaw, | 0 5 0 |
| Collected by D. Crandall, | 1 10 0 | Captain D. Vaughan, | 0 5 0 |
| Mrs. Pettingell, | 1 10 0 | D. Vaughn, Jr., | 0 2 6 |
| Wm. B. Kinnear, | 1 0 0 | James Moran, Esq., | 0 5 0 |
| G. H. Hay, | 0 2 0 | James Moran, Jr., | 0 5 0 |
| John Chaloner, | 2 0 0 | Mrs. J. Moran, | 0 5 0 |
| J. Bradshaw, | 3 0 0 | Captain S. Vaughn, | 0 5 0 |
| Miss Dunham, | 0 5 0 | Captain J. McLean, | 0 5 0 |
| Eastern Association, | 78 5 0 | Friend, | 0 1 3 |
| Collected by Jas. Newcomb, | 0 1 3 | Johnson Bishop, | 0 5 0 |
| Friend, | 0 5 0 | Gustavus Bishop, | 0 5 0 |
| Wm. Fletcher, | 0 2 6 | Estey Bishop, | 0 5 0 |
| Thomas Magee, | 0 10 0 | J. Titus, | 0 5 0 |
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| J. Cook, | 0 2 6 | Hampton Church, | 0 10 0 |
| Thomas McNeill, | 0 2 6 | 3rd Upham Church, | 4 10 0 |
| Joseph G. Brown, | 0 3 1 | Harvey Church, | 0 2 6 |
| Bernard Mansier, | 0 5 0 | 2nd Concord Church, | 0 2 6 |
| John Mansier, | 0 3 1 | 2nd Salisbury Church, | 0 2 6 |
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| H. Goodspeed, | 0 2 6 | New Canaan Church, | 0 17 0 |
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| Mrs. Rogers, | 0 2 6 | 1st Salisbury Church, | 0 17 0 |
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| 4th Hillsborough Church, | 0 8 3 | W. A. Troop, | 0 7 6 |
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The New Brunswick Baptist Home Missionary Board
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| 1868. | Dr. | | |
| Aug. 14. | For Printing Minutes, | | £12 10 0 |
| Sept. 17. | James Trimble on account, | | 1 0 0 |
| Oct. 1. | Geo. Seely in full, | | 23 10 0 |
| | Peter Knight on account, | | 12 0 0 |
| Oct. 5. | James Trimble on account, | | 10 0 0 |
| Nov. 13. | Printing Minutes, | | 10 0 0 |
| Dec. 2. | James Blakney on account, | | 2 0 0 |
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| Jan. 18. | I. Wallace on account, | | 0 10 0 |
| Feb. 1. | Flood for horse hire, | | 0 8 0 |
| April 1. | P. Knight on account, | | 5 0 0 |
| April 14. | James Blakney on account, | | 5 0 0 |
| May 6. | James Blakney on account, | | 5 0 0 |
| May 10. | I. Wallace, on account, | | 5 0 0 |
| June 23. | A. W. Troop, | | 1 10 0 |
| July 4. | D. Crandall on account, | | 2 0 0 |
| July 26. | James Newcombe collected, | | 11 10 0 |
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| | P. Knight on account, | | 5 0 0 |
| | James Blakney on account, | | 5 0 0 |

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| July 26, | “ Isaiah Wallace on account, | 22 10 0 |
| Aug. 11. | “ Isaiah Wallace on account, | 7 10 0 |
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Carlton and Victoria Auxiliary to the N. B. B. H. M. Society, in account with Benj. Churchill, Treasurer.

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| 1866. | Oct. 8. | To paid Revds. Geo. Rigby and Thos. Todd, for expense of Rev. S. March's Ordination at St. Francis. | £4 15 6 |
| 1867. | June 18. | To paid Rev. Geo. Seely, for Missionary labor done at the Aroostook and Tobique. | 6 11 0 |
| | July 1. | To paid Rev. T. W. Saunders per order from York Quarterly Meeting. | 5 7 9 |
| | “ | To Loss on British Money. | 0 2 44 |
| | Oct. 14. | To paid Rev. Geo. Rigby for Missionary labor done at the Aroostook. | 8 6 8 |
| | “ | To paid Rev. G. W. Springer, Missionary labor done at the Aroostook. | 6 1 0 |

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| 1866. | Jan. 10. | Received from Rev. G. Rigby, | £2 5 0 |
| | Jan. 18. | Received per W. Blake, Quarterly Meeting Woodstock. | 5 14 3 |
| | Jan. 20. | Thos. Gamber, | 0 10 0 |
| | March 10. | Received from the Quarterly Meeting, Nashwaak, | 2 3 0 |
| | June 9. | Quarterly Meeting, Tobique, | 1 0 0 |
| | “ | Donation from Tobique, | 0 5 00 |
| | Oct. 9. | Quarterly Meeting, Presquile, | 2 3 4 |
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| 1867. | March 15. | Quarterly Meeting, Jacksontown. | 3 5 8 |
| | Oct. 14. | Quarterly Meeting, Woodstock, | 6 1 8 |
| | June. | Quarterly Meeting, Presquile, Aroostook, | 5 14 0 |
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NEW BRUNSWICK BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY.

REPORT.

The Committee of the N. B. Baptist Education Society, in presenting their Twenty-Third Report, beg to submit the following review of the year's proceedings:—

The Principal returned from England in July, 1858, and immediately took charge of the Seminary, with Mr. G. E. Day as his associate in the tutorial department.

The Committee are glad to learn from their report, that the greatest diligence in study has been shown by the Students, and the utmost propriety has been observed in their conduct during the year.

The number in attendance in the Senior classes has equaled the average of former years; but the junior school, owing to a combination of causes, has somewhat declined; they trust, however, that this will be found to be only temporary.

In order to extend the usefulness of the Institution, the Committee early in the year, took measures for admitting young ladies to the classes, under the instruction of the Principal and his associate. The number of female pupils has ranged from 10 to 16; although this number is smaller than was anticipated, they feel satisfied, that eventually their most sanguine expectations will be realized.

This new arrangement took effect about the middle of August 1858, and in consideration of the services which they were thus rendering to an important, and hitherto much neglected department of education, the Committee petitioned the Government, in due course and form, for a small grant in aid of their efforts in addition to the sum received for the male department. Their petition was laid on the table of the House of Assembly, but no further notice was taken of their application, and no grant was proposed by the Government in supply. In consequence of receiving no Provincial encouragement, a large balance is due the Committee on the year's expenditure, besides interest on mortgages unpaid; they intend, however, to persevere and renew their application at the proper time, and they hope to be able to report next year that they have not with better success.

At the close of the half year in December, a public exhibition was held before a numerous audience. Recitations and dialogues were delivered by the lads and young men.

At the close of the half year in June, the classes were examined in the studies of the previous year, which comprised the usual English branches, the Latin, Greek, and French languages, Geometry, Algebra, Trigonometry and Astronomy. In the evening, original essays prepared by the Students, were read before a large company of visitors.

At the close of the year, Mr. Geo. E. Day resigned the situation of teacher which he had held for two years; in accepting his resignation the Committee desire to express their sense of the ability and attainments of Mr. Day, the value of which is much enhanced by the modesty and kindness of his disposition, and the unvarying suavity of his man-

ners. The influence which he has uniformly exerted over the students, who boarded in the house, has been highly beneficial. They trust that he may long be spared for active and useful service.

After mature deliberation the Committee resolved to seek for a Preceptress suitably qualified to take charge of the female department, jointly with the Principal. They have engaged the services of Miss C. Magee, the daughter of the late Rev. Thomas Magee, Calais, Maine, who has received a thorough education in the United States, and has a first class license as a teacher in this Province.

The Committee would press upon the Society the desirableness of having an agent in the Province for the purpose of keeping alive an interest on the subject of education, and obtaining donations towards the removal of the debt. The sum of £500 would free the Society from all incumbrance, a small sum and easily raised among the friends of education in New Brunswick. Besides the accomplishment of this desirable work, young ministers might be sought out, and means devised for their attendance, and a livelier interest excited in the minds of young men to obtain knowledge for themselves, and thus many might be induced to enter the Seminary.

The Committee are happy to say that the boarding department was never in a more satisfactory state than it is at present, under the careful management of Mrs. Babbitt, who is unremitting in her endeavours to promote the comfort of the boarders. The interior of the building has been put into thorough repair, and another chimney is in course of erection, indeed the Committee are determined to make all the arrangements as complete as possible; and they look with full confidence to the Teachers to furnish an education second to none that can be obtained on the continent of America.

The Committee in account with the Education Society.

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| | Balance, | 41 15 2 |
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| 1868. | June. Interest, | 15 0 0 |
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| | Advertising 1857, | 0 29 0 |
| | Instruction in Music and hire of Piano, | 3 6 0 |
| | Steward, | 8 0 0 |
| | Sundries, | 10 6 0 |
| | Wood and Sawing, | 4 8 1 |
| | Bedding and Washing, | 4 7 8 |
| | Mr. Day's Salary balance of last year, | 3 13 3 |
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CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Eastern New Brunswick Baptist Association.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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A DECLARATION,

Of the Faith, Practice, and Covenant of the Churches of Christ, comprising the Eastern New Brunswick Baptist Association.

Article 1. We believe that there is but one only living and true God, who is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness and truth, Deut. vi. 4; John iv. 24; Psalms xc. 2; Jer. x. 10; Isa. vi. 3; Exod. xxxiv. 6-7.

2. That there are three persons in the Godhead—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, who are but one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory: 1 John v. 7; Acts v. 3-4.

3. That the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, in which he hath given us our only rule of faith and practice; Acts xx. 32; 2 Tim. iii. 16-17.

4. That God, who is infinite in knowledge, and perfectly views all things from the beginning to the end, hath foreordained that whatsoever comes to pass, either by his order or permission, shall work for the eternal glory of his great name: Acts xv. 18; Rom. ix. 17-23; Acts ii. 24; Psalms lxxvi. 10.

5. That in the beginning God created the heavens, and the earth, the sea and all that in them are; and he upholds and governs all things by the word of his power: Exod. xx. 11; Heb. i. 3; Dan. iv. 35.

6. That God made man in his own image, in knowledge, righteousness, and true holiness, and made with him a covenant of life, the condition of which was perfect obedience: Gen. i. 26-27; and ii. 16-17; Gal. iii. 10.

7. That man being left to himself, soon fell from that happy and glorious estate in which he was made, by eating the forbidden fruit, by which he brought himself and all his posterity into a state of death: Gen. iii. 6; Rom. v. 13-19.

8. That man being thus dead, his help and recovery are wholly in and from God: Hos. xiii. 9; Eph. xi. 8; John vi. 44.

9. That God the Father has chosen a great multitude of the human family, whom no man can number, of all nations, and kindreds and people, and tongues, and given them to his Son in the covenant of his grace, that he might redeem them from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works, which is the only foundation of salvation for lost and helpless sinners; and thereby the Ministers of the Lord are encouraged to preach the Gospel to every rational creature, because the purposes of God, and the infinite value of Christ's atonement, secure the increase and establishment of the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and for ever: Rom. viii. 29, 30; Eph. i. 4, 5; John vi. 37-39; Rev. vii. 9; Tit. ii. 14; Mark xv. 16; 2 Tim. ii. 10; Matt. xii. 33; Rev. xi. 16.

10. That Jesus, the eternal Son of God, hath come, and taken on him our nature, and in that nature hath yielded a perfect obedience to the law which we have transgressed, and suffered death for our sins, and hath brought in a complete and everlasting righteousness, and hath risen and ascended to the right hand of God that ever liveth to make intercession for us: Heb. x. 5, 19; Dan. ix. 24; Heb. vii. 25.

11. That the Holy Ghost, and he only, can and doth make particular application of the benefits of the atonement made by Christ to every elect soul: John iii. 6-8; 1 Cor. i. 30.

12. That the Spirit of God applies the benefits of this atonement, by convicting us of our sinful, lost and miserable condition, and then discovering the glorious Saviour, as he is exhibited in the Gospel, in his suitableness and sufficiency, and enabling us to embrace him with our whole souls, by which he is made unto us wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption: John xvi. 8; 1 Cor. i. 30.

13. That the life of religion consists in the knowledge of God, and conformity with him in the inward man, which necessarily produceth an external conformity to his commands and brings us to live in obedience to His holy will in

all our ways, and in our several places and relations : John xvii. 3 ; Matt. xxiii 26 ; Eph. ii. 10.

14. That true believers being united to Jesus Christ, shall never perish, but live and reign with him for ever. They have communion with God, by his Spirit they are united with each other, and have communion one with another, whereby they are made partakers of each other's gifts and graces : John iii. 15, 16, and ii. 28 ; Rom. viii. 17 ; Rev. iii. 21 ; 1 John i. 3 ; Rom. i. 11 ; Phil. i. 7.

15. That the first day of the week, commonly called the Lord's Day, is the Christian Sabbath : Matt. xxiii. 1-6 ; John xx. 19 ; Rev. i. 10 ; Heb. iv. 8-10.

16. That God hath appointed the ordinance of civil government for defending the poor as well as the rich, in their civil rights, without infringing upon the consciences of any, or attempting to dictate or govern in the worship of the eternal God, which belongs only to Jesus Christ the great law-giver and head of his church ; Rom. xiii. 1, 4 ; 1 Pet. ii. 13, 15 ; Luke xxii. 25, 26 ; Isa xxxiii. 20-22 ; Zeph. i. 22.

17. That there will be a general resurrection both of the just and unjust ; and that God hath appointed a day in which he will judge the world in righteousness, by Jesus Christ, and will reward every man according to his works ; when the wicked shall be sent away into everlasting punishment, and the righteous received into life eternal : John v. 28, 29 ; Rom. ii. 16 ; Matt. xxvii. 25, 46.

PART, THE SECOND.

Concerning a visible Church of Christ, and its Discipline.

1. We believe that a particular and visible Church of Christ is a number of Believers, by mutual acquaintance and communion voluntarily and understandingly covenanting and embodying together, for upholding and promoting the worship and service of God, to show forth his declarative glory, and for their own edification : 1 Pet. ii. 5 ; 1 Cor. i. 2 ; Acts ii. 42-47.

2. That Baptism and the Lord's Supper are Ordinances of Christ, to be continued until his second coming, and that the former is requisite to the latter, that is to say, that those are to be admitted into the communion of the Church, and to partake of all his Ordinances and privileges, who upon profession of their Faith have been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost : Matt. xxviii. 19, 20 ; 1 Cor. xi. 26-28 ; Acts ii. 41, 42, and ix. 18-26, and viii. 12, 36, 39 ; Matt. iii. 6-16 ; Rom. vi. 4 ; Col. ii. 12 ; John iii. 33 ; John i. 9, 10 ; Acts viii. 36-39.

3. That since none but true believers can rightly partake of the Ordinances therefore the door of the Church should be carefully kept against all such who cannot give scriptural evidence of their Union with Christ : 1 Cor. xi. 27, 29 ; Matt. vii. 6-15-20 ; Ezek. xliv. 7-9 ; Isaiah xxvi. 2 ; 1 Pet. ii. 6.

4. That a Church thus gathered, hath power to choose, and by Elders to Ordain those officers that Christ hath appointed in his Church, viz : Bishops, or Elders, and Deacons ; and also to depose such officers who walk contrary to the rules of the gospel ; and to discipline their members, though in some cases it may be convenient and profitable to request the advice of neighbouring Churches of Christ : Acts i. 22-26, and vi. 3-6 ; Num. i. 10 ; Matt. xviii. 16-18 ; Acts xv.

5. That a Bishop or Elder hath no more power to decide any case or controversy in the Church than any private brother ; yet they, having superior gifts for teaching and ruling, ought to exercise and improve the same for the benefit of the Church ; and the Church ought to be subjected to the gifts bestowed on the Minister from the Lord, while he is rightly administering in his place ; whose place it is to lead in the actions of the Church, and to administer the Ordinances of the Gospel, and devote him to the work of teaching, warning, rebuking, and exhorting the people publicly, and from house to house : Matt. xx. 25-29 ; 1 Peter v. 3 ; Matt. xxviii. 19, 20 ; Acts xx. 20-26-31.

6. That the Deacon's office or work is to take care of the poor, and to have the oversight of the temporal affairs of the Church, and to minister at the Lord's Table : Acts vi. 1-5 ; 1 Tim. iii. 6-14.

7. That every believer is commanded to be faithful, to improve every gift and talent which is bestowed on him, in order to which, there ought to be such a

Gospel freedom that the Church may know where every particular gift is, that it may be improved in its proper place, and to its right end, viz: the glory of God and the good of his people; and the Church ought to be subject to such improvements: 1 Pet. iv. 10, 11, and v. 5; 1 Tim. iv. 14; 1 Cor. 12th and 14th ch's.

8. That there is a mutual obligation between Minister and People—one to administer in things religious and spiritual, according to the gifts God has given. The Church to communicate of their temporal or worldly substance for his comfort and support, and that by an equality, as nearly as can be ascertained, that one may not be burthened and another eased. But this is not to be effected by force or compulsion, or by the sword of civil power; but it is to be a freewill offering agreeably to the scripture of truth, and every member deficient in this matter ought to be disciplined by gospel rule as for any other breach of covenant, or neglect of performing Christian duty: 2 Cor. viii. 12—13; Luke x. 7; Rom. xv. 27; 1 Cor. ix.

COVENANT.

We do now, in the presence of the Great All-seeing and Most Glorious God and before angels and men, give up ourselves to the Lord Jehovah, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and avouch him this day to be our God, our Father, our Saviour and our Leader, and receive him as our Portion for ever. We give up ourselves to the Lord Jesus Christ, and engage to adhere to him as the head of his people in the covenant of grace, and rely on him as our Prophet, Priest and King, to bring us to eternal blessedness.

We acknowledge our everlasting and indispensable obligation to glorify God, by living a holy, righteous and godly life in this present world, in all our several places and relations, and we engage by the assistance of the Divine Spirit, to improve our time, strength, talent and advantages to his glory and the good of our fellow men, professing by divine help, to walk in our houses as becomes those professing godliness, and to maintain the worship of God in our families and to train up those under our care in the ways of religion and virtue.

We also give up ourselves to one another in covenant, promising to conduct towards each other as brethren in Christ, watching over one another in the love of God—reproving, rebuking, and admonishing one another for good as occasion may require; and if we at any time know that any members of the church are guilty of immoral conduct that we will not expose it by tattling it to others, but will faithfully labor with them, according to the directions of our Lord—Matt. xviii. 15—17—that sin may be put away from among us, and that iniquity may not be harbored in the church. We engage to watch not only against the most gross evils, but also against all foolish talking and jesting, which are not convenient—vain disputing about words and things which gender strife—disregarding promises, and not fulfilling engagements—tattling and backbiting, spending time idly at taverns or elsewhere, and vain, unnecessary worldly conversation on the Sabbath, and whatsoever else is contrary to sound doctrine, according to the glorious gospel of Christ. We promise to hold communion together in the worship of God, and in the ordinances and discipline of his Church, according as we are or shall be guided by the Spirit of God in his Word—expecting that he will yet further and more gloriously open his word and the mysteries of his kingdom—applying to the blood of the everlasting covenant for the pardon of our many errors, and praying that the Lord would prepare and strengthen us for every good work to do his will, working in us that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.