

DUTY in this matter, believing as they do that continued opposition to this cause, should be a matter of discipline.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDWIN CLAY, *Chairman.*

Addresses from Bros. Clay, J. A. Smith and Hughes.

This Association is under the painful necessity of placing upon its Minutes the following melancholy record respecting certain individuals, who are representing themselves to the people of N. B. as ministers of the gospel in connexion with the Baptist Denomination.

1st. Joshua B. Cogswell was charged in the County of Digby, Nova-Scotia, with gross immorality of conduct, for which he was tried by the laws of his country and found guilty; he was also on this account excluded from the church with which he stood connected and consequently deposed from his ministerial office. This Association is informed that subsequently he was partially restored, upon confession to one of the churches; but as he has never been restored to his ministerial office by the Nova-Scotia brethren, and has no standing in their Associations as a christian minister, this Association regard his attempts to preach in this Province as disorderly and calculated to disturb the peace of the churches and injure the cause of religion, and therefore cannot hold fellowship with him as a religious teacher.

2. A man by the name of Farnham, has a wife and family living in the State of Maine; but notwithstanding this, in violation of all law,—human and divine—has married a young woman in this Province. Under such circumstances the Baptist Churches of New-Brunswick can in no way countenance him as a minister of Christ.

3. A young man by the name of Alfred Parker has been traveling through different parts of New Brunswick representing himself as a licensed preacher of the Baptist Church at Nictaux, N.S. It has been ascertained from undoubted authority that he was never licensed to preach by the Nictaux Church, and consequently he is an imposter. His conduct in other respects is spoken of as altogether inconsistent with the requirements of Christianity. This Association therefore advise the churches it represents to hold no communion with the said Parker as a religious guide.