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MINUTES  
OF THE  
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OF THE  
AFRICAN  
Baptist Association  
OF  
NOVA SCOTIA,  
Held at Preston,  
SEPTEMBER, A. D., 1870.

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## MINUTES.

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PRESTON, Saturday Sept. 24th, 1870.

The Third Session of the African Baptist Association, met at Preston, on Saturday, September the 24th.

At 7 o'clock—Preaching by the Rev. Henry Frances, from the 14th Chapter of Revelation.

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Sunday, September 25th.

Met at half-past 10 o'clock, P. M., Preaching by the Rev. Henry Frances, from Revelation xxii. 2; followed by the Rev. George R. Neale, F. Randolph, Rev. D. Shaw, Rev. Benson Smithers, and E. Dickson.

At 3 o'clock, P. M.—Preaching by the Rev. D. Shaw, from Isaiah xxvi.; followed by F. Randolph.

At 7 o'clock, P. M.—Preaching by Bro. Randolph, from Romans viii. 35, followed by the Rev. Henry Frances, H. Baley, G. Carvery, P. Hawkins, Revds. B. Smithers, and G. R. Neale.

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Monday, September 26th.

Met at 6 o'clock, P. M.—Rev. George R. Neale read the 11th Chapter of Isaiah. Prayer by Rev. G. R. Neale.

*Voted*, That Rev. Benson Smithers be Chairman.

That Rev. George R. Neale be Moderator.

That Rev. G. R. Neale be Clerk—that Brother P. Hawkins be Assistant Clerk.

*Voted*, That Rev. G. R. Neale receive the right-hand of fellowship in behalf of the First Church in Preston; which have come out boldly from the Rev. James Thomas.

*Voted*, That Brother George Thomas be Secretary and Treasurer of the Association.

At 11 o'clock, P. M.—The Rev. Henry Frances preached the Introductory Sermon, from Jonah ii. 2, followed by Brother F. Randolph, Rev. G. R. Neale, H. Bailey, P. Hawkins.

At 3 o'clock, P. M.—Preaching by the Rev. D. Shaw from St. John iv. 29, followed by Brother Randolph.

At 7 o'clock, P. M.—Preaching by the Rev. G. R. Neale, from Psalm xxiii. 19, followed by the Rev. H. Francis, F. Randolph, and a great many more of the brethren.

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Tuesday, September 27th.

Met at 9 o'clock, P. M.—Prayer by Rev. George R. Neale.

*Voted*, That all the Officers stand as they were last year.

*Voted*, That the superintendent of the Minutes have power to correct any mistakes.

It was voted that Brother James Smith be Collector of the Home Mission money for the Weymouth Church.

It was voted that the Rev. Benson Smithers and the Rev. George R. Neale superintend the printing of the Minutes.

It was voted that Brother C. Pomp be Collector for Granville Mountain Church.

Adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock.

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Met at 3 o'clock, P. M.—Prayer by the Rev. H. Francis.

It was voted that the Rev. George R. Neale be received into our African Association, Pastor of the First Church, Preston.

*Voted*, That Rev. G. R. Neale write the Circular Letter.

*Voted*, That the Letters be read.

*Voted*, That the Association be held with the Weymouth Church next year, on the last Saturday in September, 1871.

*Voted*, That Rev. George R. Neale preach the Introductory Sermon, and that Rev. Benson Smithers be his alternate.

*Voted*, That Brothers James Downing and Thomas Croley take a seat in Council with us.

We then closed our Session by joining hands, and singing the Doxology.

**TUESDAY**, Sept. 27th, 7 o'clock, P. M.—The Revds. H. Francis, and F. Randolph, preached at the First Preston Church, from St. John x. 3, followed by a great many of the Brethren. Truly we could say the time of refreshing was come from the Lord

**WEDNESDAY** 28th, 7 o'clock, P. M.—The Revds. H. Francis and F. Randolph, preached at the 3rd. Church at Preston, Newroad Settlement.

**THURSDAY** 29th, 7 o'clock, P. M.—The Revds. H. Francis and F. Randolph, preached in the Dartmouth Church.

**FRIDAY** 30th, 7 o'clock, P. M.—Preaching in the South Church, Preston.

**SUNDAY**, October 2nd.—Preached three times in the Dartmouth Church. Then the Revds. H. Francis and F. Randolph, closed their labour of love. May the blessing of the Lord go with them.

*Resolved*, That a vote of thanks be tendered to the members and friends in Preston, for their hospitality to the Ministers and Delegates from the various Churches.

## Ministers, Licentiates, Deacons, and Councillors.

*First Preston Baptist Church.*—Rev. George R. Neale, Pastor; John Collins, Licentiate; James Slaughter, David Brown, William Dears, Thomas Croley, Deacons; John Thompson, Peter Williams, Councillors.

*Preston South Church.*—Rev. Benson Smithers, Pastor; Deacons Peter Cranny, Sampson Williams, Joseph Smith, Paul Croley.

*Dartmouth Church.*—Rev. Benson Smithers, Pastor; Deacon Thomas; Councillor, Adam Green.

*Campbell road Church.*—Rev. Benson Smithers, Pastor; Licentiates Henry Bailey, Edward Dixon.

*Granville Mountain Church.*—Rev. Benson Smithers, Pastor; Deacons Edward Dixon, Isaac Middleton, Isaac Cuff; Councillor, Elias Marsh.

*Bear River Church.*—Rev. Benson Smithers, Pastor; Licentiate, Wentworth Thomas; Deacons, Isaac Johnson, Peter Hawkins, Frederick Ford; Councillors, George Ringwood, Israel Hawkins.

*Digby Joggins Church.*—Rev. Benson Smithers, Pastor; Councillor Joseph Francis.

*Weymouth Church.*—Rev. Benson Smithers, Pastor; Deacons Jas. Smith, James Langford; Licentiates, Randolph Langford; Clerk, Thomas Langford, Rev. Henry Francis.

*Yarmouth Church.*—Rev. Benson Smithers; Licentiate George Dize; Deacons Silas Chandler, James Crawford, Anthony Berry; Councillor George Berry.

*Preston 3rd. Church, North New road.*—Rev. George R. Neale, Pastor; Licentiate James Downey; Councillor James Smith.

## STATISTICS.

### State of the Churches—Increase and Decrease.

CHURCHES.	Bapt'd.	Recv'd.	Excul'd	Rem'd.	Died.	Total.
Preston 1st. ....	6	4	7	0	1	81
Preston 2nd. South.	12	4	4	0	1	121
Dartmouth. ....	1	0	2	0	0	29
Campbell road. ....	0	0	0	0	1	7
Granville Mountain..	4	0	0	0	0	38
Bear River. ....	1	0	0	0	0	23
Digby Joggins. ....	0	0	0	0	0	4
Weymouth. ....	1	0	0	1	1	21
Yarmouth. ....	9	1	1	0	1	36
Preston 3rd. North..	4	0	2	0	0	23
	88	9	16	1	5	374

## Circular Letter.

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DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN,—

Another year has rolled around since we met, and thousands have gone to appear before the great tribunal bar of God, yet we are spared as monuments of his tender mercy. Though the power of darkness may rage against us, yet God will love his people; though war and bloodshed are going on, let us pray that the Lord may make peace among the nations of the earth; and peace also in the hearts of his people.

We had the pleasure of ordaining one young man for a Deacon; and we rejoiced to hear the prayer that came from the lips of our old Brother the Rev. Benson Smithers, and to look upon the congregation. Two more ordained ministers, and 8 more deacons present. We hope he will be blessed long among us in doing much good. We have to mourn the loss of our esteemed brother Rev. E. Carvery; but we hope our loss has been his everlasting gain. We feel thankful to Almighty God that the day has come that we are free, and can sit down under our own vine and fig tree and praise our God. We pray that the Lord may carry on his good work. Truly our hearts have been made glad while hearing our young brethren preach Christ so boldly. We had to say that the time of refreshing was come. Finally may we prove faithful to the end, for the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord will give grace and glory; no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.—Amen.