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For the Christian Wat chman. Baptism of Lydia and her household. Paul had gone forth from Antioch on his se-coud missionary tour. This time he had revisit-ad those towns in which he had previously soattered the seeds of truth, and had also traver-

rishing town of Philippi. On the first Sabbath after their arrival, Paul with siles and Luke finding no synagoge in the esty, where they could proclaim the Grospel to, their fellow countrymen, went forth out of the city to the banks of the Ganges. Here they found a proseuche, an enclosure where the few Jews and prosciptes who were resident in Philippi were accustomed to meet to worship the true God. This place has been selected by the river side for convenience in performing the cus-tomary ablutions. Here these preachers of the comparison of the second secon closure to worship Jehovah, was one whose name was Lydia. She was engaged in business in Philippi, as a seller of purple cloths. Her native Participle, as a series of purple clocks. Her naive place was Thyatira, a city in Asis Minor on the confines of Lydia and Meysia, and situated in a district famous for its fabrics. Lydia though a gentile by birth had like many other women at that epoch, been converted to Judaism, and was a sincere worshipper of the true God. She bitmed attentionic to the word, which mean

ns, Braids, us, Canvass, ngs, Black lk Vestings. of Merchant listened attentively to the words which were spoken by Paul, and the Lord opened her heart of Ready ed and Doso that she received his teachings, and believed on Him whose work of redemption was so elo-quently proclaimed.

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tian baptism sunk down into the position, as it were, of John's baptiam, and it acquired its full significance only when it was connected with confirmation. It is best therefore, to express one's self thus, that the elements of repentance and regeneration, onlited in the scarament of baptism, and pre-figured by immersion and re-version, were separated from one another in the later practice of the church, when infant baptism came into use. Only the one half is to be seen in infant baptism itself, the other half appears in confirmation.

scattered the seeds of truth, and had also traver-sed Asia Minor cager to embrace every oppor-tunity of propagating the gospel. With Silas as his companion, he went from city to city, and from province to province unit by Divine direc-tion he came to Troas shere he seems to have been joined by Luke. Here in a vision he was directed to go to Macedonia. The party left Troas, passed by the Island of Samothrace, touched at Neapolis a port in Macedonia and

decided." In a note, the writer says, "It is well known that this is one of the passages often adduced in the controversy in infant baptism. We need not urge this view of it, for belief that infant bap-tism is most agreeable with the institution of Christ, does not rest on this passage." X. Y. Z.

and two tumblers, one filled with water, the other with coffee made very rich with boiled goat's milk, and excessively sweet. This, the strips of FROM ALBANO TO ROME. Rome is undoubtedly the most interesting city in Europe, if not in the world. Her history reaches far back into the past, records most of We next proceed in search of lodgings. This

Treaches far back into the past, records most of the important vents of the bye-gone ages, and makes mention of a large proportion of those names which the world regards with loathing or veneration. A thousand objects shown into a den dark, damp, and dreary, its still survive to connect present generations with those who have preceded them, to give the niture, a bed not over-clean. Then in some old form and coloring and animation of life to the palace we are ushered into a set of noble apart-dim and shadowy past, or to evoke from the vas-ty deep, the mighty dead, who by physical force or the power of genius have controlled the desty deep, the mighty dead, who by physical force or the power of genius have controlled the des-tinies of man. Works of art are here collected, in which are embodied and made immortal, the most perfect ideals of the beautiful or the sublime which luman imagination has formed, from the maneient days when the descut artist by the Nile, patiently carved out of the unyielding granits likeness of his imaginary deity, all along the sgr-until the present time, and these innumerable forms of beauty or grandeur afford an additional the vicinity.

tized, she urged Paul and his companions to ac-cept of her hospitality. "If" said she "ye have by administering to me the ordinance of charm to a city already so attrastive from its his-torical associations and venerable remains.— Moreover Rome is the seat of a very worderful baptism expressed your confidence in me, that I am a believer in the Lord, accept what services I Moreover Rome is the seat of a very worderful religion, a religion which had reared some of its most stupendous and venerated sancuaries, an-nounced many of its peculiar doctries, and as-serted its supremacy over the human mind and conscience, while the Briton still roamed a painted is avage in his native wilds, and the Saxon pirate scoured the seas in search of prey-a religion which after all these intervening ages, notwith-standing vigorous and long continued opposi-tion still exercises supreme authority over many millions of the human race, and in spite of a ci-ver religion, and which it is in deadly antagonism, visit store which file the first of a sofa and wys soon asleep. From visits and with which it is in deadly antagonism, the rame awakened by a pungent and sufficiently a source which file the room, and a horrible can render to you his servants. Come into my house, and while in Philippi make it your home.' house, and while in Philippi make it your home." Her urgent entreaties prevailed upon them and they accepted her hospitable invitation. until the imprisonment of Paul and Silas. After their release they again returned to her house. Here before departing from Philippi, they met with the few converte which had been made since their arrival in the city. To them they admin-istered words of comfort suited to their circum-stances, and then denarted for Thessalonica. vilization with which it is in deadly antagonism, is reasserting the claims which it put forth in the plentitude of its power, is entering on new con-flicts and boasting of new victories. Who has not often longed to visit this wonder-ful eity. "The city which so long," reigned ab-solute the mistress of the world, The mighty vision that the prophets saw, And trembled.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 1861.

ON S. SCHOOLS.—Messre. Lockey, Cail, Fill-more, Spencer, J. Dykeman, M. Dykeman, H. Jones, D. Tingley, J. Anderson. ON Enucation.—Rev. Messre. Marshall, Thompson, Goucher, Bill, Robinson, -Todd, Tremble, Chase, and Mr. J. DeMill. ON Naw Cuturchins. Rev. Messre, Smith, Troop, Candall, Daniel Crandall, and Mr. John Fillmore. On ThurpEance—Rev. Messre Hurd, Troop, On T

Fillmora ON TEMPERANCE.—Rev. Messes Hurd, Troop, Seeley, and Biskeney, Messes. S. Smith, W. Colpitts, J. M. Currie, M. Starratt, C. Secord, Jas. Irvine, John Fillmore. Jas. Irvine, John Fillmore. ON UNION Socieries.—Rev. Messre. Bell, Demi I, Robinson, March, Messre Steeves, Fitus,

Demi I, Konnson, Anarch, Alessie Gleeves, Alessi Kierstead, Dykeman. ON DEPARTED BARTHREN.—Rev. Messrs Thompson Mutch, D. Crandall, and Mr. Joseph Bishop. Bishop. Voted that any Delegates, who are not appoint-ed on Committees, hand in their names so that they may be appointed. Rules of order were read by Clerk as follows :

Lawson be erased from the minutes of this Association, and further recommend that the 1st. That each meeting be opened by prayer. 2nd. That motions be made and seconded ac-

cording to Parliamentary usage. 3rd. That no delegate speak more than twice to the same motion.

4th. That every Resolution be written out and handed to clerk. 5th That motions which are lost be not record-

6th. That these regulations be read at each

Bession. The names of the Visiting Ministerial Brethern invited to seats in the Association were then taken as follows : Rev. Messrs S. March, Goucher, E. B. DeMill,

Bill, Robinson, Thompson, Cady, Lockey, Spen-ser, J. C. Hurd M. D. and Dr. Spurden.

Messrs. Hall, Cosgrove, Jas E Masters, Trask.

the following report. That this association hold four sessions datly; morning session commencing

in the evening from 7 till 9.

be preached on Friday. THURSDAY, 7 o'clock P. M.

Letters read from various churches which were well represented. The result of the same may

be seen in the following abstract: ABSTRACT OF THE STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

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REV. E. B. DEMILL, A. M., Editor

Keport of Committee of arrangements for the following day was presented. The Committee appointed to choose a com-mittee of Investigation on the charges made against Rev. Mr. Bill, by the Christian Watch-man then reported the following. Brs. Coleman, Moran, Currie, Cady, H. Vaughan, Hurd, and Fowler. Voted, that they stand approved. Voted, that the committie convene at 8 o'clock a. m. on the following day.

m. on the following day. Adjourned.

Saturday, 8 a. m. Meeting assembled as per adjournment. Voted that the Eastern Association for next year be held at Jemseg. A letter was read from the church at Fiatlands,

(50 members.) Committee on circular letter reported that there was no circular letter this year.

On motion this report was accepted. The consideration of Trout Creek Church followed, in connection with which remarks were made by Bro. John Fillmore. On motion, the following resolution was

passed :---Whereas, Hillsboro' church has recogni the ordination of Bro. John Fillmore, resolved, that this association concur in that opinion. Committee on departed brethren then pre-sented their report, which was adopted.

Committee on Education presented their report, which was adopted.

Adjourned.

10 O'clock. Meeting re-assembled to hear a sermon from Rev. E. D. Cady, who delivered an extreme nteresting discourse. After which the meeting proceeded to busi-

ners. On motion. Resolved, that in agreement with request of 2nd Saliabury church, a committee be anneuted to visit that church. ness.

appointed to visit that church. The following brethren were appointed im-Trimble, Smith, Sealey, Miles. Resolved, that the President of the Education

Society take the chair.

Society take the enar. After a meeting of the above, Moderator re-sumed the chair, and report of the committee of the Education Society, was presented and read by Rev. Mr. Spurden. Voted that it be adopted and printed in the

minutes. Adjourned.

eive Report of the con

committee appointed last year to visit said church be requested to discharge their duty and report next year. Adjourned. The public assembled for religious ervices, and a sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Coleman, from Malachi 1: 4, which was earnest

On motion the following brethren were invit-ed to take seats in this Association.

The Committee on arrangements submitted

at 7 a. m. and continue till 10 afternoon, 2 till five with closed doors. Public service in the morning from 10 till 12;

Further advised that the introductory sermon

Session resumed.

Sackviller Lower Cambridge, North River Bap. Ch., Moncton, 1860 2 1 2 4 and effective. After service more letters from churches were

more than 7 minutes long each.

invited to a seat in this Association. appointed to the committee on Home Missions, Voted, that Brothers Wheaton Fowler, Edwards, Parker, be appointed to the S. School

ommittee. Voted, that T. MeHeary be appointed to the

inson, who drew attention to the rejection of the application of the Rev. Dr. Pryor, in favor of the Governor's private secretary, upon which it was voted that a Committee of three take this matter

Committee of the whole to discuss the question of "Periodicals" and after deliberation passed

on motion, Mr. A. S. Dealil was invited to a seat in this association. On motion, Mr. A. W. Masters was invited to scat in this association. The Committee on arrangements then presen-ted their report. ted their report. That the Home missionary cause be considered this evening, to be followed by speeches not

2 o'clock, p. m. Voted, that Bro. Berryman and McHenry, be Voted, that Brothers Titus and Pulcifer, be

swick was then brought forward by Rev. S. Rob-

Adjourned.

ommittee on Education. The subject of the University of New Brun-

voted that a Committee of three take this matter into consideration and report accordingly. Upon which the chair nominated to this Com-mittee Bro. Robinson, Hurd, add Cady. The Association then resolved itself into a Committee of the whole to discuss the question the ameting of the Home Missionary Society.— President Saml. Robinson in the chair, to reinto consideration and report accordingly. Upon which the chair nominated to this Com

read (reports of which are embodied in accom-panying abstract). On motion, Mr. N. S. DeMill was invited to a

Therefore resolved, that the name of David

10 o'clock a. m.

es, and then departed for The lonica. Nores. We percieve from the above account that Lydia was a believer before she was bap-

aently proclaimed. When she and her household had been bap-

The circumstances of the case are in harmony with the idea of immersion. At least there was no difficulty in finding before the proseuche a suitable place for the administration of this or-

There is every reason for conclusion, that the household of Lydia consisted of adults. It is very unlikely that if she were a married woman Very unlikely that if she were a married woman and her husband alive, that she should speak of the establishment as belonging to herself, and so carneally press her hospitality upon Paul and his companions, yet make no mention of her husband. It is also very improbable that, if she were the mother of young children, she would be conducting a business, three hundred miles away from Thyatira. Tha language of Luke apart from these consi-derations by no means implies that there were maconscious babes in the "household." There are thouseholds which consist of adults. Even if it could be proved conclusively that Lydia had with her in Philippi infants, yet, the use of the term household would not necess-

the use of the term household would not neces-sarily imply that they were baptized (1 Sam 1, 12, 22 ;) while the nature of the ordinance and its relation to faith would exclude such a suppo-

It may be interesting to notice the opinions of It may be interesting to notice the optimized as some of the most celebrated Biblical critics on the baptism of Lydia and her household. The remarks which we quote are the more valuable because given by men who believe in infant bap-

because given by men who believe in infant bap-tism. De Wette says, "Here as well as in verse 33; 18, 8; 1 Cor. 1-18, some would find a proof for the Apostolic baptism i but there is nothing here which shows that any but adults were baptized." Meyer, "The cikos autes, consisted probably of women who assisted her in her business." Olshausen. "It is highly improbable that the phrase cikos antes should be understood as in-cluding infant children ; relatives, servants, grown children might be isptized along with her. There is altogether wanting any conclusive proof passage for the baptism of children in the life of the Apostles. Nor can the necessity of it be adduced from the nature of baptism. Still be adduced from the nature of baptism. Still however, the propriety of infant baptism is undoubted, and the condition of the church after the close of the third century, imperatively re-quired its introduction. But in this way chris-

And trembled. to view with his own eyes—the birth place of of our civilization, and the cradle of our religion, vide myself with another pair. We then as now vide myself with another pair. We then as now of our civilization, and the cradle of our religion to wander amidst scenes viewed and described wished well to the Roman people, and sympato wander amides scenes viewed and described by Horace, Virgil, or Juvenal, or rendered far more sacred in being associated with the suc-cessful labors and glorious death of the heroic apostle to the gentiles? Who has not often wished to behold and admire those miracles of thized with them in their aspirations for liberty, but we felt that the great and immediate want of Rome was the destruction of every scaldino, and a good supply of air tight stoves. A.

art, which ancient and modern genius have wrought, the works of Phidias, or Praxitiles, or

Apollodorus, or Raphael or Michael Angelo ?-or to view near at hand the ministers and the temples, and the worship of a religious system, which has survived so many empires, and still awakens in the breasts of hundreds of mil-

ons fear and hatred or love and confidence We scarcely pause to notice the objects of inrest in Albano, so eager are we to catch glimpse of the eternal city. About half a mile beyond Albano and on the brow of a hill we have beyond Alvano and on the ordword a mill we neve one of the most magnificent views in the world. This apot commands the whole campagn, and the view is bounded by the Alban and Sabine hills on the one hand, and the Mediterranean on the other. In the middle of the plain is Rome like an ossis in a desert. "A far

like an oasis in a desort. The Tiber winds and the broad ocean laves, The Sabine coast whence sprang the epic war, Arms and the man," whose reascending star Rose o'er an Empire, but beneath thy right Fully reposed from Rome, and where yon bar Of girding mountains intercept the sight The Sabine farm was tilled the weary bard's de-lifet.

light. We descend the hill and rapidly approach th Rev. Messrs. Spurden, Bill, Newcomb. ON COLFORTAGE.-Rev. Messrs. Robins venerable city. Every few miles brings into view some interesting spectscle, while the towers and domes of the city appear more clearly de-Witch, Cady, Burnham. Seely, Crandall, Trimble, Goucher, Blakeney,

bint Monarquipe Demoise by de Verte, iver Chaleur

Minutes of the Eastern Association. BY OUR OWN REPORTER. Pursuant to appointment the Eastern New Brunswick Baptist Association, convened in the Baptist Chapel, 1st Baptist Church, St. Martins, on Thursday, the 11th day of July 1861, at 2 Alma, 2d Upham, ad Upham, Kars, exception of the second of the lat Coverdials in fillibloro?, lat Salisbury, Lower Coverdale Plathads, Restlip ad Springfield, "2d St. Martina, "2d St. Martina, "2d Springfield, "2d Springfield," "2d Springfi

o'clock p. m. The Association was called to order by the ap-

Mr. J. S. Trites, Secretary. Mr. Hopkins, Assistant do

Mr. A. Washburn, Treasurer. Mr. J. Jones, Assistant do. Voted that visiting ministerial brethern only from other associations be invited to take seats with us as members of this Association.

Voted to extend this invitation to brother Jas.

DeMill. The following committees were then appo COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS .- Rey's. Mcssrs. Rowe, McDonald, Smith, Tabor.

TO EXAMINE AND READ LETTERS.—Rev's. Messrs, Hurd, DeMill, Troop, Coleman. TO EXAMINE AND READ CIRCULAR LETTER.—

ON SPECIAL BUSINE'S .- The whole Associa-

and domes of the city appear more clearly de-fined and in growing numbers. We pass the magnificent ruins which formerly lined the Appian way, monuments of the illustrious dead, and soon we enter the portal which leads into the city. We pass between Mounts Pala-tine and Coelian, under the arches of Constantine and Titus, gaze with admiration upon the Colise-m, and the fragments which strew the ancient

of "Periodicals" and after deliberation passed the following resolution. That in the opinion of this Committee we do well to dismiss this subject for the present, and

well to dismiss this subject for the, present, and recommend the Association to transact su ch bu-siness as shall tend to advance the interests of the denomination.

Which being presented to the Association was adopted.

40 On motion of Rev. Mr. Robinson the followresolution was passed : Resolved that a Committee of 3 be appointed

to appoint a Committee of 7, to investigate the charges made against Bro. Bill, by the "Chris-tian Watchman" in not fulfilling his engagement to the Denomination for the purchase of the Visitor.

Upon which a Committee of 3 was nominated, who should appoint a Committee of 7 to investi-

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Voted, that articles and covenant of a Baptist church be printed in the minutes of this

Voted that the financial statements bear the name of each subscriber with amount of sub-

scription. Discussion then turned upon the case of re-

cognition of Mr. John Fillmore at Turtle Creek

St. Martins, Friday, July, 12th 1861, 7 s.m. Opened by prayer. The following were added to the Committee ou Home Missions, Rev. George F. Miles, and Messrs. Currie, Steadman, J. E. Masters. Voted that the whole Association be resolved into a committee on Periodicals and that the into a committee on Periodicals and that the business be taken up to day at 2 o'clock, P. M. Voted that this body go forthwith into the con-Voted that the report be adopted. Speeches were then made by Brothers

len, Cady, Hickson, Edwards, Herritt, Maginnis, Francis, Spragg, Blakeney, and Coleman. sideration of Special Business. Voted that the subject of Point de Bute Church An eloquent appeal on behalf of the society was then made by Rev. Mr. Hurd.

be brought forward. The Committee of visitation to that Church A collection followed, after which a Con appointed last year, being called on for a Report, replied that they had no formal one to offer.— Letters was read however by Rev. Mr. Miles¹ The Committee was as follows:

officers. Report was adopted. Moderator resumed chair.

The following was then passed. Whereas, Bro. Hall has become the proprietor of the Colonial Bookstore, and keeps constantly a good supply of books sustaining Baptist principles.

Therefore, resolved, that this association reconumend Bro. Hall and his establishment to the favourable consideration of the individual members, churches, and Sabbath Schools, connected with our denomination.

On motion resolved that all correspondence both local and foreign in connection with this As-sociation be addressed to the Rev. I. E. Bill of Saint John. On motion resolved that the 2nd Article of

the constitution be amended by erasing the word Saturday, and inserting the word Thursday, making it read, "2nd Thursday in July" at such

Committee on Temperance reported. Voted that the Report be adopted. On motion Resolved that a Committee be appointed to take into consideration the advisabil-ity of removing the Baptist Seminary from dericton, and report at the next As

The following Resolution was then moved by

Rev. Samuel Robinson. Whereas the New Branswick University has cost the people of this Province about £200,

000. And Whereas the Baptists who form at least one fifth of the population of the Province, have never derived any considerable advantage from that Institution-And Whereas by a late Law said University

has been established to meet the wants of all de-nominations of Christians in the Province, which it should do as it costs the people of the Pro-

vince £2,200 per annum. Therefore Resolved that the rejection of the Rev. John Pryor, D. D., a gentleman of high social position in these Provinces, and for many years President of a college, a man of such high years Fresident of a college, a man of sean new and tried attainmests, is an injury inflicted on the country ; and if rejected because he was a Baptist, is an insult on all the Province. This was made the subject of a thorough dis-cussion which convinced all that the passage of the resolution was necessary ; but ether consi-

*Churches from which no Letter has been received. Any errors in the above will be corrected by the 'autho ized Minutes' of the Association. Adjourned till 7.