

MINUTES
OF THE
FOURTH SESSION
OF THE
EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
OF NOVA SCOTIA.

HELD AT
MACCAN, CUMBERLAND CO.,

SATURDAY, MONDAY & TUESDAY, 8th, 10th & 11th JULY, 1854.

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The Association met on Saturday, July 9, 1854.
Rev. William Hall, in the absence of the Moderator for last year, was chosen, *pro tem*.

The Letters were then read, and the following list of Delegates obtained:

MESSENGERS.

Amherst:—Rev. E. B. DEMILL; Deacons Cutten, Blenkhorn, Taylor; brother Wm. Logan.

Amherst Shore:—Rev. J. ROWE; Deacon Rockwell.

Maccan:—Deacons William Sharp, J. M. Atkinson, William Blenkhorn; brethren Joseph Reed, John W. Wood.

Little River and Leicester:—Rev. C. J. BURNETT.

Pugwash:—Rev. Wm. HOBBS; James Muir; brother Amos Eaton.

Goose River:—Brethren Sherwood Mills, H. Mills, Hance B. Hunter.

Wallace Road:—Deacon Geo. Rushton; Samuel Spencer, Licentiate; brother A. Rushton.

Wallace:—Deacon Richard Woodland; brethren T. Keillor, Robert Seamans.

Wentworth:—Brother Thomas Keillor.

Parrsboro':—Rev. Samuel THOMPSON; Deacon E. Taylor; brother David Jenks.

Upper Londonderry:—Rev. Samuel THOMPSON.

Onslow:—Rev. D. W. C. DIMOCK; brother J. King.

Earl Town:—Rev. D. W. C. DIMOCK.

Upper Stewiacke:—Rev. D. W. C. DIMOCK; brother Jacob Layton.

Guysborough:—Rev. A. MARTELL.

St. Marys, First:—Rev. Henry EAGLES.

Indian Harbour:—Rev. Henry EAGLES.

Canseau (Cape):—Rev. A. MARTELL.

St. Marys, Second:—Rev. H. EAGLES.

Antigonishe:—Rev. Charles WHIDDEN.

North Sydney:—

South Sydney:—

York River, P. E. I.:—Rev. Malcolm Ross.

Bedeque:—Rev. Malcolm Ross; Philip Baker.

East Point:—Rev. J. SHAW.

Three Rivers:—Hector Johnson.

Lower Stewiacke:—Rev. D. W. C. DIMOCK.

The Rev. Charles Tupper, Rev. S. W. DeBlois, Central Association; Rev. Willard G. Parker, Western Association; Rev. Obed Chute, Missionary to the Acadian French, took their seats with us.

Moved that Rev. J. Newcomb of New Brunswick, Rev. J. E. Cogswell, D. McKeen, and H. Charlton, Licentiates; brethren Ferguson and Sears, be invited to take their seats with us.

The Rev. William Hall was chosen Moderator by ballot; Rev. C. J. Burnett, Clerk; and the Rev. E. B. DeMill, Assistant.

Prayer by Brother Tupper.

Resolved that brother Arthur Marsters be Treasurer.

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Amherst Shore	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	28
Maccan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	89
Wallace Road	-	1	69	2	-	2	-	117
Goose River	-	10	1	-	1	1	1	39
Onslow	-	2	3	-	-	-	1	122
Pugwash	-	1	31	1	5	2	2	145
Lower Stewiacke	-	-	-	-	2	3	1	46
Guysborough and Manchester	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	110
Earl Town	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	37
East Point, P. E. I.	-	-	-	3	1	1	3	80
Bedeque, P. E. I.	-	2	1	-	4	2	1	87
Three Rivers, P. E. I.	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	32
Little River and Leicester	-	4	26	1	2	2	-	57
Isaac's Harbour	-	10	6	-	-	-	-	35
Indian Harbour	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-
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St. Mary's, Second	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25
Canso	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	112
Upper Stewiacke and Musquodoboit	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	70
Port au Pique	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	52
Upper Londonderry	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40
Wallace	-	2	2	-	2	4	-	80
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From the following churches the numbers were not reported:—

Antigonish, South Sydney, North Sydney, York River, P. E. I., Charlotte Town, P. E. Island, Canso Strait, Economy, Mabou, North River, P. E. I., River Philip, Tryon, P. E. I., Tracadie, Tatamagouche.

The following Committees were appointed:—

ON THE BIBLE CAUSE:—

Revs. Charles Tupper, Shaw, and Martell, brethren Logan and King.

RELIGIOUS PERIODICALS:—

Revs. J. E. Cogswell, E. B. DeMill, Malcolm Ross, Deacon J. Cutten.

ON TEMPERANCE:—

Revs. A. Martell, D. W. C. Dimock, William Hobbs.

ON UNION SOCIETIES:—

C. B. Whidden, Job. Seamans, Hugh Ross, Deacon Richard Woodland.

ON SABBATH SCHOOLS:—

Revs. DeBlois, Eagles, brethren Marsters, Thompson, Freeman.

ARRANGEMENT FOR PRESENT SESSION:—

Rev. D. McKeen, Deacons Sharp and Atkinson.

ON COLPORTAGE:—

Revs. J. Rowe, Wm. Hobbs; Charlton and Spencer, Licentiates.

ON THE FRENCH MISSION:—

Rev. Obed Chute, Rockwell; Deacons C. Layton, Amos Eaton.

ON HOME MISSIONS:—

Rev. D. W. C. Dimock, H. Ross, J. Shaw; brethren Job Seaman, Robert Seaman, Thos. Keillor, P. Baker, J. King, Elder Wm. Hobbs.

ON THE USE OF TOBACCO:—

Revs. H. Eagles, J. Shaw, J. Rowe, J. Newcomb, James Moore.

ON THE OBSERVANCE OF THE SABBATH:—

Elder James Newcomb; Brethren A. Rushton, Hector Johnston, Sherwood Mills.

TO AUDIT ACCOUNTS:—

Brethren Logan, Taylor, Lowe.

ON EDUCATION:—

Revs. E. B. Demill, DeBlois, Charles Tupper, Wm. Hobbs, A. Martell; brother Ferguson, Deacon Blenkhorn.

On Sabbath morning the Rev. A. Martell preached from Matthew xxv. 23; afternoon, the Moderator, Rev. William Hall, Ephesians v. 8; evening, Rev. Stephen DeBlois, John viii. 32—the latter clause.

Simultaneous services were held at Amherst, River Hebert, and Little Forks; also at Amherst Point, Head of Amherst, and Salem. The services of the day were highly interesting and the congregations large.

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MONDAY, JULY 10: TEN O'CLOCK, A. M.

Met according to adjournment. Rev. Malcolm Ross proceeded to preach the Introductory Sermon from 1 Samuel vii. 12. A collection was taken for Domestic Missions.

The Committee on special business beg leave to report, in part, on the business submitted to it, the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That we recommend to the Association to extend to the Rev. J. Knox and brother Barss from Prince Edward Island, an invitation to sit with us in council as visiting brethren, and in doing so, we express no opinion with reference to the Association of Prince Edward Island; but that we recommend a delegation from this Association to investigate such matters as may be connected therewith, in order to a future action of this body in hope of union in the future. Moved and carried unanimously.

Bible Cause. Report was presented by the Rev. Charles Tupper.

Resolved that it be received and adopted. (See Appendix A.)

Sabbath School. Report presented by the Rev. Stephen DeBlois. Resolved that it be adopted. Interesting addresses were delivered by the Revs. S. DeBlois, D. W. C. Dimock, A. Martell, E. B. DeMill. (See App. B.)

Resolution on Articles. The Western Association has requested the co-operation of the Central and Eastern Associations in the publishing of the Articles with such slight verbal alterations as they may deem necessary. Carried. (See App. C.)

Adjourned until 3 o'clock.

Met according to adjournment at 3, P. M. Opened with prayer by Elder Thompson

Report on Religious periodicals was presented by the Rev. J. E. Cogswell, received and adopted. (See App. D.)

Report on Temperance was presented by the Rev. A. Martell, received and adopted. Several interesting addresses were given. (See App. E.)

Report on French Mission was presented by Rev. Obed Chute, received and adopted. The Brethren W. G. Parker, Chute, Newcomb, and Hugh Ross gave a relation of interesting details respecting the prospect of the Mission. (See App. F.)

Report on Colportage was presented by Rev J. Rowe: it was received and adopted. (See App. G.)

Notice was given that the Minutes of our Association be enlarged.

Tuesday, met according to agreement, prayer by brother McKeen, Licentiate.

In answer to the suggestion from the Guysborough church that the names of the various donors to our different religious objects or institutions be inserted in the Minutes, this Association resolved, that the managers of the various Union Societies, and others, be requested to furnish such information as may be necessary to carry out this object; moreover, the particular items of expenditure to be also inserted, or in other words, a full account of all our disbursements, in the Minutes.

Report on Tobacco was presented by Rev. H. Eagles: received. (See App. H.)

Report of the Missionary Board was presented by the Rev. D. W. C. Dimock. Interesting addresses were given by the brethren Revs. D. W. C. Dimock, William Hall, Charles Tupper, J. King, A. Martell, H. Eagles, and others.

Report received and adopted.

Notice respecting the Gaelic Mission:

Whereas the Gaelic population in the Island of Cape Breton is more than 25,000, and of these 20,000 are Catholics:

Resolved, therefore, That this Association do co-operate with the Western and Central Associations, together with New Brunswick, in sustaining the Mission already in progression; also that a collection be taken in our churches the first Sabbath in January next for this object.—And that brother McLearn of Halifax be Treasurer for the different sums collected at each Association. And moreover, that brother Hugh Ross, the Missionary to these people receive from the Treasurer of our Domestic Missionary Board the sum of £12 10s. 0d. for labour done in that department last year. Received and adopted.

Adjourned until 3, p. m. Prayer by Rev. W. G. Parker.

Met according to appointment. Prayer by brother C. Whidden. Sabbath Observance. Report was presented by Rev. Jam Newcomb: received and adopted. (See App. I.)

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Education. Report was presented by Rev. Charles Tupper : received and adopted. (See App. K.)

Report. That the Association be held at Guysborough, July 7th, 1855.

Moved, That in consequence of the high price of provisions, and the increased value of produce, and labour of every kind, it is recommended that this Association take into consideration the importance of enjoining on their respective churches the increase of the salary of their respective pastors and missionaries.

Resolved, That this Association do earnestly and affectionately recommend the churches to consider the embarrassment that must necessarily be occasioned to the pastors from the above consideration, and to increase the salaries of their pastors.

Report on Foreign Missions was presented by Rev. W. Hall : received and adopted. (See App. L.)

Moved and seconded that brother W. Hall preach the Introductory sermon ; alternate, brother E. B. DeMill.

Committee of arrangements, brother Cunningham.

The following brethren were appointed as delegates :

Western New Brunswick, Rev. E. B. DeMill.

Eastern " " Rev. J. E. Cogswell.

Eastern Association, Nova Scotia, Rev. William Hall.

Central " " Rev. H. Eagles.

Convention, St. John, Rev. D. W. C. Dimock, brethren Read, King, Marsters, and Levi Eaton.

Resolved that the Missionary Board be continued, with an enlargement of its numbers.

Moved and seconded, that all ordained ministers and pastors, also brethren J. King and J. Read, be members of the Board.— Adopted.

Resolved that an agent be appointed to collect monies for the Domestic Mission.

Moved and seconded that brother Martell be the agent, under the direction of the Missionary Board.

Moved and seconded that any person, on the payment of £2 10s. may be a member of the Missionary Board.

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be tendered by this Association, to the christian friends and members of this community, for their kindness and hospitality shown to us during the present session.

Moved and seconded that one thousand copies of the Minutes be

printed, and that the sum of £9 be allowed the Editors of the Christian Messenger, provided they do not exceed 24 pages.

Moved that the Revs. W. Hall, Martell, D. W. C. Dimock, brother Chipman from the Central, and brother Vidito from the Western Association, be delegates to meet the brethren at Three Rivers, P. E. Island, Saturday, August 12, at ten o'clock.

Minutes of the present session read and approved.

Concluded with prayer by Rev. W. Hall, Moderator.

Great harmony, christian affection and despatch characterized the session.

C. J. BURNETT,

Clerk of the Association.

A P P E N D I X.

[A.]

REPORT ON THE BIBLE CAUSE.

Your Committee regard it as of vast importance, that the sacred Scriptures,—the unerring standard of truth—the only safe guide to endless blessedness—should be circulated, in faithful and plain versions, as extensively as possible. Believing the versions made by our Baptist Missionaries in the East to be such, they strongly recommend that diligent and persevering efforts be put forth to extend the circulation of them among the perishing heathen, and those who are just emerging from the darkness of heathenism.—While all are undoubtedly agreed in this, your Committee earnestly desire that, whatever diversity of opinion may exist with reference to any point connected with this subject in general, mutual forbearance may be exercised; and all may sedulously endeavour to aid in diffusing abroad the savour of the adorable Redeemer's name, by the extensive dissemination of the word of life.

CHARLES TUPPER, Chairman.

[B.]

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to report as follows:

Your Committee are gratified to perceive the growing interest in Sabbath Schools, manifested in the different churches composing this Association.

They would earnestly recommend that this important department of Christian effort, should be well and vigorously sustained.

Perhaps the period for Sabbath School Conventions has hardly arrived; but your Committee would respectfully suggest to the churches, to consider the propriety of sending delegates from the Sabbath Schools to meet in connection with this Association.

They would also recommend that the yearly statistics from every Sabbath School, be as full and accurate as possible.

All which is respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN W. DEBLOIS, Convener.

[C.]

ARTICLES AND COVENANT.

Whereas the Western Association has requested the co-operation of the Central and Eastern Associations in the re-publishing of the Articles and Covenant mutually adopted, with such slight verbal corrections of the last edition as may be requisite :

Resolved, That we accede to their request; and that Dr Cramp and Rev. C. Tupper be appointed to make the needful corrections, and submit them at the sessions of the Associations next year; and that such churches as desire to obtain copies be requested to forward money to pay the expense of printing; each church to receive in proportion to the amount sent.

[D.]

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS PERIODICALS.

The Committee on Religious Periodicals report as follows :

The rapid and widely extended diffusion of knowledge is required for the overthrow of error, the progress of truth, and the efficiency of those great enterprises in which the church is engaged.

Hence we would recommend for extensive circulation such publications as the Macedonian and the American Messenger.

We appreciate the aid which the Christian press affords to the cause of truth, and we would particularly and affectionately direct the attention of the churches to the claims of the Christian Messenger. We recognize the ability, the sound judgment, and patient industry which its pages display, and have marked the beneficial influence which it exerts, and feel that its merits and our interests demand a greatly increased circulation.

We would further and affectionately urge upon the attention of all our ministering brethren, whether officiating as pastors or as missionaries, to use their best exertions for its more extensive and general circulation.

All which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN E. COGSWELL, Chairman.

[E.]

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The Committee on Temperance submit their report:

Your Committee feel the subject of Temperance to be one of vital importance, and one which at the present crisis demands the most prompt and energetic action.

The awful consequences of intemperance cannot be too vividly portrayed, neither its first stealthy influence too clearly pointed out, nor too early resisted. Hence we call attention to the necessity of employing the best talents, and wielding the strongest moral influence we can command in this important and benevolent enterprise, of total abstinence, that our churches and people may be prepared to appreciate the important advantages of legislative influence to prohibit the importation and sale of all alcoholic liquors.-- And we further wish to impress upon our ministers, churches, and people the necessity of active measures being taken previous to the coming election of provincial representatives, that shall enable our electors to dispose of their political influence in that way, which may be the most likely to secure the enactment of the much-to-be-desired law--popularly known as the Maine Law. We furthermore recommend that our ministers and churches withhold and deny the hand of fellowship to all persons who directly or indirectly use or sanction the use, sell or countenance the sale of intoxicating drinks.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

A. MARTELL, Chairman.

[F.]

REPORT ON THE FRENCH MISSION.

The Committee on the French Mission Report as follows:

That we have reason to thank God and take courage in the prosecution of this mission.

That the divine word, and the publications of the American Tract Society are freely circulated among our Acadians, and are producing their legitimate and desired results.

Ours are pioneering labours. Let us press forward with unwavering perseverance, for in due season we shall reap an abundant harvest.

Your Committee would recommend to the notice of all the friends of this truly benevolent enterprise the pressing and immediate need of a mission house for the further efficient prosecution of the mission.

Finally, unitedly let us labour and believingly let us pray, until the thousands of French Roman Catholics in our land shall renounce error for truth, and the worship of saints and angels for that alone of the true and living God.

All which we submit,

OBED CHUTE, Convener.

[G.]

REPORT ON COLPORTAGE.

Your Committee consider there are few if any establishments that have been rendered more essential in the propagation of truth than Colportage. The messengers of God in this department can find a ready access to the heart of many, that do not come so frequently within the range of the minister's notice.

Mighty achievements have been made in all ranks of society by this branch of usefulness. Germany rejoices in its glorious results. Brother Oncken, amidst a mighty current of opposition, has effectually stemmed it, and accomplished a glorious victory over the combined powers of darkness by the aid of this highly honoured instrument. The still small voice of truth has been soothingly breathed into the hearts of the family circle, while listening to the Colporteur expounding the sacred writings. Eternity alone will be sufficient to disclose the vast and blessed influence that this instrument has, through many ages, accomplished. This instrument, when effectually operating, can shower abundantly of the truth of God into every crevice and dark corner of the earth, and will ultimately stand among the foremost auxiliaries in spreading the truth from shore to shore, and covering the earth with the light of God's truth. It is evidently destined to be the grand instrument of sapping the foundations of satan's kingdom, and raising to a high and elevated eminence the kingdom of God.

J. ROWE, Chairman.

[H.]

REPORT ON THE USE OF TOBACCO.

The Committee on the Use of Tobacco report as follows:

Your Committee beg leave to report that while they regret that so many who have been in the habit of using this poisonous weed, tobacco, still continue the use of it to a less or greater extent, and that it is a growing evil, which is exceedingly injurious to the health, destructive to the intellect, and tends to a waste of time and property, and to lessen respectability, from which evil your Committee think every reasonable man ought to abstain.

Your Committee therefore recommend that all persons, especially ministers, and those professing attachment to Christ, should not only abstain from it themselves, but that they should exert their influence and use their example for the purpose of discountenancing the use of it on the part of others.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

H. EAGLES, Chairman.

[I.]

REPORT ON THE OBSERVANCE OF THE SABBATH

The Committee on the Observance of the Sabbath beg leave to Report:

That they are fully convinced of the vast importance of its observance. Our heavenly Father having completed the work of creation, rested on the Sabbath day, blessed and sanctified it.— John appears to have specially honoured the observance of the Lord's-day, and to have been peculiarly favoured of the Lord Jesus in consequence. When we look at the many precepts in the Bible in reference to the claims of this day, we have in many respects to mourn over its lamentable desecration. We feel that we should be deeply humbled before God on account of our past remissness, and we realize the importance of calling loudly upon our brethren to put forth all suitable efforts in order to awaken a more lively interest in favor of its observance. We would recommend to this Association, that they appoint the first Lord's-day in October, and urge on our ministering brethren the necessity of devoting the same especially to this object.

All which is respectfully submitted,

JAMES NEWCOMB, Chairman.

[K.]

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

In the opinion of your Committee it was with strict propriety that brother Ross, in the Introductory Sermon, applied the language of his text, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us", to our educational interests. Often has the good Providence of God interposed marvellously on their behalf. There is abundant cause for thankfulness that our literary Institutions are now in a prosperous condition.— The Academy, with able instructors and a large number of pupils, is succeeding admirably. The College also, together with the Theological Institute, now furnished with a staff of Professors in all respects qualified to give it efficiency, is receiving a considerable accession to the number of its students. Being now happily established on a permanent basis, through the liberality of those who have nobly contributed to its Endowment, there is a most cheering prospect of its continued and increased usefulness, in the widely extended diffusion of sound learning. In order, however, to the full attainment of this highly important object, it is requisite that the endowment fund should be largely augmented. Your Committee would, therefore, urgently request all who can aid in this, to do so to the utmost of their ability.

CHARLES TUPPER, Chairman.

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REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Committee on Foreign Missions recommend the following Report:

That this Association feel in some measure the responsibility resting upon every christian to send the Gospel to every creature; and whilst efforts are made to extend the blessings of salvation in the Home Missionary field, it is the opinion of this Committee that a more enlarged and decided effort be made to carry out the objects which, as a denomination we have had in view, in sustaining an independent mission, which has been interrupted by an overruling though mysterious Providence.

That they deem it to be a wise and expedient measure to add to the funds of the Foreign Missionary Board, in order that in case at any future period the Lord should call into his service any brother or brethren for the foreign field, ample means may be on hand for their support. And that we would wish to hold with our beloved brother Crawley as close and fraternal a connection as possible by frequent correspondence through the Secretary of the Missionary Board.

That this Committee consider that it is of the utmost importance that Foreign Missions should enlist the sympathies and liberality of the people of God, knowing by past experience that a reflex influence will be produced on all our churches, animating them to increased piety and extended usefulness.

They would therefore recommend increased attention to the claims of Foreign Missions, by monthly prayer meetings, and by such religious publications as may stir up the minds of the people to strive for the conversion of the world unto God.

All which is respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM HALL, Chairman.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

DEAR BRETHREN:—

The subject to which, in our present Circular Letter, we would call your attention, is the Holy Spirit. The personality, Deity, and Agency or work of the Holy Spirit.

I. The Holy Spirit is a real and distinct person in the Godhead. 1. Personal powers of rational understanding and will are ascribed to Him; such as revealing, searching, knowing, working, and uniting. 1 Cor. ii. 10, 11: xii. 11: Eph. iv. 3.—2. He is joined to the other two Divine persons, as the object of worship and fountain of all blessings. Matt. xxviii. 19.—3. He appeared under the emblem of a dove, and of cloven tongues of fire. Matt. iii.: Acts iii.—4. Personal offices of an intercessor belong to him. Rom. viii. 26.—He is represented as performing a multitude of personal acts, as teaching, speaking, witnessing, etc. Matt. xiii. 11: Acts xx. 23: Rom. viii. 15, 16.

II.—It is no less evident that the Holy Spirit is a Divine person, equal in power and in glory with the Father and the Son. The third person, not in order of time or dignity of nature, but in order and manner of subsisting. 1. Names proper only to the Most High God are ascribed to him; as God, Acts v. 3, 4; Lord. The Lord, the Spirit, 2 Cor. iii. 17, 18.—2. Attributes proper only to the Most High God are ascribed to him, as Omniscience, 1 Cor. ii. 10, 11: Omnipresence, Ps. cxxxix. 7: Omnipotence, Luke i. 35: Eternity, Heb. ix. 14.—3. Divine works are evidently ascribed to him, Gen. i. 2: Job. xxvi. 13.—4. Worship, proper only to God, is required and ascribed to him. Is. vi. 3: Rev. i. 4: 2 Cor. xiii. 14.

III.—The agency, influence, or work of the Holy Spirit is more particularly displayed in, 1. Quickening sinners, dead in trespasses and sins. Ezekiel may prophesy unto and upon the slain, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the Lord;

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but it is the Lord God, the Lord God the Spirit that can and will cause breath to enter into them, and they shall live. Ezek. xxxvii.

4. It is the Spirit that quickeneth. John vi. 63. And you hath he quickened who were dead in trespasses and in sins. Eph. ii. 1.—Paul may plant, and Apollos water; but it is God, God the Spirit, that giveth the increase. 1 Cor. ii. 6.

2. In convincing of sin, righteousness, etc. John xvi. 8, 9. We are furnished with proofs of this fact in the examples given us by sacred writers. On the day of Pentecost, by his influence, three thousand were convinced of sin and pricked in their hearts, and led to cry out, "men and brethren, what shall we do." The same influence operated in the case of the jailor, who sprang trembling before Paul and Silas, crying "what must I do to be saved," Acts ii.: xvi. 29, 30. Also in the case of David, who, under his blessed influence was convinced, confessed his sins before Israel and the whole world, repented towards him before and against whom he had sinned, and by the faith of his powerful operation applied to the blood of sprinkling which speaketh better things than that of Abel; and there found pardon, peace, joy and rejoicing. Ps. li. The same fact may be observed at the present day, when by the effectual operation of the Spirit upon the mind of the sinner, his dream of thoughtlessness is disturbed, and all that ever he did is told him. John iv. 29. The follies of childhood, the crimes of youth, and the unrighteousness of riper years. Conscience assumes the stern office of a reprover. He is weighed in the balances and is found wanting. Dan. v. 27. He hath the sentence of death within himself. His soul abhorreth bread, and his life dainty meat. His flesh is consumed away, that it cannot be seen, and his bones that were seen stick out: yea, his soul draweth near to the grave, and his life to the destroyer. Job xxxiii. 20, 21, 22. He feels, unless God in mercy interpose he must perish, and that eternally. Ps. cxxx. 3.

3. In regeneration. The bible assures us that regeneration is the work of the Spirit of God, and leads us to trace back the commencement, progress, and consummation of religion in the soul to Divine agency. "Who are born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God." He that hath wrought us for the self same thing, is God, (God the Spirit,) who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit. By grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.—

Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. Who then can be saved? With men it is impossible, but with God all things are possible. John i. 13 : iii. 3-5 : Luke xviii. 26, 27 : 2 Cor. v. 5 : Eph. ii. 8. It is evident from these passages, and many similar ones, that the work of regeneration is begun and performed by the Spirit of God. He claims the honour as the efficient agent. It is by his special influence that men are brought to submit themselves to God, and become his willing and obedient subjects.

4. In sanctification. Sanctify them through thy truth, thy word is truth. John xvii. 17. The world, with all their boasted wisdom, knew not God. Instance Egypt, Babylon, Rome, and even Greece with all its boasted knowledge, as worshipper of the "unknown God." See the world at the present day. Do they know God? Do they not call good evil and evil good? Do they not put darkness for light, and light for darkness? Do they not put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter? No man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him; even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God, they are foolishness unto him, (not understood by him), neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. Is. v. 20 : 1 Cor. ii. 11, 12, 14.

Under the blessed influence of the Holy Spirit the understanding is opened to understand the scriptures, the heart to receive and attend to the things therein contained, Luke xxiv. 45 : Acts xvi. 14. He taketh of the things that are Christs, shows and applies them to his believing people. By his blessed agency they grow in Divine knowledge, faith, love, hope, etc. They grow up in all things unto him who is the Head, even Christ. Each member in its place, and none saying to another, I have no need of thee; but the greatest honour put upon the feeblest member that there should be no schism in the body. John xvi. 14, 15 : Eph. iv. 15 : 1 Cor. xii.

"Eternal Spirit! we confess,
And sing the wonders of thy grace;
Thy power conveys our blessings down.
From God the Father and the Son."

"The Spirit wrought our faith and love,
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But Jesus spent his life to work
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5. In completing that which he has begun. He has counted the cost, laid the foundation and begun the good the great work of preparing the soul to glorify God here, and to enjoy him through an endless hereafter. Shall he bring to the birth, and not cause to bring forth? Shall he cause to bring forth, and shut the womb? Has he laid the foundation and is not able to finish it? Has he begun the good work and will he not perform it until the day of Jesus? Is. lxvi. 9 : Luke xiv. 28, 29 : Phil. i. 6.

Such, dear brethren, we believe to be the doctrine of the bible upon this subject; and, in conclusion, we would direct your attention to a few inferences which naturally arise therefrom. The subject we have contemplated suggests one great and glorious idea, that there is a Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit, and that the Holy Spirit is the third person in the Godhead, equal with the Father and with the Son; filling his place and doing his part, equally concerned in creation, in providence, and in redemption, with the Father and with the Son.

It is evident, then, that without him there could be no creation, Gen. i. 2. Without him there could be no Saviour provided for fallen, lost and ruined man, Luke i. 35. And without him there could be no regeneration, no sanctification, no redemption. John iii. 3, 5 : 1 Cor. i. 30. That no flesh should glory in his presence. That according as it is written, he that glorieth let him glory in the Lord. 1 Cor. i. 3.

That it is the privilege, the blood-bought privilege, yea, the bounden duty of all who are born of him, to have him dwelling in their hearts, yea, to be filled with him. Under his saving and enlightening influence, the scriptures shall be clearly understood, the testimony which God has given heartily believed and firmly relied upon. God the Father and God the Son supremely loved, and the Truth, the mind of God revealed to man exemplified and reduced into practice. Under his influence the people of God see eye to eye, feel as the mystical body of Christ for their glorious, their exalted head; pity, compassionate and love precious and immortal souls; and are knowing, wise, prudent, and judicious to adopt means and measures for the advancement of the cause of God on the earth.

Permit us, then, dear brethren, to urge upon you the necessity of encouraging in your minds a lively and cheering expectation of the powerful influences of the Spirit of God. Let us implore those influences for ourselves, who profess to be ministers of the Gospel

of Christ. Let us implore them upon those who are about to be engaged in its arduous services. Let us pray that a copious effusion of the Spirit may descend on the Church of God, on the branches of his vineyard with which we are connected, on our own families, on the nation to which we belong, and on the human family at large. The present population of the globe exhibits a weary waste of moral desolation, but it shall continue until the Spirit in copious effusion be poured out from on high, then the wilderness shall be as the fruitful field, then, "instead of the thorn shall come up the fir-tree, and instead of the briar shall come up the myrtle-tree, and it shall be to the Lord for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off." There should be then no intermission in our importunity at the throne of grace, no rest given to him that heareth prayer, till he establish and make Jerusalem a praise in the whole earth.

We beseech of you then, dear brethren, grieve him not by whom ye are sealed until the day of redemption, grieve him not by sins of commission, grieve him not by sins of omission. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

In fine, let this doctrine be partially preached, obscured, and blotted out, let the Holy Spirit be no longer fully and heartily acknowledged as the exclusive agent in regeneration, sanctification, and shedding abroad the love of God in the hearts of men, and then we may indeed write upon the gates of our Zion; Ichabod, the glory, the glory of the Lord is departed!

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CONSTITUTION OF THE EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OF NOVA SCOTIA.

ARTICLE 1st.—This body shall be called the Eastern Baptist Association of Nova Scotia, and shall be composed of Delegates appointed by the churches of which they are members together with Delegates from Corresponding Associations, and such others as may by the Association be invited to sit in Council.

ART. 2nd.—Each Church connected with the body may send five Delegates besides its Pastor.

ART. 3rd.—The object of this Association being the cultivation of Christian Union, the promotion of individual godliness, and by mutual consultation to seek, in the use of scriptural measures, the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom,—it disclaims all authority over the churches, and shall in no case interfere with their internal concerns, or their entire scriptural independency. Yet it may dissolve its connection with any church that upon sufficient examination shall be judged by the Association to have departed essentially from Scripture principles or Baptist faith and practice.

ART. 4th.—The Association shall meet at such time and place as it may appoint, and the meeting shall be opened with devotional exercises.

ART. 5th.—The officers of the Association shall be—a Moderator, who shall preside at all the meetings, nominate all the Committees, and perform all the duties naturally connected with such an office,—a Clerk, who shall keep a record of all the business transacted, prepare the Minutes for the press, and attend to their distribution,—and a Treasurer, who shall receive all the monies contributed for the purposes of the Association, and dispose of them according to its direction.

ART. 6th.—The Association may receive any church, which by letter shall apply for admission, and shall give satisfactory evidence of its faith and order; and each church belonging to this body, shall send annually a letter, containing an account of its history for the year preceding, particularly of its additions and diminutions, with its number then in fellowship; also money to assist in publishing the Minutes: and any Church that for three successive years omits sending letters, delegates, or money, shall be considered withdrawn from the Association, and shall be discontinued from the Minutes.

unless sufficient reason may appear to account for the omission, or provided it may appear desirable to make some enquiry by Committee or otherwise, and report at the next meeting of the Association.

ART. 7th.—This Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members at any annual meeting of the Association.

ART. 8th.—The Religious sentiments of this Body are those expressed in the Articles of the "Faith and Practice of the Baptist Churches of Nova Scotia."

RULES OF ORDER.

RULE 1.—After religious worship, the officers shall be chosen by ballot: the Moderator of the preceding year, or in his absence the Clerk, shall call the Association to order.

RULE 2.—The first letter read shall be from the church with which the Association is assembled.

RULE 3.—No subject shall be discussed without a motion first made and seconded, and no person shall speak on any subject more than twice unless by consent of the Association.

RULE 4th.—When any Church is received the Moderator shall give to one of its delegates the right hand of fellowship.

RULE 5th.—At the commencement of each sitting, the Minutes of the preceding one shall be read and approved, and of the last sitting, before the final adjournment.

RULE 6th.—Motions made and lost shall not be recorded on the Minutes, except so ordered by the Association.

RULE 7th.—All resolutions shall be presented in writing.

RULE 8th.—Each meeting for business shall be commenced and concluded with prayer.

RULE 9th.—No delegate shall leave the Association before the business is finished, without permission of the body.

RULE 10th.—These Rules shall be read by the Moderator at the commencement of every annual sitting of the Association.

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Parrsboro—H. Miss. and Min, £1 5s,	1 5 0
Little River—“ “ £1 10s,	1 10 0
Wentworth—Fr. Miss, 10s : H. Miss. and Min, £1 10 9 : For. Miss, 10s 6d : Min. Ed, 14s 6d : Inf. Min. 5s.	3 10 9
Portaupique—H. M. and Min, £2 5s : For. M, £1 4s 11½d,	3 9 11½
Upr. Londonderry—“ “ £1 15 8½d,	1 15 8½
Wallace—“ “ £2 : Min. Ed, 10s : In. Min, 4s 6½d,	2 14 6½
Wallace Road—“ “ £3 19 9½,	3 19 9½
Amherst Shore—“ “ 16s 8d : For. Miss, 10s : Min. Ed, 13s 4d : In. Min, 3s. 9d,	2 3 9
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East Point, P. E. I.—H. Miss. and Min, 14s 6d : For. Miss, 10s 10d : Min. Ed, 14s 6d : In. Min, 3s 8½d,	2 3 6½
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North River, P. E. I.—H. M. and Min, £1 14 0 : For. Miss, £1 5 : Min. Ed, £1 14 : In. Min, 8s 3d,	5 1 3
Bedeque, P. E. I.—H. M. and Min, £1 16 4 : For. Miss, £1 7 3 : Min. Ed, £1 16 4 : In. Min, 9s 2d,	5 9 1

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A. W. MASTERS, Treasurer.

Macan, N. S., July 11, 1854.

*Infirm Minister's Fund, Eastern Association, in Account with
A. W. Masters, Treasurer.*

1853.

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Oct. 6.—" " Rev. H. Hull, 2 0 0

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Balance of Cash in hand £48 17 9½

A. W. MASTERS, Treasurer.

Amherst, N. S., 1st July, 1854.