

MINUTES

Of the Reformed Baptist Alliance.

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Evangelist Work—S. A. Baker, H. H. Cosman, C. K. Short, Geo. Lawrence, James Tyler and B. N. Goodspeed.

Highway—G. W. Macdonald, W. B. Wiggins, S. A. Baker, G. B. Trafton and B. N. Goodspeed.

Camp Ground and Camp Meeting—W. B. Wiggins, B. N. Goodspeed, C. K. Short, J. L. Belyea and A. J. Marsten.

Sunday School Agent—S. Hayden Shaw. Sabbath—John Gravinor and S. Greenlaw, Mrs. Wolfe and Mrs. D. H. Nixon.

Delegate to Houlton Quarterly Meeting—W. B. Wiggins.

Delegate to Aroostook Quarterly Meeting—W. H. Sherwood.

Delegate to Evangelical Association—G. W. Macdonald.

On motion, the Alliance adjourned to meet next year at the usual time and place.

Doxology sung and prayer offered by the President.

W. B. Wiggins, Rec. Sec'y.

MINUTES OF REFORMED BAPTIST GENERAL MISSION SOCIETY FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE, 1897.

The annual meeting of the Ref. Bap. Gen. Miss. Society convened at Brown's Flats, Greenwich, Kings Co., on Thursday, July 1st, 1897, at 4 o'clock p. m. The President, Sister Z. B. Grass in the chair. Meeting opened with prayer by Sister Shaw.

On motion Mrs. S. H. Shaw, Mrs. L. C. Watt and Mrs. S. A. Baker were appointed a nominating committee to suggest officers for coming year. This committee reported as follows:—

President—C. K. Short, St. John.
1st Vice Pres.—A. L. Bubar, Marysville.
2nd " "—H. C. Archer, Moncton.
3rd " "—C. S. Hilyard, Nova Scotia.
Rec. Sec.—L. C. Watt, Grand Manan.
Cor. Sec.—H. G. Noble, Woodstock.
Treas.—Mrs. E. Cosman, St. John.
Auditor—Wm. Tracy, Hartland.

On motion, resolved that this report be adopted.

On motion, resolved that a committee be appointed to confer with Bro. and Sister H. C. Sanders in regard to future work.

On motion G. W. Macdonald, S. A. Baker, Mrs. F. H. Hale, Mrs. S. H. Shaw and Mrs. D. Trefry were appointed said committee.

The meeting adjourned with prayer by Bro. G. W. Macdonald.

FRIDAY, July 2nd, 1897.

Meeting opened with prayer by Sister Hale, Pres. C. K. Short in chair. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Committee to confer with Bro. and Sister Sanders reported that they desired to enter the foreign work in connection with our body, provided we were ready to assist them. On motion resolved that we consider Bro. and Sister H. C. Sanders as our missionaries in preparation for foreign work.

Sister Ethel Estey was introduced and spoke of her call to foreign fields. A subscription list was opened and \$50 subscribed to aid Sister Estey in preparation, also the sum of \$79 was raised to aid Bro. and Sister Sanders. On motion Sister F. H. Hale was appointed treasurer of both funds.

PUBLIC MEETING.

JULY 2nd, 1897.

Pres. C. K. Short in the chair. Meeting opened by singing "Jesus Comes" and prayer by Bro. H. C. Archer. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. The Cor. Sec. Mrs. F. H. Hale then submitted her report. Its adoption was moved by Sister Hill and seconded by Sister S. A. Baker. Singing "I love to tell the Story." The Treas. Mrs. E. Cosman submitted her annual report, which showed a balance on hand of \$209.43 for Home Mission work and \$215.48 for foreign work. Adoption of this report was moved by Bro. J. Gravinor and seconded by Bro. Miles Trafton in stirring addresses. Bro. H. C. Sanders gave an address giving his experiences during past years. Singing "On the Cross of Calvary." Sisters H. C. Sanders and Ethel Estey spoke of their call to work in foreign fields.

Address by Home Missionary A. H. Trafton giving an account of his year's work.

Collection taken amounting to \$8.00.

Bro. B. Colpitts gave an address after which the Doxology was sung and the meeting dismissed with benediction by Bro. J. H. Coy.

SATURDAY, July 3rd.

Meeting opened by prayer. Pres. C. K. Short in chair.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

On motion, resolved that Sisters F. H. Hale, H. C. Archer and N. A. be committee on missionary intelligence.

On motion, resolved that mother's meetings be held in connection with all local societies.

On motion meeting adjourned.

G. B. Macdonald, Rec. Sec.
Mrs. E. Cosman in account with Missionary Societies.

1896. DR. Home Foreign

Aug 1st. Balance on hand.....	\$270.85	\$143.44
Oct. 16. Mr. J. Hartley Sabean,		1.00
Dec. Middle Southampton, (per L. G. Grant),.....	2.75	

1897.		
Jan. 11. Woodstock S. S.,.....		50.88
" " " Mission Soc.,.....	13.87	
" 20. Mrs. Wm. Tedlie,.....	3.00	3.00
June 12. St. John Miss Soc.,.....	46.88	
" " " Juvenile Miss.		

" " " Band,.....		12.16
" 26. Hartland Miss. Soc.,.....	10.00	
" " Victoria Corner Miss.		

" " " Soc.,.....	3.00	
July 1. Lower Brighton.....	7.00	
" " " Sussex,.....	10.00	

" " " Int. on Bullock Gift,.....	30.00	
" " " Seal Cove,.....	3.18	
" " " Simeon Clark,.....	1.00	

" " " Sadie Jones,.....	1.00	
" " " Mrs. A. L. Bubar,.....	1.00	
" " " Mrs. R. Seely,.....	1.00	

" " " North Head,.....	28.00	
" " " Moncton Miss Soc.,.....	12.00	
" " " Lubec,.....	7.89	

" " " Sandford,.....	11.12	
" " " Penniac,.....	5.11	
" " " A. Tracy and wife,.....	.50	

" " " Miss Whitney,.....	1.00	
" " " Interest,.....	8.28	
" " " Collection,.....	8.00	

" " " Mercer Settlement,.....	4.00	
" " " S. Greenlaw,.....	5.00	5.00

Total.....	\$495.43	\$215.48
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1896.	CR.	
Oct. 2nd. G. W. Macdonald,.....	16.00	
" " " A. H. Trafton,.....	40.00	

Dec. 11th T. Moses,.....	25.00	
" 17th A. H. Trafton,.....	40.00	

1897.		
Apr. 5th. " ".....	50.00	
June 30th. " ".....	65.00	

" " " S. Greenlaw,.....	50.00	
Total.....	\$286.00	
Balance on hand.....	\$209.43	\$215.48

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY OF G. M. S.

In presenting our Eighth Annual

Missionary Report we do so with

thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father

for the manifested increasing interest

among our people in this department

of God's work—for those who are

now offering themselves for the work

in regions beyond and for the good

tidings from those lands of darkness.

Japan, suffering from tidal wave,

flood and earthquake, in many places

seems to have lost faith in her former

gods that failed to help in the time of

peril and now looks hopefully to the

foreign religion to find something that

will help them. In other parts of

that Empire an evidence of progress

is the increasing consideration which

is granted to women with earnest ad-

dresses favouring their higher educa-

tion.

China, with her conservatism, is to-

day open as before to western science

and improvements but better than all

to the 2500 Christian missionaries

and teachers now on that field,

strengthened by 80,000 converts from

among the people. The word of God

is being sought after from the Empress

down to her meanest subject.

India has been darkened by famine

but may we not believe that in these

chastenings to that idolatrous people,

there may come, as in the past, great

spiritual results.

We are trusting that the humane

disposition of the Government, the

generous assistance of Christian coun-

tries and the tender loving work of

missionaries may lead the thinking

minds to see that this spirit is born of

something beyond their own religious

systems.

Wars in Africa have been the

means of bringing that continent

much into public notice in the last

year. New doors are opening into

the very heart of that great continent,

and God is calling out volunteers to

go in and possess the land for His

Son.

The opening of the present year

saw much anxiety among missionaries

on the Islands of the Pacific, owing to

aggressions of various powers engaged

in territorial extension, whereby

many islands came under Roman

Catholic control.

Recently, we learn of an entire

change in the attitude of these powers

towards Protestant Missions. It is

believed that the officials have found

their best aid to orderly administra-

tion is the WORK OF PROTESTANT MISSIONARIES.

We read with saddened hearts of the terrible persecutions on the Island of Madagascar, where Christian martyrs are so numerous, that it would seem as if Protestantism is on the verge of extinction, owing to Jesuit influence and power.

OUR HOME MISSIONARY

Rev. A. H. Trafton, reports nine months and twenty-three days in the field. Two months in Nova Scotia, the remaining time in Kings and Westmorland Counties, New Brunswick.

Held 206 services. Opened four new preaching stations and as a result, 31 professed conversion, 38 were reclaimed, 11 baptized and 6 professed entire sanctification.

From our societies we receive the following reports:—

Moncton, 10 members, 10 meetings during the year. The Secretary Mrs. S. Keith writes cheerfully of their meetings of prayer, talks and readings on mission work.

Mrs. A. L. Bubar, Marysville, reports, no organized society in that church.

Lubec Ridge, Me., society numbers 24, Edward Kelley Secretary writes: "Our society was organized by Sister Grass. The Lord is blessing us and we are growing."

Sanford, N. S., 20 members, 8 meetings during the year.

Port Maitland, N. S., 10 members, Mrs. Trefry Sec. writes that owing to illness of President, stormy weather and other difficulties their meetings have not been regularly held, but looking to God for help and strength they hope to settle down to work again.

Beal's Island, West Jonesport. Pastor Hilyard writes of their recent organization with 12 members, to meet monthly.

Sister Sadie Jones, Knoxford, reports no organized Society in that church, but as usual forwards her offering to the General Society.

South Pembroke, 38 members with monthly meetings. Society in good working order, all much interested and meetings well attended.

Millville, 20 members. monthly meetings. Miss Alice H. Sharp reports.—"The interest not all we wish, still we have a faithful few, who are doing what they can."

Peniac, membership 12, monthly meetings. The Secretary, Miss M. L. Goodspeed says—"During the past year our Society has been advancing slowly but surely. Our meetings have been held regularly and a good interest manifested. We believe that this is a very important branch of our Christian work, and esteem it a privilege to have a part in it."

Mercer Settlement, 4 members, Mrs. M. J. Sharp, Secretary, writes—"We live a great distance apart and cannot hold meetings during the winter, but at our last gathering decided to hold them monthly."

Seal Cove, Grand Manan, membership 24 with monthly meetings. Mrs. J. B. Cook, Sec., reports the Society not in as healthy a condition as it should be.

St. John, membership 35 monthly meetings. Bro. C. K. Short. Sec. pro tem writes—"We feel to praise the Dear Lord, on looking back over the past year for the work which has been done in our missionary society in general, but particularly among the children. Sister Baker has labored faithfully with our junior mission band, holding weekly meetings during the greater part of the year. It is now a band of 18 members. The amount raised by them is \$12.16. They have had a large share in our public meetings and have become so

thoroughly interested in the work, that we can see of a surety that God is blessing them and we feel to claim by faith many missionaries from among them. Our adult society of 35 members, with the junior band of 18, make in all 53, with a total offering of \$56.04, tells the story of the general missionary spirit among us."

Woodstock, 26 members, 8 meetings during the year. Miss McLeod, Secretary, writes—"We wish to report that although as a Society we may not have fully appreciated our privilege of working as though the King's business requires haste yet we are thankful that this year shows an advance on last year's work. A few meetings were not held on account of special services but the 8 meetings of the year were good with an average attendance of 36. By the joint efforts of our President and Mrs. Cuthbert Clark, the programme usually included an instructive map-drill and study of some mission or life of some worker. The Society raised \$27.75 for Home and Foreign Missions. The Church gave \$30.00 for India's famine sufferers. The Sunday School gave \$10.00 to our Dorcas Society to aid in fitting up children for the Sunday School, and by setting aside the collections of the first Sunday, of each month raised \$37.00, which is to be devoted wholly to foreign work. Our Student Fund for the year amounts to \$54.00. The total amount for mission work given this year is \$158.75.

Hartland, 10 members, Sister Shaw reports new work taken up this year in setting apart the last Sunday of each month for Mission day for which a programme is arranged followed by offerings. They now believe this the best way to keep the young people and children in the work.

North Head Society numbers 24 members. 7 public meetings held during the year. The President, Mrs. Bancroft, reports the society in good condition. Beside their public meetings they hold each Wednesday afternoon a prayer meeting. They find their pastor an efficient helper in the work.

Middle Southampton, society organized during the year. Their offerings told of their advancement in this line of work.

Respectfully submitted,

L. F. Hale, Cor. Sec.

FREEDOM.

The following incident has just reached the writer from an authentic source. Quite lately, a large number of Russian criminals were standing in the courtyard of their prison, chained together, and about starting for their long, sad journey into Siberian wilds. Amongst them was one Christian man, a Stundist, sharing their banishment and punishment, simply because he had spoken to his fellow-workmen about the faith which made him count all things as dross for Christ's sake. His fellow-prisoners were jeering him about it, saying, "But you're no better off than we are. You are wearing the bracelets (handcuffs) as we do; if your God is of any use to you, why doesn't He knock off your chains, and set you free?"

The man replied reverently, "If the Lord will, He can set me free even now, and though my hands are chained, my heart is free!" At that very moment a voice was heard calling him by name, and telling him that a paper had just been received granting him a full pardon. He was then told to stand aside, and his chains were struck off. At the same time the prison gates were thrown open, and all the rest of the convicts filed out, the Stundist alone remaining behind, with permission to return to his family and friends.

It is said that the prisoners were perfectly awe-stricken and solemnized with the impression of what they had witnessed. It transpired afterwards that a Christian lady in a high position, who took interest in this poor laboring man, had asked for and obtained his pardon. But how marvellously God was glorified in its arrival at such a moment; and who can tell what blessings may have been born for the spiritual emancipation of the poor criminals, whose chained bodies were trudging wearily to their exile home?

THE HOLY SPIRIT NEEDED.

The Holy Spirit is force. On the day of Pentecost the Spirit was poured out from on high, and the one hundred and twenty were all filled; and the phenomena, the witnessing, the preaching of Peter, and the conversion of the three thousand appeared as the product of this force. Later they numbered five thousand. And a short time after we read, "believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women." And from that time until the present, where'er and wherever genuine revivals of religion have been witnessed, the evidence of the presence of the Holy Spirit, as the force setting in motion the machinery of the Church, resulting in the ingathering that have rewarded her toil, have been most marked; showing that the effective cause in all true revivals is the life-giving, light-nurturing, quickening, regenerating, sanctifying energy of the Holy Ghost.

Have we the pentecostal preparation? There is no substitute for this fiery baptism. Failure to recognize this involves the absence of spiritual power. The Holy Ghost is here. Let us give him right of way in our hearts, and in the Church and there will be no longer confessions of weakness—but of power, both with God and man until the shout shall be heard "Hallelujah! for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth."

"I HILT ME TONGUE."

A great many people when told their faults retort unkindly, instead of taking it thankfully, and complain of a minister who is faithful enough to preach against the errors that are injuring them.

They need the patience of the Irishman mentioned in the Western Advocate.

He had a broken leg, and the physician treating it pinned the plaster right into the flesh.

Several days after, in removing the pin, he discovered his mistake and said:

"Why, Pat, didn't you know that pin was sticking in you?"

"To be sure I did," said Pat, "BUT I THOUGHT YOU KNEWED YOUR BUSINESS, AND SO I HILT MY TONGUE."

Learn to hold your tongue and profit by the preaching when the truth hits you where it hurts.

A SNARE FOR GIRLS.

Among all the snares that Satan sets to blight, and curse, and destroy and people hell with hopeless, despairing victims one of the most fruitful is the marriage of Christian girls to godless men.

God expressly forbids such marriages, commanding, "Be not unequally yoked together with unbelievers." He does this in love, to save people from the fearful harvests which they will be compelled to reap if this counsel is disregarded.

Yet many Christian girls under the magic, seductive spell of infatuation or under the influence of mistaken friends plunge over this precipice of forbidden, unscriptural marriages, to live in misery and rear children for the world and hell and bye and bye awake to be tormented forever in the caverns of the lost.

If Christians would please God, grow in grace, live useful lives, and go to heaven, let them shun as they would a viper, both the wine cup and the cup of Godless marriages.—The Revivalist.

"ASK NO QUESTIONS."

"IN THAT DAY ye shall ask Me nothing." John xvi. 23. The Greek word is: "Ye shall ask me no questions." Up to that time the disciples kept asking questions suggested by the intellect, curious questions; but when the day of Pentecost came they did not need to ask questions with the intellect, because they saw truth with the heart. And before you have the power of the Holy Ghost you will be curious about many questions; but when the Holy Ghost shall come you shall know all things with the heart. The pure heart of the believer leaps to conclusions which eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, nor the reason of man conceived. The faculty of knowledge is altered; we no longer seek it by the intellect, but by the heart. How wonderfully the anointing of the Holy Ghost clears up many a question that perplexed the believer before, only those who have received him know."

"When He is come he will guide you into all truth."—SELECTED.

Leprosy is a type of sin. The cleansing of the leper is a type of sanctification. Before the leper could be pronounced clean, his leprosy must be eradicated, not merely suppressed. So should sin be eradicated from the soul, and must be, in order that a man may be clean.

Entire sanctification implies that every thought be brought into captivity to the law of Christ, that every purpose be perfectly loyal to the will of God; that every ambition and desire have their end in God.

If God cannot trust you, as well as you trust Him, there can be no real union.