

MINUTES

OF THE

NOVA-SCOTIA

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD AT

LIVERPOOL, QUEEN'S COUNTY,

On the 22d and 23d June, 1840.

TOGETHER WITH

The Circular Letter, Missionary Notices, &c.

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MONDAY, June 22nd, 1840.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder Theodore S. Harding, from Col. 1 chap. 21st and 22nd verses.

A collection was taken in aid of missions on the Sabbath and on Monday

Elder T. S. Harding was appointed Moderator, brother W. Chipman, Clerk, and bro. Isaac Chipman, Asst. Clerk. Brethren J. Ferguson and J. Pryor were chosen to read the letters from the churches, and brethren J. Chase and Richard McLearn, to examine them.

The following persons were appointed a Committee to consider such questions as should be found in the letters submitted to the Association, viz :—Elders Geo. Dimock, Jos. Dimock, E. A. Crawley, D. N. Sheldon, N. Viditoe, and C. Tupper.

Elder Robinson was invited to take a seat with us as Messenger from the New Brunswick Association.

The letters from the churches were read, and the following minutes taken.

STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

[The names of ordained Ministers are in SMALL CAPITALS; those of Licentiates in *Italics*; Ministers not present are marked with an asterisk*; Churches from which no information was received marked†; and vacant Churches distinguished by a dash —; Churches from which no information was received are returned as they stood last year; § will designate those Churches whose letters have more or less variation from the Minutes.

CHURCHES.	MINISTERS AND MESSENGERS.	ADDED	DISMISSED	EXCLUDED	DIED	Total
		Restored.....	By Letter.....	
Annapolis and Upper Granville } Lower Granville..... Wilmot.....	JOHN CHASE JOSHUA B COGSWELL N. VIDITOE..... Handley Fitch	8 23	2	1 3	2 4	157 128
Newport..... Onslow.....	GEO. DIMOCK..... — MANN.....	135	1	1		141 123
1st Clements.....	*J. POTTER, Senr..... *J. POTTER, Junr.....	10		4	2	191
Lunenburg.....	M. PARKER, John Mader.....	2			1	30
Nictaux.....	I. E. BILL Angus Gidney Deacon C. Shaffner..... " J. Shaffner.....	26	5		2 1	427
1st Digby Neck..... River Philip	HENRY SAUNDERS *J. E. COGSWELL T. Wetherby	346				98
Horton.....	T. S. HARDING	28			2	54
	J. PRYOR E. A. CRAWLEY..... J. L. CHIPMAN	62	2	5	1 2	480
1st Cornwallis..... Windsor.....	EDW. MANNING R. McLEARN..... Thomas Bennett.....	23			2	234
Rawdon..... Upper Granville } Mountain..... Hammond Plains.....	10 2	2 2	1 1		56 28
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	JOS. DIMOCK.....						
Amherst.....	D. W. C. Dimock.....	1	2	3	6	172	
	*SAMUEL McCULLY						
	CHAS. TUPPER		4			33	
Antigonish.....	Dea. Cutten, junr.						
Port Medway	J. WHIDDEN					29	
	T H PORTER						
	W. Cogswell.....					40	
Sissiboo	Wm. Foster						
	C. RANDALL						
2nd Cornwallis	William Hobbs	5	3	1	3	118	
	WM. CHIPMAN.....						
1st Ya. mouth.....	D. Pineo.....		2	4	2	1	268
	*H. HARDING						
Waterford.....	WM BURTON.....	1	8	1	1	3	371
	J. MANN.....		2				69
1st Halifax.	EZEKIEL MARSTERS						
1st Aylesford	William West.....	22	5	1	1		287
	John Morton						
New Albany	Deacon D. Whitman		1	1	1	1	43
Liverpool	SILAS T. RAND						
	Isaac Dexter, Senr.						
	Isaac Dexter, Junr.....	1	2	2	1		98
	Deacon W. Kempton						
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Brookfield	T. DeLONG,						
	Charles Merry.....	6	1		1		84
	C. Freeman						
Tryon and Bedeque.....			1	2	1	2	55
Sydney, C B		2					24
2nd Clements							62
†Little Forks							28
†Briar Island	*W. JACKSON.....						38
Ragged Islands...	E. STRONACH.....						
	John Locke.....	3	2	3	1		105
Falmouth	*JAMES STEVENS.....	41	3				134
Westchester							40
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Granville Street.....	D. N. SHELDON						
	James W. Johnston	2	3	3	1		158
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Margarets Bay						14	
†Economy						12	
†Jeddore	*J. SKERRY					30	
Three Rivers, P E Island	*J. SHAW	1	2	2		40	
East Point	*J. SHAW		1		1	59	
†Canso						10	
3rd Cornwallis	*A. STRONACH				2 3	209	
†Wilmot Mountain						78	
Tusket, and Argyle	*JAMES LENT Wm. BURTON					77	
†Wellington						37	
†Springfield						17	
Dalhousie	JOHN CHASE	2	2			27	
Margaree						38	
2nd Yarmouth	A. V. DIMOCK	6	3		3 2	239	
Long Island						36	
Charlotte Town, P E I.						13	
2nd Aylesford	E. STRONACH Deacon A Parker... James Parker... Thomas Tupper...	1	3	1		63	
Bridgewater	MAYNARD PARKER Timothy Rice Whitman Morton					11	
2nd Digby Neck	HENRY SAUNDERS	5	1		1	40	
†Bay of Islands						17	
†Indian Harbour						14	
Advocate Harbour	C. TUPPER					14	
Barrington	M. PARKER					8	
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The two last churches were added this year, and the Rev. Charles Tupper received the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the former, and the Rev Maynard Parker in behalf of the latter.

The clerk has still occasion to request that each church should be particular to examine the printed Minutes of the previous year before forwarding their letter to the association, so that any variation from the printed table may be

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fully accounted for. As many errors would this year arise from following some of the letters, the clerk conforms to the previous minutes, unless otherwise directed. He would also suggest, that the minutes of a church should always be appended to their letter, distinct from other matter, and in the form and order of the printed minutes, as thereby much trouble and liability to error would be avoided.

Brethren Wm. Chipman and J. Ferguson were appointed to examine the circular letter.

Voted—That brother Nutting superintend the printing of the Minutes, and that 900 copies be printed.

Voted—That brother E. A. Crawley be our messenger to the New Brunswick Association, and receive £6.

Voted—That the monthly concert of prayer for the heathen be recommended to be observed by the churches.

Voted—That our churches be recommended to take up collections in behalf of brother Richard Cunningham without delay.

Voted—To continue the former officers of the Missionary Board.

Voted—That brother McLearn write the Circular Letter for next year.

Appointed A. V. Dimock, Captain Jacobs, and Isaac Cobb, to receive money for domestic missions; I. L. Chipman for foreign missions; I. E. Bill for Education purposes, and J. Ferguson for the Christian Messenger.

Resolved—That Sabbath Schools be the first subject of consideration after adjournment.

Adjourned till 3 o'clock. Prayer by the Moderator.

Met according to the adjournment. Prayer by brother J. B. Cogswell.

Appointed bro. Burton to preach the introductory Sermon of next year, and in case of failure bro. Jos. Dimock.

Resolved, That this association patronize Sabbath schools and strive to promote Sabbath School instruction as widely as possible.

Resolved—That it is highly expedient to form a Sabbath School union, in order to promote Sabbath School instruction more effectually.

Resolved—That the instruction contained in Sabbath School books is highly valuable for youths—hence the importance of devising means to supply Sabbath School Libraries with useful books, from a depository in a suitable place.

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Resolved—That it is the duty and privilege of every pious person to do all in his power to promote the interests of Sabbath Schools.

Resolved—That it is the duty of all pious persons to implore the divine blessing on Sabbath Schools, and on youth in general.

Resolved—That it is important now to employ an agent or agents to establish and invigorate Sabbath Schools as widely as possible, and to obtain funds for the general purposes of a Sabbath School union.

Resolved—That the several delegates use their influence on their return home, not only to promote Sabbath School instructions in their respective districts, but to have their respective pastors, or others worthy of such distinction constituted life members, or life directors, by raising the requisite sum—which will prove the most effectual means of extending the benevolent objects of this union.

The committee previously appointed on Sabbath Schools presented the following constitution for the formation of a Sabbath School Union, which was adopted :

1. That the society now constituted shall be called the Nova Scotia and New Brunswick Sabbath School Union, which shall embrace persons of all denominations who conform to the following principles.

2. That the business of the union be conducted by a President, who shall call a meeting of the committee when requisite, and preside over their deliberations ; a committee of five persons who shall control the funds of the society, direct in the purchase and importation of books, and in the disposal of such books, either at full cost, at a reduced price, or gratuitously ; and a secretary, who shall also be the Treasurer and Depository, and whose business it shall be to carry into effect the instructions of the committee ; and that all the officers shall be chosen annually at the meeting of the union, when life-directors shall be entitled to five volumes.

3. That any person paying 5s per year, shall be a member of this Union, a life member on paying 50s at one time, and a life director on paying £5, and that all subscribers may, if they please, acquire books at cost and charges, to the amount of half their subscriptions, the other half going into the funds of the society for the general advantage of the union.

4. That of this Union the annual numbers, and may be valued

5. That the Union shall not incur costs and charges unless deemed necessary

6. That the Union in conjunction with the other Societies that Wednesday School shall be promoted to this object

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4. That every Sabbath School favourable to the objects of this Union may send one delegate, to represent them at the annual meeting of the Union, to report of their progress, numbers, and library, and to receive such information as may be valuable to the school.

5. That every Sabbath School wishing books from the Union shall receive them to the amount of their funds at costs and charges, or even at a reduced price, if the committee deem it expedient.

6. That the Annual Meeting of the Union shall be held in conjunction with the Nova Scotia Baptist Association, that Wednesday morning shall in future years be appropriated to this object, and that by previous appointment a Sermon shall be preached in favour of Sunday Schools.

7. That the Committee shall give to the Union an annual report of their proceedings, to be published if they please.

Resolved—That the Trustees of all places of worship be recommended to open their places of worship, for the purposes of Sabbath School instruction.

Brother Bill was chosen President of the Union; Brethren J. Chase, A. Gidney, T. Harding, junr. J. Stephens, and J. Ferguson, the Committee; and I. L. Chipman, Secretary, Treasurer, and Depositary.

Brother Robinson of N. B. was chosen Vice President. Appointed Brother I. E. Bill to preach the Sunday School Sermon of next year and brother D. W. C. Dimock the agent of the Union, who shall receive for his services 6 dollars per week.

The Committee on Questions from Churches report as follows:

In reply to the question from the 1st church at Digby Neck

Resolved—That the Association advise that in the case of a Licentiate from one church labouring within the limits of a sister church, to the dissatisfaction of a majority of the members of such church, he be affectionately admonished to desist, and if he do not that he be reported to the church to which he belongs. Agreed to.

In answer to the questions from the 2d church in Cornwallis

Resolved—That whereas members of our churches remove from them, in some instances without regular dismissions, the Association recommend that if nothing appear against their moral conduct, they be returned as removed,

as also in cases in which persons have taken dismissions, but no notice is received of their having joined sister churches. Agreed to.

Resolved—That in reply to the question proposed by the Nictaux Church, we would recommend to our churches not to Licence or Ordain any of their Members as Christian Ministers, without the advice of a Council of Ministers invited from sister churches.

Resolved—That the next Association take place at the Baptist Meeting House in Onslow. Adjourned to meet again at half-past 9 in the morning.

TUESDAY, 23d June, 1840.

After preaching by Brother Sheldon, proceeded to business. Brother Burpe was invited to take a seat with us in council.

The Report of the Executive Committee of the Education Society was presented and adopted, and the former officers of the society continued.

The following Resolutions were passed :

Resolved—That for supporting and advancing the great and beneficial objects of the Nova Scotia Baptist Education Society, and supporting, enlarging and rendering effective, the Institutions at Horton, it is requisite that the sum of £5000 be raised and paid in, (if possible) during the present season.

Resolved—That in the opinion of this society at its present meeting, the most efficient mode of collecting the above mentioned sum of £5000, and supporting and advancing the Academy and College at Horton would be the appointment of an agent, to be permanently engaged in that service, at the expense of the Society. But it having been found impossible at present to procure the services of a suitable person to act as such agent, it is deemed necessary to substitute instead, partial agencies, to be conducted in limited and defined districts, by such ministers as can be procured to render their services; and it is suggested that the object might be forwarded by the ministers, who engage in it, making interchanges among themselves of the districts among which they shall labor.

Resolved—That a Committee be appointed to make the arrangements necessary for carrying this measure into effect, by corresponding with the ministers of the churches in general, on the most appropriate districts to be establish-

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Resolved—That it be, and it hereby is, recommended most earnestly to the churches of the denomination to forward the object and measures before-mentioned, and the general interests of the Education Society and its Institutions at Horton to the extent of their power, as being conducive, in a high degree, to the advancement and well being of the country; and in particular it is requested of members of churches, to attend and aid the agents who shall be employed in making collections under these resolutions.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock. Prayer by the Moderator.

Tuesday afternoon, 3 o'clock.

Met according to adjournment.

Brother Bill in the Chair in absence of the Moderator.

Prayer by Brother Bill.

Whereas it appears that for some years past the Committee of the British and Foreign Bible Society have refused to aid in the circulation of those versions of the Scriptures in foreign languages which have been made by Baptist Missionaries, solely because our brethren have faithfully translated the word baptize by words which signify to immerse.

Resolved—That this Association do respectfully memorialize the Parent Society, through its agent the Rev. J. Thomson, requesting that such restriction be removed, and that Brethren Crawley and Robinson be appointed a committee to prepare such memorial, and that they be hereby authorized to sign it on behalf of the Association.

Resolved—That this Association memorialize the House of Assembly and Legislative Council, requesting them to adopt some suitable measures for the promotion of common Schools, and that Brethren J. Pryor, and J. L. Chipman draw such petition.

Brother Ferguson reported the present condition of the Christian Messenger. The following Resolutions were passed.

Resolved—That this Association feel a warm and increasing interest in the publication of the Christian Messenger; that they highly approve of its objects and the manner in which it is conducted, and are desirous of using their best exertions to contribute to its more extended circulation and success.

Resolved—That the important advantages which are derived from the publication, both as a vehicle of religious information, and for promoting the general objects of the Denomination, as regards Missions, Education, and Temperance, as also from the salutary influence it exercises over the minds of the rising generation, would cause its discontinuance to be felt as a serious evil.

Resolved—That although from the report of the editors, it appears that a large debt remains due to the publisher from the end of the past year, yet as a good balance appears to be due from subscribers, more than equal to pay such debt, while there is no ground for discouragement as to the ultimate success of the undertaking, yet there is the most urgent call made on the Agents of the paper, as well as on ministers, officers, and members of churches, to do their utmost to collect forthwith all arrearages due, in fulfilment of the spirit and intention of the recommendations of the Association in 1837, 1838, and 1839, as expressed in their minutes of those years.

And whereas previous to the first commencement of the paper, the following persons, namely—

Wm. Randall, Stephen Taylor, Caleb Shafner, J. W. Nutting, S. N. Binney, I. E. Bill, J. Ferguson, J. Pryor, Caleb Bill, J. W. Johnston, F. W. Miles, P. Clinch, — Gilmore, of St. George, N. B., W. B. Kinnear, and E. A. Crawley, gave for its support a pledge in the sum of ten pounds each for any deficiency which might occur in its publication for that year, and at the Association held in Yarmouth in 1837, it was deemed advisable in order to bring it more immediately under the control and recognition of the Denomination, that the Missionary Board should adopt the paper, and become answerable for any loss which might ultimately arise upon it, and in order to prevent any ultimate loss which might fall on the Missionary Board, the following persons became pledged, at the Association held in Yarmouth, in 1837, and at that immediately succeeding held in Chester, in the sum of £5 each per year for two years, namely—

J. W. Nutting, Chas. Tupper, R. W. Cunningham, A. V. Dimock, N. Viditoe, Wm. Burton, I. E. Bill, Wm. Chipman, E. Huestis, Whitman Freeman, Stephen Taylor, S. T. Rand, Jos. Crandall, Lent & Gaville, J. Brown, Chas. Randall, Jas. Thompson, Jared Crane, Ab. Stronach, P. D. Lavers, Thos. Tupper, Thos. Delong, John Ferguson,

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Theodore S. Harding, David Harris, F. W. Miles, W. B.
Kinnear, Maynard Parker, Dr. Lynds, Zohath Freeman,
Thomas W. Saunders, Jas. Burgess, Timothy Rice, Jas.
E. Delap, Wm. Starratt, Alfred Skinner, Dr. Harding,
Geo. Richardson, J. Maynard, S. Dimock, and Isaac Smith.

And although the Association do not think it either neces-
sary or advisable that the persons who have thus pledged
themselves as above stated should be called on for any ad-
ditional pledge, yet they do strongly recommend that as
many additional persons, as may be, at any future associa-
tion who feel an interest in the general prosperity of the
paper should become pledged in the sum of £5 for one year.
The Association are of opinion that while such measures
would place the undertaking on a firm and stable foundation
as regards the security of the Missionary Board, and prevent
the possibility of loss; it would also enlist a large number
of persons in behalf of the publication, who would thus feel
themselves personally responsible to use increased and ac-
tive exertion.

And whereas it is found that it is indispensable to have
travelling agents in order to keep up the interest and collect
the debts of the publication, as the expenses of such Agents
cannot at present be borne by the Editors of the paper,
who have never yet been able to receive any thing whatever
from its proceeds by way of remuneration, this Association
do urgently recommend to the churches, to be willing to
give up the occasional services of their Ministers as agents,
and also to suffer collections to be made for the paper by
Agents travelling within their limits.

And it is also resolved—That it be recommended to the
Missionary Board as they shall see fit, whenever Ministers
travel as Agents for the paper, and at the same time preach
and labour among the destitute, to make a partial allowance
to them for such services, out of the Missionary funds, a
principle which has been recognized and acted upon in
favour of the Agents of the paper by the New-Brunswick
Missionary Board.

Resolved—That the Thanks of this Association be offer-
ed to brethren Rand, Chase, and Burpe, for their zealous
services as Agents since the last Association in promoting
the interests of the Christian Messenger.

It was *Resolved*—That the Nova Scotia Baptist Missionary Board be requested to pay J. W. Nutting's demand of £26, the balance due for the Magazine, and that our Messenger to New Brunswick be requested to obtain from the N. B. Association, the balance due from them on the Magazine.

Resolved—That a Memorial be presented to her Majesty the Queen, with reference to the Charter of the College at Horton.

Resolved also—That the Memorial to the Crown submitted by the Executive Committee of the Education Society be received, and that the Moderator and Secretary have authority to sign the same, in the name of the respective Ministers and Messengers now present.

Whereas the use of, and traffic in, intoxicating liquor have been, are, and will be, if continued, the fruitful source of placing obstacles in the way of the spread of the Redeemer's Kingdom, therefore,

Resolved—That we the Ministers and Messengers of the Baptist Churches in Nova Scotia, now in general and yearly association convened, do hereby solemnly and in the fear and love of God, recommend to all the Churches connected with us, to abstain, if they have not already done so, from the use of, as a beverage, and traffic in, intoxicating liquor, and next to the cause of Christ, to do all that is within their power, for the furtherance of the cause of Temperance.

Resolved—That in the judgment of this Association, it would be greatly for the promotion of the cause of God, if we were to hold a series of simultaneous religious meetings in the different sections of the Province, to be observed at the same time that we have been accustomed to hold our annual meetings.

We therefore recommend the observance of such meetings for the present year in the following places, viz. at the Digby Joggins, at Brookfield, at Falmouth and at Amherst.

Resolved—That the Resolutions on Foreign Missions found in the last Minutes be renewed.

Resolved—That the Thanks of the Association be presented to the Minister and Trustees of the Wesleyan Chapel in Liverpool, for their kindness in voluntarily granting the use of that Chapel for the public meetings of the Association on the Sabbath.

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Resolved—That the Thanks of the Association be presented to the Baptist Church and Congregation at Liverpool, and other benevolent friends, for their hospitality and kindness during the session, as also for their liberal contributions for religious purposes.

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DEAR BRETHREN,

Our Heavenly Father has most mercifully allowed us another opportunity of Associating together, and of discussing many important subjects connected with religion, and with the prosperity of our denomination. Looking around upon the many advantages we possess, and back upon the many blessings we have received from the hand of our gracious Lord, we are led to inquire, what shall hinder our prosperity or stay our onward course? Yet whilst we contemplate the facilities we possess, and remember the success attending our past efforts, we are satisfied that unless a few remaining obstacles to our advancement are removed, we shall fail in our enterprises, and the cause of the Redeemer languish in our hands.

To a few of these obstacles, dear brethren, allow us to call your attention. This we would do under the influence of that charity, which while it "Hopeth all things—rejoiceth not in iniquity but in the truth." And we trust our animadversions on existing evils will not be considered as the effect of censoriousness, but as springing from love to Christ and your souls; so we beseech you brethren to suffer the word of exhortation.

We would first inquire, *if the want of a proper consideration of our responsibility to God and man* may not lie at the foundation of that cold negligence in duty which so fearfully prevails among professors of religion in general. Do we remember that we are not our own, that we are bought with

a price, and that it is but our reasonable service to glorify God in our bodies and in our spirits—that we are bound by the shedding of the blood of Christ for *us* to love our fellow men as ourselves—that we are under the most solemn obligations to render unto God a sacrifice, not merely of our lips but a sacrifice of our whole hearts, and a sacrifice (if so it may be called) of *all* we possess of this world's goods, to be disposed of as He in his word and providence may direct? Do we consider in any measure as we should our duty to our fellow men around us, living in ignorance, and without God and hope in the world? or do we sufficiently consider the dignity God has conferred upon us, by so connecting us with our fellow men that we can be instrumental in leading them from ignorance to knowledge, from the kingdom of Satan to the kingdom of God's dear Son? Can we say, when we think of the necessity of Sabbath Schools, Literary Institutions, Missionary Societies, of the hundreds of millions of our fellow men in moral darkness bound down under the spell of paganism and of the means we possess of instructing and enlightening them—that we are doing our duty either to God or man? Alas! brethren we have lived as though we were our own and not the Lord's, as if we were not accountable for the thousand blessings we have to improve, and as though the day of reckoning was eternally gone. Were we alive to these important considerations as we should be, how much sloth would be turned into activity, how much selfishness into benevolence! What a multitude of heaven's blessings, now a stagnant pool, would become a flowing fountain, spreading "life, love and joy" through the world of mankind.

Want of Liberality we consider another of those obstacles. The declaration of the Bible is that no covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God; yet we have to acknowledge the existence of covetousness in the church, and in warning our brethren against the sin we only follow the example of our Lord, who said "Take heed; beware of covetousness." Of this admonition we see our need when we know its deceitful nature. Disguised by the delusive names of prudence, industry, frugality, or diligence, it too frequently makes the man of God bow at its shrine, even while he prays for the enlargement of his heart. *Its practical effects show its opposition to our prosperity*, by forbidding the exercise of benevolence, or diminishing the amount given, or delaying the

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time, or making it a matter of mere convenience. If an overplus is on hand, and every other call necessary and unnecessary is responded to, the surplus or refuse may be *given* (as it is called) to some benevolent purpose. How many institutions formed with skill, have lived only long enough to show their usefulness to man, and expired through the cold, merciless treatment of those who are too insensible of their duty! how many devoted, pious, indefatigable and useful missionaries have had to abandon their calling, in part at least, for the want of benevolence! how many pastors have had to neglect their flocks to feed their families, for the want of that support that they should have received from the people of their charge! how many poor souls are living without God and without hope in the world, because the Churches are too narrow-minded to send them the word of life. As if religion and money were synonymous terms, their labour and talent are directed to accumulate and hoard. Dear brethren, what can we do with such a Lion in our path? How shall we proceed in our enterprises, and when shall we realize our desires, if you withhold your assistance?

Pride is another of the obstacles to which your attention is called. *Pride* often leads to an indulgence in luxuries, and to say nothing of the moral evil, the bare expense of supporting them makes it a formidable barrier to our increase. When we compare even the plainest of our cottagers' habits with the habits of the primitive christians we are surprised at the contrast; but when we contrast the expensive habits of a great proportion of our more wealthy brethren, with the example of our Lord and his early followers, we are astonished. The early disciple doubtless received every thing he possessed beyond the simple wants of life in connection with his duty to God and man, and only valued his possessions as they gave him opportunity of spreading a knowledge of Jesus and him crucified, to the glory of God the Father in the salvation of sinners. With these there were no foolish indulgences, no lavish expenditures, and if a fragment was left, it was carefully gathered that nothing should be lost. At present we fear another standard is erected by which the usefulness and value of possessions are estimated; and just as the possessors are enabled thereby to increase their own comfort and respectability—delusive names too often given to pride and luxury—so do they prize their wealth. Thus the munificence of heaven is directed from its right channel to the pandering to appetites founded in rebellion to God.

We believe that we should not discharge a faithful part to you, did we not also apprise you of the dangerous effects of political excitements. We would by no means undervalue the importance of sound politics, nor of a proper attention to them. But whilst we maintain that the connection of Church and State is anti-scriptural, we should be exceedingly careful how we immerse ourselves as individuals or otherwise in the political contests of the present day. Believing, as we do, that it is next to impossible for a man to engage to any great extent in them without losing to the same extent his spirituality of mind—from the effects on individuals and communities, we are constrained to say that at this time christian effort is to some extent paralyzed. And we too well know the bewitching tendency of such excitements to trust ourselves in their atmosphere, or suffer our brethren to run into them without timely warning.

In conclusion we ask you, dear brethren, shall we give up our institutions, dear to us by many considerations? Shall we shut our ears against the cries of the destitute, and allow our fellow men to proceed in their downward course? Shall we allow, without at least one struggle, one powerful general struggle, our education society to fail, and our youth to grow up without the blessings of that education which we can so easily, so readily obtain for them? Shall we, when we look upon our youth, feel not the necessity of making their religious education a matter of systematic effort? Shall we, when we think of the six hundred millions of our fellow beings bowing down in all the horrid superstition of paganism, calmly fold our hands and leave them to perish in their sins? or shall we awake, and in the strength of the Lord, go forth, and shake to the very foundations, the strong holds of sin and Satan? Shall we persevere in the salvation of the world; or shall we retire from the field, and allow darkness, thick darkness, to overspread our land? And can we proceed, and shall we be successful? Yes, dear brethren, if you please, formidable as those difficulties appear, real as they are, we are happy to say they are wholly under your control, you can remove them. Systematic effort on your part will remove them, and secure our success. Our Sabbath Schools, our Missionary Societies, our Education Societies, may be all prosperous and flourishing. The favours of heaven are showered upon you, the wealth of the earth is before you, the deep is yielding her increase, and the word of the Lord stands pledged to your security.

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DR. *The Baptist Association in Account with*

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1839					
Novembr	To paid Elder Delong, his tour to Wallace, Pugwash, &c. 7 weeks,	£10	10	0	
	Expenses, &c.		1	13	0
			12	3	0
	Received in aid in Wallace 30s.				
	Pugwash 53s.		4	3	0
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	Elder George Richardson, tour, Cape Breton, 18 weeks, at 30s.	27	0	0	
	Expenses,		1	10	0
	Received in aid - £13 0 0				
	Due on old Mission 0 10 0	13	10	0	Bal. 15 0 0
	Cash paid on act. Minutes				18 10 0
	Eld. James Skerry, tour, Eastern shore, over what he received in aid,				7 0 10
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January	Eld. Maynard Parker, tour to Barrington, 6 1/2 weeks,	6	15	0	
	Expenses,		0	15	0
			7	10	0
	Received in aid,			10	0
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March	Do. his tour with the coloured people, 5 weeks,	7	10	0	
	Expenses,		0	9	8
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	Received in aid,		1	19	8
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	Elder Hull, in part his tour to Eastern shore, by hands of J. Whitman,				4 10 0
April	Elder Harding Porter, tour with the coloured people, 4 weeks	6	0	0	
	Expenses,		1	10	0
			7	10	0
	Received in aid,		2	17	0
					Bal. 4 13 0
	Elder Mann, tour to Wallace, Onslow, Pugwash, &c. 3 weeks and 5 days,	14	2	9 1/2	
	Expenses,		0	11	7
			14	14	4 1/2
	Received in aid,		6	9	4 1/2
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	Elder Joseph Dimock, tour, 2 weeks and 4 days,	3	17	1 1/2	
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DR. *William Allen Chipman, Treasurer.*

1840		£	s.	d.
To amount brought forward,				
Elder Crawley, Messenger to the Association, N. B.		81	5	10
Cash on account of Minutes		6	0	0
Also for the Editors to pay the Agents having performed Misy. Labour amongst the Destitute,		16	0	0
Also Balance due for Magazine from New Brunswick and Nova Scotia Associations,		12	0	0
To amount charged the Treasurer in the last year's account, which he never received,		26	0	0
To Balance in hands of Treasurer,		2	2	6
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1839	Bal. in Treasurer's hands, as stated in account ren'd.	130	18	0
July	Elder Manning received in aid of Missions over the sum allowed on his tour to Rawdon & Hlx. Road	5	0	0
	From a Friend at Hillsborough,	1	0	0
	Francis Parker	1	0	0
	Mrs Read at Manchester, by Elder Bill	0	5	0
	Deacon Abel Parker,	1	0	0
	The Yearly Meeting at Newport, by Elder Chipman,	5	11	3
	Elder Theo. Harding, over the sum allowed his	1	0	6
1840	tour to Onslow, Pugwash and Wallace, 10 weeks			
January	Eld. C. Randall, col. by contributions, &c. 16s. 3d. and from Dr. Chalton 20s, Mr. Shaw 5s,	2	1	3
	From a Lady, by Mrs. McLearn,	1	0	0
	Mr. Edw. McLachey at Windsor, by Eld. Bill	0	10	0
June	Mr. Skinner	0	1	3
	1st Cornwallis ch. for minutes 16s 5d, and in aid of Missions £2 18s 3d; Ladies Mite Soc. by Miss Eaton 17 5s 7½d; do. do. Miss M. Read 2l 15s 1d	7	15	4½
	3d Baptist Church, Cornwallis, - -	2	1	3
	Do Horten, £6 0 0	23	6	2½
	Ladies Mite Society, by Mrs. Pryor, 17 6 2½			
	Brookfield church £2, Lower Granville do 3 12s 6d	11	17	2½
	Chester do £2 18s 5½d, Windsor do £3 6s 3d	1	0	0
	From Doctor Harding	3	2	5
	Annapolis and Upper Granville	0	15	0
	Mrs. Frail, by Elder Chase,			
	Lunenburg Church 8s, River Phillip do 16s 3d, 2d Aylesford do 3l 8s 2½d, Port Medway do 2l 10s 7½d, Rawdon do 17s 6d; Newport do 19s 5d, & Ladies Mite Society 5l 15s 3½d; Amherst do 2l 18s 5½d, Advocate Harbour do 14s, Bridgewater do 9s 2d, Barrington do 10s, 1st Aylesford do 3l 7s 4d, Little Forks do 9s 6d, New Albany do 11s, Parrsboro' do 6s 3d, Upper Granville Mountain do 1l 3s 9d, Wilmot do 3l 18s, Onslow do 1l 10s; 1st Yarmouth do 4l 5s 2d, & Ladies Mite Society 6l 5s 8d; 2d Yarmouth do 4l 13s 10½d, Sissiboo do 3l 3s 1½d, 1st Digby Neck do 1l 5s 7½d, 2d Digby Neck do 18s 1½d, 1st Clements do 2l 15s, Tusket & Argyle do 18s 1½d,	54	16	7½
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1840	To amount brought forward,	254	2	2
June	Ragged Island Church 2l 2s, 2nd Cornwallis do	}	31	3 6½
	2l 12s 6½d, 2nd Clements do 1l 11s 9d, Three Rivers do 1l, Granville-street do 16l, Falmouth do 5l 17s 3d,			
	Collections at Liverpool, -			
	Nictaux 1l 12s 2½, also for Pr. Ed. Island 5l,	15	2	6
	Margaret's Bay, for Minutes and Missionary by Elder Dimock—	16	12	2½
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ERRORS EXCEPTED.

WM. A. CHIPMAN, *Treasurer.*

July 25, 1840.

Monies Received for Foreign Missions.

Brookfield	£1	0	0
Windsor	0	10	6
Lunenburg	0	13	9
Chester—Bibles to Heathen	0	1	3
Colored woman	0	7	6
Mrs. Nich. Backman	0	5	0
Church	2	4	6
1st Aylesford	6	4	9½
New Albany Foreign Miss.	2	2	11½
Mite Society	0	2	9
Bridgewater	0	10	0
Newport—A Friend	0	3	9
1st Yarmouth F. M. Mite Society	6	0	0
Amherst	4	9	11½
Dalhousie—Geo. Harris	1	0	0
2d Aylesford	1	8	2
2d Yarmouth	4	13	11½
Tusket and Argyle	0	18	11½
Liverpool—Mite Soc. for Nova-Scotia for. mis.	14	10	0
Ragged Islands F. M. Mite Society	3	0	0
2d Cornwallis, per Dr. Van Beuren	4	11	3
Falmouth, including Clark Young's ann. sub. 20s.	5	2	9
	£59	19	3½

DR. To cash paid Rev. R. E. Burpe, £10