

MINUTES  
OF THE  
WESTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

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WESTPORT, DIGBY CO., SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 1853.

THE Western Baptist Association of N. S., met with the Westport Church, this day at 2. P. M.

The Association having been called to order, Elder W. Burton, the Moderator of last year, having removed from the Province, Elder S. Davis, his successor in the pastorate of the first Yarmouth Church, addressed the Throne of Grace; after which Elder C. Randall of Weymouth, was chosen *Moderator*, in the manner stated in the Constitution; Elder I. E. Balcom, *Secretary*; Elder W. B. Goucher, *Assistant Secretary*, and Brother H. Payson, *Treasurer*.

The Constitution and Rules of Order were then read. Three new churches were received into the Association, viz., South Yarmouth, West Yarmouth, and Ohio.

Messengers from Corresponding Associations and Visiting Ministers and Brethren in regular standing in their respective Churches and Associations were invited to sit with us in Council and participate in the deliberations. Elder R. Morton, Messenger, from the Central Association; Elder Gillpatrick, Agent of the Foreign and American Bible Society; Elder G. Morton, and Elder O. Chute, French Missionary.

The following Committees were then appointed:—

*To examine the Letters from the Churches.*—Elders R. Cunningham, N. Vidito, and J. Parker.

*To read the Letters.*—Elders C. Tupper, S. N. Bently, and J. Davis.

The letters from the Churches were now read from which a list of Delegates was obtained, and also the statistics of the Churches which is subjoined.