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Voted, That the thanks of this Association be presented to the Baptist Church, and to the friends and the community generally, in ... for their kind hospitality and unwearied efforts to facilitate the objects of our meeting.

The Association thereupon adjourned to meet Prince William on the first Saturday in September, 1852. Prayer by the Moderator.

MUEL ELDER, Clerk. E. D. VERY, Moderator.

CIRCULAR LETTER,

THE CHURCHES COMPOSING THE WESTERN NEW BRUNSWICK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

SUBJECT—"The Relation of the Church to the World: and the Duties arising therefrom."

DEAR BRETHREN.—Before the Apostles were taken from the earth, the spirit of antichrist manifested itself. Hence the churches that had been planted by those inspired men, with un-
derstandings, zeal that knew no decline, and with many prayers
industry, were soon rent in pieces by the Wolves that entered in-
to the fold, and devour, but to teach the flock to wander from the Good
Shepherd, who had laid down his life for them.—These false
teachers not only led captive silly women, but they taught men to
deny the Lord that bought them. This they did by affirming that
Christ had not come in the flesh. In this way they sought to
destroy the very foundation of the Christian System. Hence the
bold, decided manner in which the reality of the incarnation
is affirmed by John in all his writings. And the sublime utterance
of the Father, "God was manifest in the flesh."

Since that day there have been disputes about various doctrines;
the Arian heresy, which denied the equality of the Son with
the Father. Jesus Christ says, "I and the Father are One."
Hence he means in Nature, Perfection, and Design. There
have been disputes too about the Church. Hence how common
it is for one body of Christians to deny to other bodies their
right to this designation. Is not the page of Church History, which
is so full of blood, black and bloody in consequence? In
this respect we are not satisfied about this matter we have turned to Greek
Scriptures. We find that the word *ekklesia*, in our version Church,
is used in different senses. In Acts xix. 39, it de-
scribes an assembly of the people called out by the civil magistrate.
In 1 Cor. x. 16, it describes a society of men called out by the
word of God.—Deut. xiii. 16. To the universal Church.—Matt.