

MINUTES OF
THE
NOVA-SCOTIA
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD AT

HORTON, N. S. 23d and 24th of JUNE,

1828.

TOGETHER WITH THEIR CORRESPONDING

AND

CIRCULAR LETTERS, MISSIONARY PROCEEDINGS, &c.

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MONDAY, June 23rd, 1828, 10 o'clock.

FIRST, Introductory Sermon by Elder Charles Tupper, from 2 Cor. IV. 7. "But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us." A collection was then taken in aid of missions, &c.

2d. The Ministers and Messengers took their seats, and after prayer by Elder J. Dimock, Elder J. Monroe was chosen Moderator, and Elder Charles Tupper, Clerk, and Brother Wm. Chipman, Assistant Clerk.

3d. Read Letters from the Churches, and took the following Breviat.

MINISTERS AND MESSENGERS.		Restored.	Added by Baptism.	Added by letter.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.
Lower Granville.	James Delap	-	-	-	3	-	1	46
Upper Granville.	THOMAS ANSLEY	3	3	-	2	1	1	51
1st Corwallis	William Bent							
	EDWARD MANNING							
	<i>William Chipman</i>							
	<i>Ezekiel Marsters</i>							
	<i>Ingraham Bill</i>		29	-	54	-	3	226
Newport.	William Cogswell							
	Homes Chipman							
	Walter Read							
	GEORGE DIMOCK							
	James Marsters	3	13	-	1	-	-	68
1st Clements.	Asa Dimock							
	Joseph Bradshaw							
	Stephen Dimock							
	*ISRAEL POTTER							
	<i>John C. Austin</i>	1	3	1	-	-	-	106
2d †Clements.	Joseph Weare							
	George Harris							
	JAMES MUNROE	-	-	-	-	-	1	50
Onslow.	S. H. CHIPMAN	-	11	-	2	3	-	130
Nictaur.								
Lunenburg.	John Moder	1	-	-	-	3	-	38
	Valentine Smelser							
	PETER CRANDALL							63
Digby Neck.	T. S. HARDING							
Horton.	Ezra Read							
	Daniel Lockhart							
	Elisha Harris				1			90
	Peter Strong							
	Alexander M'Phail							
	Simon Fitch							
	Samuel Bishop							
River Philip and } West Chester }		2	-	-	2	-	1	25
Windsor.								
Annapolis.	Elias Payzant					1	-	36
	Josiah Fuller							
	Asaph Davidson							
	*WILLIAM ELDER							
	Major Chipman			1	1	-	-	14
Hammonds Plain.	John Whitman							
	Thomas Spurr							
	William H. Chipman							
	G. RICHARDSON		2	1	-	-	-	37
	David Ellis							
	Ebenezer Smith							

N. B. Ordained Ministers names are in Capitals.—Licenced Ministers in italics
 —Ministers not present are marked [*] Churches from which no information
 was received, marked [†] Vacant Churches distinguished by a dash. (—)

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J. CRANDALL, Minutes.

5th. Read and accepted the Circular Letter, prepared by Elder E. MANNING.

6th. A Prospectus of a Literary and Theological Seminary, proposed to be established in Horton, Nova-Scotia, was read; and, after a discussion of the subject, it was unanimously approved, and a number of persons were chosen and appointed a Committee, with instructions and authority to correct and improve the Prospectus, and to proceed with the necessary arrangements for the establishment of the contemplated Institution. The Committee to have the power of adding to their number. The committee met according to appointment, in Horton, on the 24th and 25th June, and agreeably to their instructions, completed the Prospectus as now published in the appendix, whereby the committee, with the addition of several Individuals, are formed into a Board of Directors, and a Committee of Management is named for transacting the business of the Society.

7th. *Voted*, That the Prospectus, when prepared, be printed, as an Appendix to our Minutes, and the several Churches connected with the Association, together with their Pastors, are solicited to use their exertions in collecting subscriptions and donations towards this object.

8th. *Voted*, That Elder CHARLES TUPPER, be our Messenger to the New Brunswick Association; and that he receive 4l. for that service,

9th. That Elder THOMAS ANSLEY, be our Messenger to corresponding Associations in the United States; and that he receive 10l. for that service.

Adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Tuesday, June 24th.

Met according to adjournment. Elder Trask, from the United States, preached from Rev. VI. 17. "For the great day of his wrath is come, and who shall be able to stand?"

10th. Read and accepted the corresponding Letter, prepared by Elder JAMES MUNRO.

11th. *Voted*, That our next Association be held at the Baptist Meeting House in Yarmouth, on the 1st Monday after the 20th June next; and that Elder MANNING preach the introductory Sermon, and, in case of failure, Elder T. HARDING.

12th. *Voted*, To recommend to our Churches the 25th of December next, as a day of Public Thanksgiving; and the first day of January next, as a day of Fasting and Prayer; and the evening of the first Monday of every month, as a time of Special Prayer.

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13th. Appointed Elder A. CASWELL to prepare our Circular letter for next year, and Elder C. TUPPER, our corresponding Letter.

14th. Voted, That our cordial thanks be given to benevolent Females, and other Societies and Individuals, for their aid afforded to the Missionary Funds.

15th. Voted, To continue our former Missionary committee, viz:—Elders MANNING, HARDING and MONROE; and Brethren S. FITCH, H. CHIPMAN, W. CHIPMAN, W. COGSWELL, (as Treasurer), and Dr. E. HARDING.

16th. Voted, (in reply to requests from the Churches in Parrsborough and 1st Clements,) that it be recommended to them, and to all other Churches, in case of their desiring to have men set apart by ordination, to call a Council of Elders and Delegates from adjacent Churches, to consult with them, and if the Candidates are found to possess the qualifications required in Scripture, to assist in ordaining them.

17th. That the Clerk address letters to the above named Churches, communicating to them the advice of the Association.

18th. That Elder A. CASWELL be requested to superintend the printing of the Minutes.—800 copies to be printed.

19th. That it be recommended to the Pastors of the Churches, to cause the Circular Letter to be read publicly in their Churches or Congregations.

20th. That the Missionary Board be appointed a Committee, to receive and take care of such sums of Money as have been or may be given for the benefit and relief of aged and infirm Baptist Ministers; and the widows and children of deceased Baptist Ministers.

21st. That an account of such monies, (in regard both to Societies and benevolent individuals,) be inserted in our Minutes.

22d. Voted, That the cordial thanks of this Association be given to the Church and benevolent friends in Horton, for their hospitality and kindness during the present session.

23d. As there were found to be difficulties existing in the first Baptist Church in Halifax, Voted, That a Committee be appointed to visit them, enquire into their state, and attempt a reconciliation, and that they make a report at the next Association:—Elders Charles Tupper, George Dimock, and Edward Manning, and Brethren Leonard Gildert, Simon Fitch, Major Chipman and William Chipman, to compose that Committee. It was also agreed, that the members of said committee sustain the loss of their time; but that their expenses be defrayed, by collections to be taken in the churches—should the amount of such collections exceed their expenses, the remainder to be devoted to missionary purposes. The above-named Committee are to meet at the old Baptist Meeting House in Halifax, on the first Wednesday in September next.

N. B. Our Yearly Meeting is to be held on the first Lord's Day after the 20th of September, 10 o'clock in the morning, at Aylesford.

THE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, in Account

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	1827.			
	September	To Paid Elder Jos. Dimock, in aid of Missionary Labours, to be performed Eastward, as far as the Island of Cape Breton	9	6 4
		✓ Paid Elder C. Tupper, in aid of Mission on Prince Edward Island and Cape Tormentine	4	10 0
		Do. Elder Tupper, expenses for postage and ferriage	1	7 0
	1828.	Do. do. three weeks Missionary Labours at Parrsborough	4	10 0
	June	Do. do. as Messenger to the New Brunswick Association	4	0 0
		Do. Elder Ansley, as Messenger to the U. States	10	0 0
		Do. Elder Harding, in aid of Mission,	2	9 2
		(Omitted Sept. 1825) paid Elder Davis 6 weeks Missionary, Parrsborough	9	0 0
		Paid Elder Davis for printing Minutes	8	0 0
		Less he received before in his hands not appropriated	6	0 0
		Paid Elder Jas. Munroe four weeks Labour Eastward, at and about Pictou, he having received no aid to cover his expenses	6	0 0
		Paid Elder Tupper, Expenses and Postage of Letters and Stationary, &c. in Editing the N. B. and N. S. Magazine	1	1 5
		Paid, Also, as a Loan to aid the printing of the Magazine, until the avail can be collected	25	0 0
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1827.	By Balance in hand, at this date,	£45	17	4
September	Cash received at the Yearly Meeting in Nictaur	5	19	9
October	Cash received per Elder Tupper, in aid of Mis-			
1828.	sion at Cape Tormentine, 21s. 6½d. and at	5	8	6½
	Prince Edward Island, 87s.			
June 18.	Cash received per Elder Tupper in Parrsborough	1	19	8
	(Omitted 1825) Collection at Yearly Meeting	9	0	0
	at Lunenburg			
" 23.	Missionary collection at the Association, Horton,	16	8	3
	Received from Lower Granville Church		14	0
	Do. Upper Granville Do.	1	0	0
	First Church, Cornwallis, 25s. 1d.	1	5	1
	Do. do. Missionary collection 28s. 8d.; Do.			
	Mr. A. Lovett, 13s. 9d.; Do. collection Miss Je-	4	4	7
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	Chipman, 16s. 3d.			
	Second Church Cornwallis, Minutes, 18s.; do. from	1	3	0
	Mrs. Marine, 5s.			
	Newport Church, 26s. 9d.; Onslow Church, 39s. 3d.	2	9	3
	Amherst Church, 10s. 6d.; Nictaur Church, 39s. 3d.	2	9	9
	Nictaur Church Missionary contributions,	2	13	1
	Chester Church, for Minutes, 36s. 6d.; Missionary			
	Contributions 51s. 3d.	4	7	9
	Lunenburg Church, 20s.; Do. Missionary, 45s.	3	5	0
	Horton Church, for Minutes and Missionary con-			
	tributions	3	5	0
	River Philip Church, 8s.; Missionary 56s.	3	4	0
	Windsor Church, 7s. 6d.; Missionary, 66s. 1d.	8	13	7
	Annapolis Church, 7s.; Missionary, 25s. 6d.	1	12	6
	Hammond Plains Church, 10s.; Missionary 15s.	1	5	0
	Rawdon Church, 3s.; Missionary, 12s. 6d.		15	6
	Little Forks' Church, 8s.; Missionary, 6s.		14	0
	Parrsborough Church, 5s.		5	0
	Ragged Island Church, 15s.; Missionary, 50s. 3d.	3	5	3
	Waterford Church, 4s.		4	0
	Cumberland Missionary Society,	2	14	0
	Manuda Church, 36s. 6d.	1	16	6
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Cornwallis, June 26th, 1828.

WILLIAM COGSWELL.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

The Members of the Nova Scotia Baptist Association, convened at Horton, 23d and 24th June, 1828:—To the several Churches which they represent, send Christian salutation.

Dearly Beloved in the Lord,

HAVING been favoured with another very interesting anniversary, we have thought, in our associated capacity, of the situation of the Zion of our God, and likewise of the state of the world lying in wickedness; we have thought of what remained to be done for hundreds of millions of human beings yet in the thralldom of sin, and by whom, in an ordinary way, under God, these great things were to be accomplished. The aggregate population of our globe may be classed into four different classes, viz:—Jews, Gentiles, Mahomedans, and nominal Christians, each under their respective veils, which veils according to Scripture prophecy, must be taken away. We behold with wonder the impulse that hath been given to the christian world of late, to remove those different veils. We hear of the various Missionary Societies, their labours, their sufferings, and their successes. We know something of the origin of the British and Foreign Bible Society, and its thousands of kindred Institutions, in every portion of our world, and their astonishing success. We hear of Tract-Societies—of Institutions formed by benevolent individuals, to aid young Ministers to obtain literary and theological instructions, to qualify them more acceptably to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ to their dying fellow mortals—of others whose object is to raise funds to aid aged Ministers, who have spent their days and exhausted their energies in the service of the sanctuary, that they may not become paupers when old and past labour, &c. &c.

Now, Brethren, shall all those mighty energies be put and kept in motion by pure benevolence, and we sit idle?—Surely not. We do feel an ardent desire increasingly kindling in our bosoms, that our brethren in this association should enjoy the pleasure of arising and uniting in this labour of love. We do not insist on every individual contributing to each of those societies or institutions—though we would wish they could let the opulent subscribe to each a part of their gain—but let other brethren select the society or institution that they think most deserving their patronage; and do what they can;

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We would now direct your attention to a few portions of the word of the Lord, applicable to the duty of general benevolence, which, if you enter into the spirit that inspired them, will help you to make a merciful appropriation of a small part of what God in his allwise Providence hath entrusted you with as his stewards or almoners. We must, however, limit ourselves in this place simply to the references to these passages:

Deut. 15, 10.—Psalm 41, 1, 2, 3.—Ps. 112, 9, 5, 6.—Ps. 37, 25, 26.—Prov. 11, 24, 25, 27.—Prov. 14, 21.—Prov. 19, 17.—Prov. 22, 9.—Prov. 28, 8, 27.—Eccl. 11, 1.—Isaiah 32, 8.—Isaiah 58, 7, 8, 9, 10.—Matt. 10, 42 & 25, 34, 40.—Mark 10, 21.—Luke 6, 35.—11, 41, 12, 23, 16, 9, and 14, 13.—2 Cor. 9, 6, 7, 8, 12.—1 Tim. 6, 17, 18.—Heb. 13, 16.

But passing by any more particular mention of those various benevolent Institutions, the exercise of whose charity lies beyond the limits our own country, we feel it our duty somewhat urgently to call your attention to one object, which more immediately affects the interests of the Kingdom of Christ among ourselves. It is a true saying, that charity begins at home. We know that in this respect many special claims are upon you; but we desire especially to recommend to your consideration the state of God’s word among our Churches.

Are you as churches of Christ clear in this matter? Are there any ordained Ministers among us that are under the imperious necessity of going into the field, or into the mechanic’s shop, to labour with their hands every day in the week, to support themselves and their dear families, to keep them from want and wretchedness? Are there any grey headed Ministers among you, who have laboured these twenty, thirty, forty, or it may be fifty years, that have been successful in calling many from darkness to light, in building up the churches, and feeding the flock of God, that he hath purchased with his own blood, who are bowed down with incessant labour, toil, and privations; whose labour increases upon their hands, while their strength to perform daily diminishes, and their need of further assistance becomes every day more obvious? Are there any young men that evidently appear to be called of God to the work of the Ministry, and who are in great need of assistance from the churches to carry them through some preparatory course of study, which shall enable them to understand the Scriptures better, and more acceptably and successfully to teach the mysteries of salvation to their dying fellow men? If there are Ministers of Christ in those different situations among you, and to demonstrate that there are, facts can be produced in such abundance that our hearts are wrung with sorrow at the reflection, and we cannot suppress the tear of

commiseration. We do pity the Minister that, of necessity, has to labour in the field or in the shop through the week, and in the Sanctuary on the Lord's day. We do pity the aged and infirm old veteran that is, or is likely to be, neglected in his old age, by the very people who have sat under his ministry while he was in health and vigour, and who ought to esteem him very highly for his work's sake, that he hath performed through a long life of faithful and painful labour. We do feel for the young Minister that is imperiously called to devote his time and talents to the service of God in the sacred ministry, and who at the same time does not understand his native tongue. Many of us know by experience his trials, and do wish that something may be done, some plan devised and brought into effect, whereby our dear young brethren might be assisted; and while we rejoice in the prosperity of some of the churches, and pray most earnestly for all, and that you all as individuals may grow in grace, and in knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, we most earnestly recommend those particulars to your most serious consideration; and as your guide in the path of duty, we offer the following texts from the holy oracles of our God, respecting the support of God's Ministers and worship.

Gal. 6. 6. Let him that is taught in the word, communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things. V. 7. Be not deceived, God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. V. 8. For he that soweth to his flesh, shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the spirit, shall of the spirit reap life everlasting. Malachi 3, 10. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in my house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open to you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. V. 11. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruit of your grounds; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts. V. 12. And all nations shall call you blessed; for ye shall be a delightful Land, saith the Lord of hosts.

Phil. 4, 17. Not because I desire a gift; but I desire fruit that may abound to your account. V. 18. But I have all, and abound; I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice well pleasing to God. V. 19. But my God shall supply all your need, according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Deut. 14. 29. And the Levite, (because he hath no part, nor inheritance with thee,) and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, which are within thy gates, shall come, and shall eat, and be satisfied, that the Lord thy God may bless thee in all the work of thine hand which thou doest.

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Prov. 3, 9. Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase. V. 10. So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.

1st Tim. 5, 17, 18. 'Let the Elders that rule well be accounted worthy of double honor, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine.' For the scripture saith, 'Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And the labourer is worthy of his reward.'

Heb. 13, 7. 'Remember them which have rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow,' &c.—Ver. 16 and 17. 'But to do good and to communicate forget not, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves; for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief; for that is unprofitable for you.' V. 24. 'Salute all them that have the rule over you,' &c. 1st Cor. 9, 7, 14. 'Who goeth a warfare any time at his own charges? Who planteth a vineyard, and eateth not of the fruit thereof? or who feedeth a flock, and eateth not of the milk of the flock? Say I these things as a man? or saith not the law the same also? For it is written in the Law of Moses, Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the Ox that treadeth out the corn. Doth God take care for Oxen? or saith he it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written, that he that plougheth should plough in hope; and that he that thresheth in hope should be partaker of his hope. If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things? If others be partakers of this power over you, are not we rather? Nevertheless we have not used this power; but suffer all things, lest we should hinder the Gospel of Christ. Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things, live of the things of the Temple? And they which wait at the Altar, are partakers with the Altar. Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel.'

The Baptist denomination in these provinces has sometimes been censured, as though they were the meanest of all religious denominations, and the least liberal to their ministers. We are conscious that they do not deserve this censure in its full extent, but we are also sensible that some occasions for reproach are given. We would ask our dear brethren in the kingdom and patience of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, if they can possibly bestow that degree of honor and respect to their Ministers, whether old or young, which is inculcated in the cited Scriptures, when there is a manifest, cruel, and shameful neglect of their temporal support; we leave you to answer the important question to your Saviour and God, while we make a short address to the Angels or Ministers of the Churches.

1st. To the Elders. Dear Brethren, we need not tell you we esteem you. You are exalted to the most responsible stations to which men can be elevated. Your responsibility is unspeakably great—you are *responsible to God* how you fulfil your sacred ministry. Your office obliges you (if faithful) to declare all the counsel of God. We trust you have been faithful to your God, and to the souls of men generally; but may there not be a specific deficiency in your Ministrations after all? We would ask how you performed the painful task of teaching the strict observance of this ordinance—the support of the Gospel Ministry? It may be, you have named it; and then, for fear of giving offence and losing the friendship and good opinion of some, or all of your hearers, you have flinched from the cross—suffered many privations—and let the church run into disorder by a universal neglect. We fear we are all, more or less, implicated in this charge. We would now say to you,—magnify your important office; lead in the actings of the Church; call up the Deacons to their duty; point it out to them, from the word of the living God; and with them, call all the members to theirs, and be strong, and quit yourselves like men.

* A few words to the Deacons. Dear Brethren, you are not standard bearers, but cup bearers. Your station is an important one; you are stewards for God, not only of the good things of this life, committed to your trust by a gracious God, but you are stewards of the temporalities of the Church; this office you belong to, and are called to serve. It is required of stewards that they be found faithful! Have you carefully observed the wants of your minister and his family? Are you kind, tender-hearted and faithful? Are you sympathising Deacons; are you such Deacons, that your Minister blesses God for having called men of so valuable a character to be cup-bearers in the Church? Do you see that each member, according as God hath prospered him, is contributing, making and performing his engagements, in such a way as to make your minister, and the members too, happy in each other? If you are, “hail thou that art highly favoured of the Lord:” you are a blessing in the church, and a blessing in the world; and you are blessed in the church; and blessed in the world; and ere long will be blessed of God, in the church triumphant in glory. If you have *not* done your duty, we beseech of you to bow to the authority of heaven, and beg of God to forgive you; and be obedient. The willing and obedient shall eat the good of the land, &c. Your good conduct in your responsible station is connected with the declarative glory of the Head and King of Zion. This is the object we have in view.

A few words to the aged Members of the Churches. Dear Fathers and Mothers, you are now stooping down to the grave, in the humble expectation of rising in the morning of the Resurrection, after the likeness of your Saviour and your God.

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You can say like Jacob of old, "I have waited for thy Salvation Lord;" and with Simeon, "Now lettest thou thy servant, depart in peace, for mine eyes have seen thy salvation," &c. and with Paul, "I am ready to be offered," &c. We would ask you to take a retrospect of your past life, and then enquire have you done your duty? We would hope you have; but have you done your duty in the support of your Minister? If you discover a deficiency, perhaps you have it in your power at this late hour to make amends. The liberal soul deviseth liberal things, and by liberal things he shall stand. By donations or bequests you may relieve an afflicted Minister, and family; enjoy much comfort in so doing; and embalm your memories when resting under the clods of the valley. "The memory of the just is blessed."

And as we are made to rejoice in learning by the Letters from several of the Churches, that our God and Saviour hath visited them in mercy; and during the past year considerable accessions have been made to their numbers, of such, we trust, as shall be eternally saved; and no wonder, for there is joy among the heavenly hosts at their repentance. We feel it in our hearts to address a few words to the young disciples of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Dear young Brethren, When we reflect that a few months ago, perhaps but a few weeks, you were under the wrath of an Almighty, Just, and Holy God; and glorying in your shame; no fear of God before your eyes—no value for the Gospel—and no care about your immortal souls—and must have perished for ever, if it were not that God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he hath loved you, hath quickened you together with Christ. *O! matchless grace!* By it you are saved. And as "ye were once darkness, but now are light in the Lord," we pray that ye may walk as the children of the light—that as ye are now new creatures in Christ Jesus, old things are passed away, and all things are become new;—as most of you have recently come to years of maturity, as actors on life's busy stage; and still more recently, have been brought to have a spiritual existence in the mystical kingdom of God on earth, and as God the Holy Spirit hath sweetly led you to see the form and fashion of the House of the Lord, and to be acquainted with the laws and ordinances thereof, and to see that all are most glorious; and subsequently have obtained a visible standing in his visible Kingdom, by walking in the humble Apostolical way.—The King's High-way of Gospel Holiness—We pray most earnestly that you may adorn the good confession that you have made before many witnesses. You are now incorporated among that people who are said by an authority that cannot lie, to be "the light of the world, the salt of the earth. A city that is set on an hill, that cannot be hid." O, that you may let your light

so shine before men, that others beholding your good works, may glorify your Father which is in Heaven. We pray that you may keep the ordinances as the Lord Christ delivered them to the Apostle—that none of them, no not the least, be ever neglected, either through pride, sloth, or avarice; and especially we urge the ordinance particularly insisted upon in this Circular. Prove, dear young brethren, that you do love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength, and your neighbour as yourselves; attend to the conscientious discharge of every relative duty; let a noble spirit of universal benevolence, according as God shall give you ability, mark all your movements. Let not the stranger, the poor, or the needy—the fatherless or the widow—the young and indigent Minister—the laborious Pastor—or the aged and infirm servant of the Lord ever want, when it is in your power to relieve them. In so doing, you will offer “a sacrifice acceptable, well pleasing in the sight of God.” And now, dear brethren, We pray that you will take in good part, what we have in this Circular stated to you as duty, and a glorious privilege; and we commend you to God, and the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and establish you, in every good word and work, and to give you an inheritance among those that are sanctified. Amen.

The Elders and Messengers composing the Nova Scotia Baptist Association, met at Horton, 23d and 24th June, 1828, to the corresponding Associations, send Christian salutation.

Dear Brethren,

It affords us unfeigned pleasure to hear, that the great Head of the Church has been pleased to visit many of your branches with the blessed influences of the Divine Spirit, and that large additions have been made to your numbers, by the conversion of sinners, and their willing subjection to the dear Redeemer. We rejoice to inform you, in return, that some of our Churches also, are favoured with the visitations of grace, and that many have been brought to bow to the sceptre of our common Lord.

We highly approve your laudable exertions to promote the interests of religion, by the means of Missionary Societies, Education Societies, and other valuable Institutions. It is our earnest desire to pursue the same course. Under a conviction of the value of sound learning, we have resolved to attempt the establishment of a Literary and Theological Institution, in which, we hope that our young Brethren, whom God is pleased to call to the Ministry, may obtain the advantages of some useful instruction.

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Your Messengers and Minutes have cheered our hearts,
and we request a continuance of your correspondence.

Signed by order, and in behalf of the Association.

JAMES MUNRO, Mod.

CHARLES TUPPER, Clerk.

WILLIAM CHIPMAN, Ass. Clk.



PROSPECTUS

*Of the Nova Scotia Baptist Education Society, and of the Literary
and Theological Institution to be connected therewith.*

It is universally admitted that Education has a powerful influence on the interests of Religion, and the well-being of individuals and society:—In this Province a wide field is open for exertion, with reference to this object; and the Baptists, as forming a very large portion of the population, are called on to engage in this good work, with energy proportioned to the advantages in prospect; and earnestly to seek the Divine Blessing upon an undertaking bearing a close relation to the most important interests of men.

Two leading objects are to be regarded; the primary one, in a religious point of view, is the providing suitable instruction, within the reach of young men, who feel themselves called to the ministry of the Gospel; such young men raised up from time to time among us, sigh for the means of mental improvement, and thus powerfully claim the attention of all friends of the Gospel in favour of this object, as one to which Providence seems to direct their labours.

The second object, of vast importance in itself, and in the present state of the country, essential to the attainment of the first, is to establish a good Seminary for the general instruction of youth, so situated as to afford as much facility of communication with the various sections of the Province as possible; and wherein the course of instruction, and the expenses of boarding and tuition shall be adapted to the state of Society, and the condition of the people in general; that thus the advantages of Education may not, as has hitherto been too often the case, be confined to the wealthy, nor the time of the youth occupied with pursuits but little calculated to fit them for the stations of life which they have the prospect of filling.

For the purpose of compassing these objects, *it is proposed,*

1. That a Society be formed, to be called The Nova Scotia Baptist Education Society.

2. That all persons paying an annual subscription of twenty shillings and upwards, or making a donation of ten pounds or upwards, shall be Members of the Society.

3. That the funds of the Society will be appropriated to two main objects : first, to establish a suitable Seminary of Learning ; and secondly, to afford pecuniary assistance to indigent young men called to preach the Gospel, for the purpose of enabling them to obtain instruction.

4. That a general meeting of the Society be held annually.

5. That there be appointed a President, two Vice Presidents, two Secretaries, and a Treasurer, a Board of Directors, and a Committee of Management.

6. That the Board of Directors be chosen at the annual meeting of the Society ; and the officers and Committee of Management be chosen by the Board of Directors.

7. That of the Board of Directors, ten, at least, shall be ordained Baptist Ministers, and two thirds of the whole number, at least, regular Members of Baptist Churches, in connection with the Nova Scotia Baptist Association.

8. That the Committee of Management shall consist of, at least, seven, and not more than twelve, Members ; of whom more than half shall be regular Members of Baptist Churches, in connection with the Nova Scotia Baptist Association.

9. That the Board of Directors shall hold, at least, one meeting every year, to consult on the affairs of the Society, ascertain and report its state and progress, review the proceedings and rules of the Committee, and make such general regulations as may be found proper for the advancement of the objects of the Society, and the government of the Committee.

10. That as soon as means are obtained, the Society will establish and maintain a Seminary for Education, at Horton, under the direction and government of the Committee, subject to the supervision and controul of the Board of Directors.

11. That a principal object to be observed in the management of the Institution, being, to adapt the course of study to the state of Society, and the wants of the people, and to place the means of instruction as much as possible within the reach of all persons, it is considered primarily necessary to attend to those branches of Education which are of more general use, at the same time that a wider range of literary acquirements shall be open to those who may have the ability to seek them, or to whose prospects in life they may be more suitably adapted. It is also considered desirable that as far as may be practicable, persons wishing to qualify themselves for the various callings of life, should have opportunity to receive instruction at their leisure seasons in the year, in the particular branches of study, more immediately requisite for their respective objects.

With these principles in view, it is proposed that this Institution shall afford the means of instruction in the usual branches of English Literature, and of scientific, classical, and other studies, which usually comprise the course of Education

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at an Academy and College. It will, however, be the business of the Committee to exercise their discretion from time to time, in adopting or discontinuing such branches of the course of study as circumstances may require or render expedient, and progressively, as the funds of the Society shall permit, to adapt this Institution to answer all the ends above proposed. Provided, however,

12. That of the Committee and Board of Directors, that part who shall be members of Baptist Churches, in connection with the Nova Scotia Baptist Association, shall have the sole regulation of the Theological Department in the Seminary.

13. It shall be the care of the Committee to provide efficient Teachers for this Seminary, to whose moral and religious character special regard will be had; and it is considered an object in every department under the influence of the Society, never to be lost sight of, that the scholars and students, while acquiring information to fit them for their various stations in life, should be led to a knowledge of the true relation of man to his Creator, and of that faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, which alone can furnish a sure pledge of their good conduct in this world, and their happiness in eternity.

14. That the Seminary be open to children, and persons of any religious denomination.

15. That to the attainment of the objects of the Institution, it is essentially requisite that the whole system should be conducted upon a principle of the most strict and simple Economy, and no distinctions among the scholars and students, arising from wealth or external circumstances, permitted to appear; the scholars will, as soon as practicable, be boarded at the Institution; and it is thought adviseable to connect with the establishment a farm, under the care of some respectable person, for the supply of articles of provision for the use of the School, and for affording an opportunity of employing the Boys during a portion of their leisure time, in healthful labour; by which they may obtain exercise, acquire a habit of industry, and be less exposed to the irregularities which result from misemployed seasons of leisure. The diet and dress of the Scholars to be of the plainest kind, and to be regulated by the Committee, and made known as part of the terms of the school, to be conformed to without exception.

16. The terms of Tuition and Board to be fixed at as low a rate as possible.

17. The Funds for purchase of land, erection of buildings, and the various expenses incident to the commencement of the undertaking, as well as those which may attend its annual support, to be obtained by donations and annual contributions.

18. The Subscription Lists to be divided into several columns, by which the annual contributions may be kept sepa-

rate from the Donations ; and persons making Donations may distinguish the particular object to which they wish the Donations to be exclusively applied ; the Annual Contributions and Donations not expressly limited, to be appropriated by the Committee, as it shall see most fit for the general advancement of the objects of the Society.

Officers of the Society, for the present year, as chosen by the Association and by the Committee, under the sanction of the Association.

President—Rev. Edward Manning.

Vice Presidents—Rev. Chas. Tupper, and J. W. Nutting, Esq.

Treasurer—Simon Fitch, Esq.

Secretaries—Edmund A. Crawley, and Wm. Chipman, Esqrs.

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