

AFRICAN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

THE AFRICAN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION convened with the Hammonds Plains Church in its Twenty-eighth Annual Session at 3 o'clock, P. M., on Saturday, Sept. 3rd, 1881. After the usual devotional exercises the election of officers took place.

Rev. H. H. Johnston, pastor of Halifax Church elected Moderator.

P. E. McKerrow, Secretary.

C. F. Biddle, Treasurer.

The gathering was one of the largest ever witnessed, there being delegates from Digby, Weymouth and Cornwallis, Preston and Halifax. The weather was delightful. On Monday afternoon the subject of education was introduced by the Moderator in plain simple words, by saying that some Ministers taught that it was not necessary to be educated in order to be able to preach the Gospel, but merely open the mouth wide and God would fill it. The speaker admitted that God would assist, but while he admitted that fact, he believed that God would not do for man what man could do for himself (God works by means) man's extremity was God's opportunity.

He further stated from what he could ascertain that the doors of Acadia College were open to all, irrespective of race. This opportunity should now be embraced, it being a grand one. If this was done we would not have to send away to the United States for Ministers, but would have them to send there. He strongly urged the young men who were aiming for that exalted position, to get education in order that they might be able to fill their pulpits with credit to themselves, do honour to the cause of Christ, and arrest that progressive evil which predominates in our churches to-day.

The Rev. gentleman said, "Perharps my advice to you may not be altogether new, but in any case it is a subject for thought, especially to those who are immediately connected with this association. There can be nothing more vital or important to the people of any community than that of having an educated minister in their midst, that is, educated in both head and heart."