

Churches consist of different branches so situated (in point of distance,) that they never meet together, and many of them strangers to each other?" They are of opinion, That if the branches of that Church are so far distant as to make it inconvenient to assemble with the other branches for public worship, and if they possess respectively such gifts as enable them to sustain public worship among themselves in an edifying manner, then it is agreeable to Scripture, and altogether desirable, that such branches should be constituted into separate Churches.

4th. In regard to the matters alluded to in the Letter of the second Halifax Church, the Committee recommend, as the answer of the Association, the following reply:—On careful consideration of the subject proposed, we do not coincide in opinion with the brethren in said Church, as to the scriptural rule in the matter in question; at the same time, we do not desire to debate the question with them, but are willing to use mutual forbearance, and to leave our brethren to the exercise of their own views thereon.

We would, however, for the further satisfaction of our brethren, explain, that though we do not deem it unscriptural to practice weekly communion, we do not think Scripture enjoins it; and that in all cases we deem it important that a Church should, for this and other purposes, be furnished with suitable Elders set apart and ordained to this office.

The above Report was received and approved, and ordered to be inserted in the Minutes.

*Voted*,—That Brother R. McLearn prepare the Circular Letter to be inserted in these minutes: in consequence of a failure on the part of Mr. Elder, who was heretofore appointed.

*Resolved*,—A Council consisting of Elders E. Manning, T. S. Harding, W. Chipman, R. McLearn, R. Cunningham, E. Marsters, T. H. Porter, E. Stronach, and other brethren, having been requested by the Church at Annapolis and Upper Granville, to investigate certain circumstances affecting the standing of a Minister in this denomination, (Mr. William Elder, late Pastor of the said Church,) the said Council attended accordingly, and on a careful inquiry, having come to the conclusion, that Mr. Elder had departed from several important articles held by our Churches, and is no longer qualified to continue in connection with the said Church, or with this Association; the Church accordingly excluded Mr. Elder from fellowship with them, which decision is now adopted by this Association, and Mr. Elder is therefore no longer regarded as a Minister in connection with us.

*Voted*,—That Brother Tupper write the Circular Letter; and that the Corresponding Letter in future be discontinued.

*Voted*,—That Brother John Ferguson superintend the printing of the Minutes; and that 1800 copies thereof be printed. That each Church be requested in future to state in their Letters the number of Minutes they require, and that they recommend to each member

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