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NOTICE.

The Digest of letters is omitted, in consequence of there being none to offer.

The suggestion is made that hereafter; the Association order that a digest be made so that it may appear in the Minutes for the greater satisfaction of the members composing the churches, that greater interest may be taken in the general work of the Denomination.

If the letters are not recorded what interest will the churches have in sending them ?

It is better that all things be done in such a way as will reflect honour on the deliberations of this body.

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Constitution and Rules of Order,

ARTICLE 1.—This Association shall consist of Delegates, representing the Churches of which it is composed, each of whom shall be a member of one of those Churches, and shall be styled the "Western N. B. Baptist Association."

ARTICLE 2.—The objects of this Association shall be the collection of statistical and other information from the Churches, the cultivation of mutual acquaintance and fraternal union, the promotion of individual godliness, and the spiritual prosperity of the Churches; and, in the use of scriptural means the enlargement of the Redeemer's kingdom.

ARTICLE 3.—The Association shall meet annually, at 2 o'clock, p. m., on the second Tuesday in July, at such place as they shall appoint; notice of which shall be given in the Minutes, and in the denominational paper. The meeting shall be opened with Social Conference; after which the officers and committees shall be appointed. Every meeting held by adjournment from time to time during the session of the Association, shall be opened and concluded by prayer.

ARTICLE 4.—Each Church shall have the privilege of sending one delegate or more; but no Church, however numerous, shall be entitled to a greater number than five, in addition to their Pastor.

ARTICLE 5.—At each meeting of the Association, the Delegates shall deliver to the Clerk of the pre-eding year, immediately on their arrival, is Letters from the Churches; a list of the Delegates having been preparably the Clerk, their names shall be called, and they shall take their places. The Moderator of the preceding year shall call the vote for a Moderator by ballow without nomination, and the person who shall be chosen by a majority of the members present, shall, upon his acceptance lead the meeting to the choice of a Clerk. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside in all the transactions of the meeting, and maintain due order among the members. The Association shall appoint two Committees—one on arrangements, and one to nominate all other Committees. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a fair and impartial record of all the doings of the Association during the session and furnish a correct copy for the press.

ARTICLE 6. It shall be the duty of each Church to send by its Messengers a letter to the Association, giving an account of its state, particularly of the addition and diminution within the last year; and generally, of whatever relates to its peace and prosperity, together with the whole number of members in communion. It shall also forward money for the printing of the Minutes.

ARTICLE 7.—When any Church shall desire admittance into this body, application must be made by letter, and satisfactory evidence furnished of their faith and order; this being done, and a vote of acceptance taken, the Moderator shall, on behalf of the Association, give to one of their Messengers (if any be present) the right hand of fellowship.

ARTICLE 8.—When a Church shall neglect to make any communication to the Association for three years successively, it shall be considered as having withdrawn from us, and shall be dropped from the Minutes, unless two or more members request its continuance, and shall engage to enquire into its standing, and report at the next meeting of the Association.

ARTICLE 9.—Although as an Association we disclaim all power over the ARTICLE 9.—Although as an Association we disclaim all power over the Churches, so far as respects any interference with their independence and discipline, yet we deem it our privilege to judge for curselves of the propriety of continuing any Church or Minister in our connection, who to us shall appear to be unscriptural in principle, or irregular in practice. In order, however, that we may not withdraw our fellowship, without sufficient reason, from any church or minister against whom a complaint is made by two members of this body, it shall be the duty of the Association to appoint a committee to investigate the points of complaint, and report the result of their unquiries to the Association, that they may decide as duty shall appear.

ARTICLE 9.—Alterations and amendments may be made in this Constitution by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any regular session.

RULES OF ORDER.

That each meeting be opened by prayer.

That motions be made and seconded according to parliamentary usage.

That no delegate speak more than twice to the same motion.

That every motion be written out and handed to the Clerk.

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6 That invited members enjoy the privileges of delegates, except voting.

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CAMBRIDGE, QUEENS Co., - Tuesday, June 26, 1888.

The Western Baptist Association of New Brunswick opened its forty-first annual session in the Cambridge (Narrows) Baptist Church, at 2 p. m. on the above named date. In the absence of the Moderator, the meeting was called to order by Rev. M. P. King, who presided over the social conference that followed.

A large number of the ministering brethren and others

took part.

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It was a meeting of great power.

At the close of the Conference the following list of

delegates was read.

Ordained Ministers :- M. P. King, A. B. McDonald, Calvin Currie, W. H. Beckwith, Byron H. Thomas, T. A. Blackadar, Peter R Knight, A. H. Hayward, John Coombs, P. O. Reese, J. D. Wetmore, J. H. Coy, W. M. Edwards.

Other Members :- Dea. W H White, Dea. L O Wilson, C W Price, W H Todd, G Pugsley, E M Hendry, M C Mc-Donald, Amos Mott, C E Colwell, B Coburn, M D, Dea. T Bridges, W J Bridges, Thos Thompson, Wm King, John Briggs, W Corey, Anderson Miller, Dea. D W Estabrook M S Hall, Philip Heustis, John Belyea, James McDonald, L P Ferris, JW Ferris, W Fanjoy, S D Irvine, (Lie) Geo A Wilson,(Lic), G W Corey, (Lic), J A Porter,(Lic), G Crabb,(Lic), Bro J Sloat, Dea. B Titus, Moses Dykeman. J H Dykeman, Fred Purdy, W Noddin, A Vincent, G N Belyea, H McDonald, B B Vincent.

Delegates of Southern Association ;-Revs. Geo O Gates,

J A Gordon.

Invited Brethren:—Rev C Goodspeed, Rev C H Martell, Rev F Todd, Rev J H Saunders, Rev E M Saunders, D D, J R Hutchinson, Rev W H Perry, (F C Bap), Bro. T O'Donnel, Bro. A A Wilson, Bro. T Hetherington, and Bro. J T Hetherington.

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The Association then elected the following Officers:

Moderator—Rev M P King, Cambridge,
Clerk—Rev T A Blackadar, Macnaquac,
Asst. Clerk—Rev B H Thomas, Maugerville,
Treas.—Bro. M S Hall, Fredericton.

Committees, as follows :---

On Arrangements:—Rev C Currie, Rev A B McDonald, Rev W. M Edwards; Bro. M S Hall, Dea. Titus.

On Nominations: - Rev. T A Blackadar, Rev P R Knight,

W M Edwards, M S Hall, Geo. Hoben.

Com. on Arrangements reported as follows:-

"That the Rev. G O Gates preach this evening, service to commence at eight o'clock; to be followed by reading of Church Letters, during remainder of session."

Com. on Nominations submitted the following report:—

Com. to read Letters:—Revs. P R Knight, C Currie,

A H Hayward.

Com. on Home Missims :- Rev W M Edwards, Dr

Coburn, Rev Fred Todd.

Com. on Foreign Missions: —Rev C Goodspeed, Rev J H Saunders, Geo O Gates, Bro J W Bridges, Bro James Sloat.

Com. on Sabbath Schools: --Rev J D Wetmore, S D Irwine (Lic), Rev J A Gordon, Bro. Wm King.

Com. on Education :- Revs T A Blackadar, C. Good-

speed, A H Hayward, J Coombs.

Com. on Denom. Literature :- Rev A B McDonald, Rev P O Reese, S D Irvine (Lic.), Bro W C Currie.

Com. on Temperance :- Rev W H Beckwith, Rev

M P King, Rev W M Edwards, Bro Coburn M D.

Com. on Special Business:—Rev G W Springer, Rev Calvin Currie, A H Hay vard, Bro. M S Hall, A B McDonald.

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Adjourned to meet at eight p. m. Prayer by Rev. T A

Blackadar.

SECOND SESSION.

Association opened its second session with a regular preaching service.

Rev J A Gordon read the Scriptures, and Rev P R Knight

offered prayer.

Rev G O Gates, A M, of St John, preached an eloquent and exceedingly practical sermon, from Matt. xii: 12th, dwelling on the golden law of equity.

Minutes of previous session read and approved.

The reading of Church Letters then taken up.

Committee on Arrangements made a further report:—

That the Wednesday morning session begin at 9 a m.

Business of Association taken up till ten; when the Associational sermon be preached by Rev T A Blackadar.

Session to close at twelve o'clock. Closed with prayer by Rev C H Martell.

THIRD SESSION.

In the absence of the Moderator Bro. Hall opened the Association, and called upon Rev W H Beckwith to offer prayer.

The reading of Letters was then resumed and concluded.
Rev T A Blackadar preached the Associational sermon,
Text, John xv, 4 and 5. Subject: "The Secret of Success,"
it was a masterly effort, and full of gospel truth. Rev. E M
Saunders, D D, assisted in the service.

The committee on arrangements made a further report to the following effect:—"That the afternoon session open at two o'clock and close at five, time to be devoted to hearing and receiving reports.

Evening session to begin at half-past seven o'clock, when the reports on Home and Foreign Missions will be discussed. Speakers on Foreign Missions: J R Hutchinson, and Mrs J R Hutchinson, E M Saunders, D D, and Rev Geo O Gates. Speakers on Home Missions:—Revs. C Goodspeed and B H Thomas.

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Benediction by Rev A B McDonald.

FOURTH SESSION.

Association opened at the appointed hour, and prayer by Rev J D Wetmore.

Committee on Nominations recommended that Revs. P R Knight, C Currie, A H Hayward, W M Edwards. M P King

be the committee on New Churches.

It was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that Revs E M Saunders, P O Reese, J H Saunders and C Goodspeed be a committee to confer with Bro J H Coy relative to matter contained in the report of committee of last year.

Rev J D Wetmore at this stage submitted the report on Sabbath Schools. It was ably discussed by Revs G O Gates, J H Saunders, W H Beckwith, E M Saunders, C Goodspeed, Dr McDonald, and Bro M S Hall. Report adopted.

In response to an appeal for help made by Bro W M Edwards in behalf of the Ludlow Sabbath School, it was on motion resolved that this Association take up a collection for said purpose. Collection taken amounted to \$9.65.

Rev W M Edwards submitted report on Home Missions.

Report laid on table.

Rev T A Blackadar submitted report on Education. Rev Dr Saunders and Rev Geo Gates spoke eloquently and ably on the wants of our Educational Institutions, Bro Saunders pressing the claim for Jubilee Fund, and Bro Gates dwelling on the needs of the Union Baptist Seminary.

Benediction by the Moderator Rev M P King.

FIFTH SESSION.

Moderator called the Association together at the appointed hour. Prayer by Rev W M Edwards.

Committee on Arrangements made their final report through their Chairman:—" That there be a prayer meeting and eo O

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on Thursday morning at six o'clock, and that the regular session of the Association begin at nine o'clock, when the discussion on Report on Education be closed, speakers Rev. C Goodspeed and Rev Byron Thomas. The remainder of session be devoted to report on Denominational Literature, addresses to be given by Revs I A Blackadar and A B McDonald, session to close at twelve. Thursday afternoon session to begin at two o'clock, when the Report on Temperance will be considered Addresses by W G Corey (Lic), S D Irvine (Lic), and Rev J D Wetmore.

Remainder of session devoted to any matter that may properly come before the Association; session close at five o'clock.

On Thursday evening that Bro S D Irvine (Lie), preach in this house."

Rev T A Blackadar moved that this Association accept the invitation of Jacksontown Church to meet with them at their next annual gathering. Motion carried unanimously.

Report on Foreign Missions was submitted by Rev C Goodspeed, report spoken to by J R Hutchiuson and wife, Dr Saunders and Rev G O Gates.

Report on Home Missions was taken from the table and discussed by Revs C Goodspeed and Byron H Thomas. Adjourned with prayer by Rev A B McDonald.

SIXTH SESSION.

Association opened with prayer by Rev P R Knight.

The report on Education was again taken up and discussed by :—Rev J Coombs, Rev W H Beckwith, Rev B H Thomas, Bro Arnon A Wilson, Rev C Goodspeed, Dr Saunders, and

adopted.

Dr McDonald submitted the report on Denominational
Literature, and was spoken to by Rev T A Blackadar, A B
McDonald and C Goodspeed.

Report on motion was adopted.

The Committee to confer with Bro J H Coy submitted their report:—"We had a conference with Bro Coy; and after a long and full discussion of the whole subject of the doctrine and practice of the people composing the Holiness Convention, Bro Coy informed us that he has not changed the views he held at the time of the meeting of this association last year; and that he holds the belief of the Holiness Convention on the doctrine of Holiness; and moreover he does not see it to be his duty to pledge himself to this association to abstain in future from co-operating with said convention or fraternity."

Signed,

E M SAUNDERS,
P O REESE,
C GOODSPFED,
J H SAUNDERS.

After some discussion by the ministering brethren, the following resolution was submitted: "Having heard the report of the committee appointed to confer with Bro Coy to the effect that he still retains the views on the doctrine of holiness taught in the so-called Holiness Convention, and does not feel at liberty to withdraw from co-operating with these conventions, and preaching their doctrine of 'Entire Sanctification;' Therefore resolved that we with much grief, but with the most hearty good will to Bro Coy, confirm the action of the association of last year, and drop his name from the list of ministers."

This resolution was adopted with but one dissenting vote
A Committee to revise list of ordained ministers and
Licentiates was appointed as follows:—Rev A B McDonald,
Rev T A Blackadar, Rev W M Edwards.

Rev J Coombs closed the association with prayer.

SEVENTH SESSION.

The Moderator called upon Rev C Currie to offer prayer,

and declared the association open.

The Committee on New Churches reported advising that the Wiggins Cove Baptist Church be received into the fellowship of this association. Bro H N Wiggins being the delegate of that church present, received the right hand of fellowship by the Moderator.

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The report of Committee on grouping churches was submitted; the report was spoken to by E M Saunders and C Goodspeed, and adopted as read.

Delegates to Convention were appointed as follows:—Bros L P Ferris, Jacob Dykeman, Wm King, Dr Coburn and Hon A F Randolph. Delegates were also appointed to the Eastern N B Baptist Association as follows:—Rev T A Blackadar and Rev B H/Thomas.

Report on Temperance was read and spoken to by W G Corey (Lic), S D Irvine (Lic), Rev J D Wetmore.

Committee on Nominations submitted their final report: -

COMMITTEES FOR 1888.

Home Missions: Revs C Currie, P R Knight.
Foreign Missions.—Revs Fred D Crawley, P O Reese.
Education:—Revs A B McDonald, W E McIntyre.
Denom. Literature:—Revs B H Thomas, M P King.
Temperance:—Rev G W Corey, S D Irvine, (Lic).
Subbath Schools:—Revs Geo Howard, C Henderson.

To preach Associational Sermon, Rev W M Edwards, alternate Rev J C Bleakney.

To write Circular Letter, Bro H C Creed.

Committee to revise list of ordained ministers' reported. Report ratified subject to revision.

Treasurer's report was submitted, and adopted.

On motion resolved "That the whole hearted thanks of this Association be tendered the members of this Church and the community who have so kindly entertained this Association"

On motion resolved "That we express our thanks to the Railway and Steamboat Companies for granting reduced rates to delegates."

The thanks of this association on motion were tendered the organist and choir for their excellent music. On motion adjourned to meet in Jacksontown on the fourth Tuesday in June, 1889.

Prayer by the Moderator.

Moderator, Rev. M P King, Clerk, Rev. T A BLACKADAR, Asst. Clerk, Rev. B H THOMAS. CONT

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A DECLARATION

Of the Faith, Practice and Covenant of the Churches of Christ composing the Western New Brunswick Baptist Associations.

PART I.-ARTICLES OF FAITH.

Article 1. We believe that there is but one only living and true God, who is a Spirit, infinite, eternal and unchangeable in his being, wisdom, power, boliness, justice, goodness and truth : Deut. vi. 4; John Iv. 24; Ps. xc. 2; cxlvii. 5; James i. 17; 1 Tim. i. 17; Mark x. 27; Isaish vi. 3; Deut. xxxii. 4; Ex. xv. 11, xxxiv. 6, 7.

2. That there are three persons in the Godhead-the Father, the Son, and the Holv Ghost-who are but one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory: Matt. xxviii. 19; John xv. 26;

1 Cor. xii. 4-6; 2 Cor. xiii. 14; Eph. ii. 18.

3. That the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, in which he hath given us our only rule of faith and practice; Luke xv. 29-31; 2 Tim. iii. 15-17; 1 Thes. ii. 13 · 2 Peter

i. 21, iii. 2; Rom. iii. 2; Isa. viii. 16, 19, 20.

4. That God, who is infinite in knowledge, and perfectly views all things from the beginning to the end, has foreordained that whatseever comes to pass, either by His order or permission, shall work for the eternal glory of his great name: Acts xv. 18; ii. 23; Ps. lxxvi. 10, xxxiii. 11; Rom. ix. 17-23, xi. 36.

5. That in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that in them are; and he upholds and governs all things by the word of his power : Gen. i. ; Ex xx. 11 ; Dan. iv. 35 ;

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6. That God made man in his own image, in knowledge, righteousness and true holiness; and made with him a covenant of life, the condition of which was perfect obedience: Gen. i. 26-27;

ii. 16-17; Ecc. vu. 29; Gal. iii. 10.

7. That man being left to himself soon fell from that happy and glorious estate in which he was made, by eating the forbidden fruit, by which he brought himself and all his posterity into a state of death : Gen. ii. 6 ; Rom. v. 12-19.

8. That man being thus dead, his help and recovery are wholly in and from God : John vi. 44; Eph. ii. 4-5, 7-10; I John iv. 10.

9. That God the Father has chosen a great multitude of the human family, whom no man can number, of all nations and kindreds, and people, and tongues, and given them to His Son in the covenant of his grace, that he might redeem them from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people zealous of good works, which is the only foundation of salvation for lost and helpless sinners; and thereby the Ministers of the Lord are encouraged to preach the gospel to every rational creature, because the purposes of God and the infinite value of Christ's atonement secure the increase and establishment of Christ's kingdom, so that the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever: Rom. viii. 29-30; Eph. i 4, 5, 11; John vi. 37-39; Rev. vii. 9; Titus ii. 14; Mark xvi. 15; 2 Tim. ii. 19; Isa, ix. 7; Rev. xi. 15.

10. That Jesus, the eternal Son of God, hath come and taken on

bim our nature, and in that nature hath yielded a perfect obedience to the law which we have transgressed, and suffered death for our sins, and bath brought in a complete and everlasting righteousness, and hath risen and ascended to the right hand of God, and ever liveth to make intercession for us: John i. 1, 14; Heb. 1, 1-3, vii. 25, x. 5-10; Rom. i. 4; Dan. ix. 24.

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11. That the Holy Ghost, and He only, can and doth make particular application of the benefits of the atonement, made by Ohrist, to every elect soul: John iii. 5-8, xvi. 7-15; 1 Cor. xii. 3.

12. That the Spirit of God applies the benefit of this atonement, by convincing us of our sinful, lost and miserable condition; and then discovering the glorious Saviour, as He is exhibited in the Gospel, in Withour whole souls, by which He is made unto us wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption: John xvi. 8-11, 13-15; Gal. v. 22-23; I Cor. i. 30.

13. That the life of religion consists in the knowledge of God, and conformity with Him in the inward man which necessarily produceth an external conformity to His Commands, and brings us to live in obedience to His boly will in all our ways, and in our several places and relations: John xvii. 3 1 Cor. iii. 9; Eph. ii. 10; Col. iii. 2, 3; Gal. ii. 20; Rom. xii. 1-2.

14. That true believers being united to Jesus Christ shall never perish, but live and reign with Him forever. They have communion with God, and by His Spirit are united with each other, and have communion one with another, whereby they are made partakers of each others gitts and graces: John vi. 39, x. 28; Rev. ii. 21; John xvii. 7, 11, 21, xiv. 3; Rom. viii. 38, 39; 1 John i. 3.

15. That the first day of the week, commonly called the Lord's Day, is the Christian Sabbath: John xx. 19; Acts xx. 7; 1 Cor. xvii. 2; Rev. i. 10.

16. That God bath appointed the ordinance of Livil Government of defending the poor as well as the rich, in their civil rights, without infringing upon the consciences of any, or attempting to dictate or govern in the worship of eternal God, which belongs only to Jesus Christ, the great law-giver and head of His Church: Mark xii. 17; Rom, xiii. 1-6 · 1 Peter ii. 13-15; Matt. xx. 10; Rom, xiv. 4.

17. That there will be a general resurrection, both of the just and the unjust; and that God hath appointed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness, by Jesus Christ, and will reward every man according to his work; when the wicked will be sent into everlasting punishment, and the righteous received into life eternal:

John v. 28-29; Acts xvii. 31, xxiv. 5: Matt. xvi. 29, and xxv. 46.

PART IL -ARTICLES OF PRACTICE.

CONCERNING A VISIBLE CHURCH OF CHRIST AND ITS DISCIPLINE.

1. We believe that a particular visible Church of Christ is a number of baptized believers, by mutual acquaintance and communion voluntarily and understandingly covenanting and uniting together, for upholding and promoting the worship and service of God to show

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42, ix. 13; Heb. x. 25; Eph. iv. 15, 16.

2. That Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Christ to be continued until His second coming, and that the former is requisite to the latter—that is to say that those are to be admitted into the communion of the Church, and to partake of all its ordinances and privileges who upon profession of their faith have been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost: Matt. xxviii. 19. 29; 1 Cor. xi. 23-26; Acts ii. 41, 42, and ix. 18-26, and viii. 12, 35-39; Matt. iii. 6-16; Rom. vi. 4; Col. ii. 12; Gal. iii. 27; Matt. xxvi. 26-23; Acts xx. 11; 1 Cor. x. 16.

of the ordinances, therefore the door of the church should be carefully guarded against all such who cannot give scriptural evidence of their union with Christ: 1 Cor. xi. 27-29; Matt. vii. 6, 15-20; 1 Peter ii. 5-

4. That a church thus gathered hath power to choose, and by Elders to ordain those officers that Christ hath appointed in His Church, viz., Bishops or Elders and Deacous; and also to depose such officers who walk contrary to the rules of the Gospel; and to discipline their members, though in some cases it may be convenient and profitable to request the advice of the neighboring churches of Christ: Acts i. 21-26, vi. 3 6, xiv. 23, xv. 6-31; 1 Cor. v. 13; 2 Thes.

iii. 6, 14, 15; Titus iii. 10.

5. That a Bishop or Elder hath no more power to decide any case or controversy in the Church than any private brother, yet he, having superior gifts for teaching and ruling, ought to exercise and improve the same for the benefit of the church; and the church ought to be subjected to the gifts bestowed on the Minister from the Lord, while he is rightly administering in his place; whose place it is to lead in the actungs of the ghurch, and to administer the ordinances of the gospel, and to devote himself to the work of teaching, warning, rebuking and exherting the people publicly, and from house to house: Matt. xx. 25-29; 1 Peter v. 3; Acts xx. 20-28, 31; Heb. xiii. 17; 1 Thes. v. 12, 13.

6. That the Deacon's office or work is to take care of the poor, and to have the oversight of the temporal affairs of the church, and to administer at the Lord's Table: Acts vi. 1-5; 1 Tim. iii. 8-14.

7. That every believer is commanded to be faithful, to improve every gift and talent which is bestowed on him; in order to which, there ought to be such a gospel freedom that the church may know where every particular gift is, that it may be improved in its proper place, and to its right end, viz., the glory of God and the good of his people: I Peter iv. 10, 11, and v. 5; I Tim. iv. 14; I Cor. 12th and 14th chapters; Rom. xii. 3-8.

8. That there is a mutual obligation between minister and people—one to administer in things religious and spiritual, according to the gifts God has given. The church to communicate of their temporal or worldly substance for his comfort and support, and that by an equality, as nearly as can be ascertained, that one may not be burthened and another eased. But this is not to be effected by force

or compulsion, or by the sword of civil power; but it is to be a free will offering, agreeably to the Scriptures of truth; and every member deficient in this matter ought to be disciplined by Gospel rule, as for any breach of covenant, or neglect of performing Christian duty: Luke x. 7: Rom. xv. 27; 1 Cor. ix.; Gal. vi. 5.

PART III.—COVENANT.

We do now, in the presence of the great all-seeing, and most glorious God, and before angels and men, give up ourselves to the Lord Jehovah, Fa.her, Son, and Holy Ghost, and own 'Him this day to be our God, our Father, our Saviour, snd our Leader, and receive Him as our Portion forever. We give up ourselves to the Lord Jesus Christ, and engage to adhere to Him as the head of his people in the covenant of grace, and rely on Him as our Prophet, Priest and King, to bring us to eternal blessedness.

We acknowledge our everlasting and indispensable obligations to glorify God by living a holy, righter us and godly life, in this present world, in all our several places and relations; and we engage by the assistance of the Divine Spirit, to improve our time, strength, talents and advantages to His glory and the good of our fellow-men; promising, by Divine help, to walk in our houses as becomes those professing godliness, and to maintain the worship of God in our families, and to train up those under our care in the way of religion and virtue.

We also give up ourselves to one another in covenant, promising to conduct ourselves towards each other as brethern in Christ, watching over one another in the love of God, reproving, rebuking, and admonishing one another for good as occasion may require; and if we at any time know that any of the members of the church are guilty of immoral conduct, we will not exposing them by tattling to others, but will faithfully labor with them according to the directions of our Lord, Matt. xviii. 15-17, that sin may be put away from among us, and that iniquity may not be harbored in the church, and to watch not only against the most gross evils, but also against all foolish talking, and jesting, which are not convenient; vain disputing about words and things which gender strife; disregarding promises, and not fulfilling engagements; tattling and backbiting, spending time idly at taverns or elsewhere, and vain and unnecessary conversation on the Lord's day, and whatsoever else is contrary to sound doctrine according to the glorious gospel of Christ, promising to hold communion together in the worship of God, and in the ordinances and discipline of his Church, according as we are or shall be, guided by the Spirit of God, in his word; expecting that he will further and more gloriously open his word and the mysteries of his kingdom; applying to the blood of the everlasting covenant for the pardon of our many errors, and praying the Lord to prepare and strengthen us for every good work, to do his will working in us that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory forever and ever. -Amen.

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