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OF THE
BAPTIST, NOVA-SCOTIA AND
NEW-BRUNSWICK, ASSOCIATION,

HELD AT
Sackville in the County of Westmoreland,

JUNE 25 & 26,
1810;

TOGETHER WITH THEIR
CIRCULAR AND CORRESPONDING LETTERS.

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1. **A**t ten o'clock, A. M. Introductory Sermon,
by Brother *Daniel Merrill*, from Rev. xx,
1, 2, 3.
2. Introductory Prayer, by Brother *Theodore S. Harding*.
3. Chose Brother *Theodore S. Harding*, Moderator.
4. Chose Brother *Thomas Ansley*, Scribe ; and
Brother *William Freeman*, Assistant,
5. Voted that Brethren *D. Merrill* and *H. Hale*,
Messengers from the Lincoln Association, take a
seat with us,

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TUESDAY MORNING, June 25.

Prayer Meeting this morning at six o'clock—It was a refreshing time from the presence of the Lord.

At ten o'clock Elder *Daniel Merrill* preached from Mat. xix, 19, 20.

After concluding the exercises of the morning, we proceeded to the business of the present session.

9. The Circular Letter, written by Elder *J. Crandal*, was read and accepted.

10. Voted, that Elder *E. Manning*, and Elder *T. S. Harding*, supply the Church of Newport.

11. In answer to the Church of Salisbury, voted—1st. That a Day of Fasting and Prayer be appointed, and that those Brethren, who stand opposed to the order of God's House, be invited to attend to the same.

12. 2d. Voted that a Church meeting be appointed, and Brethren chosen to visit, advise, admonish and exhort, in meekness and in much love, the above described Brethren: should their endeavours prove fruitless, it is our advice to exclude them.

13. Voted, that Brother *Hammond* be examined, as a Candidate for Ordination.

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14. Considering the difficulties attending the Ordination at Prince William, should Brother *L. Hammond* be thought a proper Candidate, we vote that he shall be ordained here.

15. Voted, Elder *J. Manning* supply the first Baptist Church of Digby.

16. Voted, the Association next year be held at Onflow.

17. Voted, Elder *T. S. Harding* write the Circular Letter.

18. Voted, Elder *T. Ansley* write the Corresponding Letter,

19. Brethren *E. Manning* and *T. Ansley* are appointed Messengers to the Lincoln Association.

20. Appointed Brother *Edward Manning* to preach the Introductory Sermon, in case of failure Brother *J. Crandal*.

21. Voted, that 600 Copies of the Minutes, Circular and Corresponding Letters, be printed.

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to superintend the printing of the Minutes and Letters, and they must distribute them by the middle of next August.

23. Voted, that the Articles of the Lincoln Association be recommended to the Churches in connection with us, to be adopted by them.

24. Voted, Ten Dollars be given to each Messenger, appointed to go to the Lincoln Association, to help to bear their charges.

25. Voted, Elder *J. Crandal* shall receive the same for his attendance last year.

26. Examined Brother *L. Hammond*, and received satisfaction: and we consider him a proper subject of Ordination.

27. Met at six o'clock, and attended to the Ordination of Brother *L. Hammond*—Introductory Prayer by Brother *T. S. Harding*; and a Sermon preached by him also—the Charge was given by Elder *D. Merrill*. When the Hands of the Elders were laid on the Head of the Candidate, Brother *J. Crandal* poured out his Soul in Prayer to God. The Right Hand of Fellowship was given by Brother *Edward Manning*. The concluding Prayer was made by Elder *Hale*.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

*To the Churches which compose the Nova-Scotia
and N. B. Association, the Elders and Messen-
gers send Christian Salutation :*

BELOVED BRETHREN,

GOD, of his abounding mercy, has favoured us with another very happy and refreshing season, in this our annual meeting. The happy and reviving accounts, contained in your Letters, have enlarged our Hearts towards Zion, the City of our God. Truly, the Lord is good to Israel; the Lord has done great things for us.

Brethren, we send you a few thoughts which bear on our minds, upon the important subject of obedience to the commands of the King and Head of Zion. We find his authority unquestionable, and all his laws are perfectly right, and pleasing to the willing and obedient. The Old and New

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Testament contain every thing that is the mind and will of God concerning us.

Are we not guilty before God for the sin of omission? Even of those known duties—such as that of prayer: does not our Lord command us to watch unto prayer, and to pray, and not to faint?—Also to search the Scriptures: does not the example of the Captain of our Salvation call upon us to take the whole of the Armour of Righteousness in this day of great events?

Have we not been under the cloud of Antichristian Darkness, respecting the visibility of Christ's Kingdom? Have we not possessed an unchristian accommodating spirit towards those of our Brethren in the visible Kingdom of Anti-Christ? Have we not by our disobedience to the Laws of our King held up our Brethren's Hands in disobedience, by admitting them to commune with us,

Friends, let us consider that the voice of inspiration is calling on all, that love our Lord Jesus, to come out of Babylon, lest they partake of her plagues.

Dear Brethren, we trust God has, in a measure,

opened our eyes, and yours also; and we hope God will increase our knowledge of the Scriptures; and enable us to walk in the footsteps of Jesus, and bear our Cross day by day, and then we should wear our crown of rejoicing.

O Brethren, how our hearts ought to rejoice to see such a cloud of witnesses arising for the visibility of Christ's Kingdom! We trust that it will soon be the case that we shall all see eye to eye, all speak the same things, and all be perfectly joined in one mind and in one judgment, so that it shall not be said: "Know ye the Lord, for all shall know him, from the least of them to the greatest of them."

Let us then remember we are not our own, but the Lord's: bought with the price of blood, redeemed from the earth, and we ought to have new motives, new desires, new affections; and ought to shew, to the world around us, that we are christians. Let us remember what our Lord said to his disciples: "He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me; and he, that loveth me, shall be loved of my Father; and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him."

And now may grace, mercy and peace, be mul-

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and Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom be glory and
honor, world without end. AMEN.

Signed in behalf of the Association,

Theodore S. Harding, moderator.

Thomas Ansley, clerk.

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

*The Nova-Scotia and N. B. Baptist Association,
convened at Sackville, N. B. June 25 & 26,
1810,*

TO OUR CORRESPONDING ASSOCIATION, SENDETH
CHRISTIAN SALUTATION.

DEARLY beloved Brethren, in the Lord, our Hearts were made glad by the good intelligence brought to us by your Messengers and Minutes, informing us of your good order, and steadfastness in the faith of the Gospel, and the numbers added to you. May your Hearts continue to be fired with ardent Zeal to make known the honour and victories of the Cross, until thousands and tens of thousands be brought in delightful harmony to receive Jesus of Nazareth as their Prophet, Priest, and King. Brethren we trust your Hearts will rejoice to hear of the great things the Lord hath done, and is doing in these Regions of the Earth. For he is giving us an increasing unanimity of sen-

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 interview has been delightful and refreshing, the
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 Brethren we wish you much of the Divine pre-
 sence in your present convention. We also wish
 for a continuance of your profitable correspondence.
 Asking an interest in your Prayers, we subscribe
 ourselves your Brethren in the faith and patience
 of the Saints, Farewell.

Signed in behalf of the Association,

Theodore S. Harding, moderator.

Thomas Ansley, clerk.

