

second session was held at Horton and the third at Cornwallis, June 20th, 1802. The question of baptism and church membership was discussed, and it was agreed "that the ordinance of baptism should not be administered to any but those that join the churches, except in places where they cannot be blessed with such a privilege." In 1804 the Association was held at Waterborough, New Brunswick, and in 1805 at Horton, N.S. The Communion question greatly troubled the brethren at Cornwallis for a number of years. The advice of sister churches was sought, but dissension continued. By a majority vote at the meeting of the Association in Yarmouth in 1808, the Cornwallis church was advised to abide by the strict observance of the New Testament order. In 1809, the Association met at Cornwallis on the 26th, 27th and 28th of June. After an extended discussion the form and order to which for many years the churches had been tending were now reached by the decision of the Association, when it was resolved "to withdraw fellowship from all churches who admit unbaptized persons to what is called occasional communion," and, "to consider themselves a close communion Baptist association."

(3) **History** (1810-1821). *Position in 1810.* At the annual meeting of the Association held at Sackville, N.B., June, 1810, fourteen churches, nine in Nova Scotia and five in New Brunswick, were represented. The total membership was 924. For the first time minutes were published. The records make no reference to Home or Foreign Missions, Sunday Schools or education. Their history shows that they were in a transition state; 1. They were converted