

RULE 8.

If any Church belonging to the Association cease to comply with its rules for *three* succeeding years, in not sending Messengers, letters, or money to assist the support of necessary expenses, such Church shall be dropped from the Minutes, and considered as not belonging to the Association, unless peculiar circumstances shall appear to explain or justify such omission.

No Minutes appear to have been printed until the year 1810. Of all that transpired from the first Meeting until that period, no record has been discovered, except of one year—1802—the third Session of the Association. It is a brief document, in the handwriting of Elder E. Manning, and is here given entire. *

The Baptist Association met according to appointment, at the Baptist Meeting-house at Cornwallis, 20th June, 1802. Sermon by brother T. H. Chipman, from Gen. 45: 24—"See that ye fall not out by the way." Gave general satisfaction.

Prayer per brother Harding. Exhortation per brother Crandall. The Moderator and Clerk, with the Elders and Messengers, took their seats. Singing and prayer by the Moderator. Chose brother Joseph Dimock, Moderator, and brother Edward Manning, Clerk.

Read letters from the following Churches, by their Elders and Messengers, viz:—1st. Baptist Church, Annapolis, Elder Thos. H. Chipman; Joseph Fellows, and S. Morse, Deacons. 2d. Baptist Church, Annapolis; Elder James Manning, and James Delap, Deacon. Baptist Church in Horton, Elder Harding; B. Kinsman, and Peter Bishop, Deacons—numbers 185. Baptist Church in Newport, Daniel Dinock, Deacon, Messenger; [the letter] expressing thanks to the Association for ministerial help, and craving more aid. Baptist Church in Saekville, N. B.; Elder J. Crandall gives information of their numbers, and craves help. Another Branch of said Church at Salsbury, sent, per brother Crandall, another letter, giving some pleasing intelligence. Baptist Church in Digby.

Read the plan of the Association, which was carried in its proper place. Read an Article of the Baptist Confession of Faith respecting the Resurrection of the Body, and the Association approved of it. Read two letters from the Baptist Church in Halifax, requesting the Association to send two ministers to attend, the last Sabbath in this month, at the dedication of their Meeting-house, and to supply their Minister's absence for three months; and stating the situation of the Baptist Church in Shelburne, and recommending some brother in the ministry to go to their assistance. The

* The original document was exhibited.