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Baptist Association,

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IN
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TOGETHER WITH THEIR

Circular Letter.



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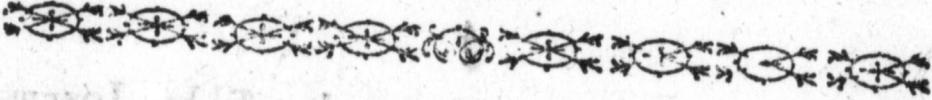
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MONDAY, JUNE 21, 1813.



1st. **A**T Ten o'Clock, A. M. Elder EDWARD MANNING delivered the Introductory Sermon from *St. Matthew's Gospel*, 9th chap. 37th and 38th verses—"Then saith he unto his *Disciples* the harvest is truly plenteous but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth labourers into his harvest"—God's gracious presence was manifested.

2d. Introductory Prayer by Elder JOSEPH CRANDAL.

3d. Chose Elder JOSEPH CRANDAL Moderator, and Brother WILLIAM SINTON, Clerk.

4th. Read Letters from the several Churches, and took the following account of Members added, dismissed, excluded and died, the past Year, and the present number in each Church.

NOTE.

Ministers names are in SMALL CAPITALS, and those marked thus * were not present. A dash — denotes no settled Minister.

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SISSIBOO, 1st Baptist Church in the Township of Digby, N. S.	*ENOCH TOWNER,	1				58
LOWER GRANVILLE, N. S.	JAMES MANNING,		7		3	45
UPPER GRANVILLE, N. S.	THOMAS ANSLEY, George Craft, Samuel Bancraft,	35			1	107
CORNWALLIS, N. S.	EDWARD MANNING,	2			1	65
HORTON, N. S.	*THEO. S. HAEDING,					220
NEWPORT, N. S.	*NAT. CLEAVELAND,					88
ONSLOW, N. S.	*PETER CRANDAL,					39
and Baptist Church DIGBY, N. S.	— —					71
AMHERST, N. S.	JOSEPH CRANDAL,					16
SACKVILLE, N. B.	William Sinton,	4			1	50
SALISBURY, N. B.						119

CHURCHES.	MINISTERS AND MESSENGERS.	Aded.	Dimitted.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.
WATERBOROUGH, N. B.	E. EASTERBROOKS, Edward Coy,	63			1	63
PRINCE-WILLIAM, do.	LOW. HAMMOND, Solomon Parent,	13	1		1	61
WAKEFIELD, N. B.	—					24
CLEMENT'S, N. S.	—					89
HALIFAX, N. S.	* JOHN BURTON,	20			1	32
NICTAU, N. S.	* T. H. CHIPMAN,					78
CHESTER, N. S.	* JOSEPH DIMOCK,					60
SPRINGFIELD, N. B.	—					30
CITY SAINT JOHN, N. B.	Nathan Garrison,					27
NEW CANAAN, N. B.	—					60
LUNENBURGH, N. S.	—					20
MADAMKISWAY, N. B.	James Boon, Ezra Day,					25
ST. MARY'S, N. B.	—					18

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5th. The Baptised Churches of *Madamkiskey* and *St. Mary's* requested by Letters, admission into our Association this Session; the vote for their reception was unanimous.

6th. CIRCULAR LETTER read, and accepted by the Association.

7th. Voted, Brother NATHAN GARRISON Treasurer to the Association, and also to superintend the printing of the Minutes. Five Hundred Copies to be printed.

8th. Adjourned until to-morrow morning at Ten o'Clock, to meet at this place for Divine Service. The Moderator concluded by Prayer.

TUESDAY, JUNE 22.

9th. Met according to appointment:— Elder JOSEPH CRANDAL preached this morning from 1st *Tim.* 6th chap. 14th verse:— “*That thou keep this Commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ.*”

10th. Voted, That the Correspondence with the Sister Associations in the United States be dropped, on account of existing difficulties.

11th. Voted, That Brother EDWARD MANNING prepare the Circular Letter for the next year; in case of failure, Brother LOWTROP HAMMOND.

12th. Voted, To hold our next Annual Meeting at *Chester, N. S.* on the first Monday after the 20th of June.

13th. Voted, That Brother LOWTROP HAMMOND preach the Introductory Sermon; in case of failure, Brother THOMAS ANSLEY.

14th. Voted, To advise the Churches belonging to this Community to observe the FIRST TUESDAY OF NOVEMBER, as a Day of Thanksgiving, and the FIRST DAY OF JANUARY as a Day of Fasting, Humiliation and Prayer before the Lord, that he would be graciously pleased to remove the dreadful calamities of War, and cause a more general spread of the Gospel, to establish Peace among all Nations.

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15th. The Association recommend to the Church of Upper Granville to deal with the offending Brethren that refuse to renew covenant with them, (as stated at this Session) according to GOD'S word; and that that Church has nothing to do with the difficulties that existed in the former Church.

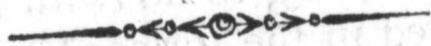
16th. Supplies to the St. John Church—EDWARD MANNING the fourth Sabbath in this Month; JAMES MANNING the next; JOSEPH CRANDAL the first and second Sabbath in November next.

17th. Voted, That the Moderator return the Thanks of this Association to the Inhabitants of *Sheffield* and *Waterborough*, for the kind and hospitable treatment of the Ministers and Messengers composing this Association, during this Session.

18th. Voted, That each Church belonging to this Council raise upon an average, *Sixpence* for each Member, to be sent to the Association, and put into the hands of the Treasurers, Brother DAVID HARRIS of Nova-Scotia, and Brother NATHAN GARRISON of New-

Brunswick, for the purpose of defraying the
 expence of Printing the Minutes, &c.

The Moderator closed this Session by
 Prayer.



NOTE.

It was a matter of serious concern in
 our Council, that so many Churches were
 deficient in sending Ministers and Messen-
 gers, and so unmindful of their duty respect-
 ing the promotion of the Gospel: Those
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CIRCULAR LETTER.

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN,

WE REJOICE in having been graciously favored with another Aniversary Meeting, in which our minds have been refreshed with the sight of our Brethren, the Elders and Messengers of the Churches, with their Letters, which contain good news. While some are wading through seas of trouble on the account of the hidings of God's face, others are filled with joy and gladness, the Lord having poured out of his Spirit upon them, and sons and daughters are born to God, and our Sion is enlarged. And now beloved in the Lord, we send you a few truths with which our minds are pressed: The watchman is to stand on the walls of the city, and to give warning to the people. We hope that we have been set and are graciously continued on the walls of our spiritual Sion; and though we of ourselves are but empty

vessels, yet by the grace of God we are filled with the truth, and made servants to the Churches, as stewards of the manifold grace of God through Jesus Christ our Lord. And first Brethren, what a solemn truth is this, that He whose eyes is as a burning flame, which run to and fro through the earth, beholding the evil and the good, is in the midst of the Churches, and beholds not only the conduct, but the intents and thoughts of every heart. When we compare our sentiments and practice with the doctrine and conduct of Christ and his Apostles, have we not cause to tremble before God and repent, and do our first works, lest he come and remove the candlestick. Are there not many of us who do not hold fast the form of sound words, but substitute in place thereof the doctrines of carnal men. The Holy Ghost has ingenuously brought forward the everlasting love of God as the foundation of the salvation of the poor sinner, with which is connected the meritorious life and atoning death of our Blessed Saviour, with all the great mystery of godliness. Here an infinite demand receives an infinite satisfaction, and our salvation is complete; while the astonished Angels de-

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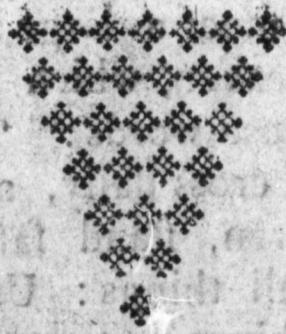
fire to look into it, but cannot fathom the
 mighty deep of God's profound decrees.
 How low and insipid is the idea to a sinner
 saved by grace, to bring forward any works
 of ours as conditions of salvation, when the
 Holy Ghost declares us to be dead in tres-
 passes and in sins. Surely was Paul to write
 again, he would say to such, as to the Church
 in Galatia: "O foolish Galatians, who hath
 bewitched you, that ye should not obey the
 truth." Again; does not some of us put more
 dependance on our own feelings and inward
 impulses of the present moment than to
 what has been done for us by our Blessed
 Lord and Saviour, and so become guilty of
 the sin of Idolatry. Moreover, are we not
 unmindful of our Lord's last solemn com-
 mand, "Go ye into all the world, and preach
 the Gospel to every creature." Are not ma-
 ny of the poor Ministers of Christ laboring
 in the field to gather food for their families,
 while almost all the duties of their Ministry
 are neglected, and thousands of poor sinners
 are perishing for lack of knowledge. Again;
 are there not some who think too lightly of
 the government of Christ used in the Church-
 es, and so despise the Church of God, in par-

ticular the associating of the Churches, as
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 thren. Paul hasted by all means to be at
 Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost; and the
 Messengers of the Apostolic Churches were
 nobly engaged, striving together for the u-
 nion and fellowship of the Churches; and
 Brethren, should we not strive for the same
 union; and what way so likely to obtain it,
 as to make the holy Scriptures the man of
 our counsel. Surely the small expence at-
 tending it can be no objection in the way.
 The satisfaction of meeting the Sister Church-
 es once in every year by their Elders, Mes-
 sengers and Letters, is a pleasure surpassing
 all the trouble and expence attending it,
 especially as it is connected with the honor
 of God, and the advancement of his glorious
 cause, which lies nearer the heart of a real
 disciple of Christ than all things besides.
 Dearly beloved Brethren, has not God be-
 gun to visit us with his rod? Does not the
 Holy Jesus say to his Churches in Nova-Scot-
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not out of the earth, but are an awful accomplishment of Christ's own words. Wars, and rumors of wars, famines, and divers calamities abound: All these are the beginning of sorrows. O! Brethren, let us all as out of one broken and contrite heart, cry mightily unto the Lord for strength to stand in this evil day; and when we have done all, to stand, having on the whole armour of God. By a close application to our Blessed Redeemer, we may have all we need. If the Lord send famine, still he is the bread of life to every hungry soul. If he send the sword, we may run in the name of the Lord and he will be our strong tower and safety. In short, all our wants may meet a large supply in the plain path to Heaven, which is briefly comprehended in these words: "Deny thyself, and take up thy cross daily, and follow me: And now Brethren, stand fast in the truth: Be faithful in all things: Use hospitality: Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low degree: Be ye perfectly joined together in the Lord, looking out in this day of wonders, for the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; who will be revealed from Heaven in flaming fire; taking vengeance

on them that know not God, and obey not the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ; but to be glorified in his Saints to their everlasting joy and comfort: O blessed day: Behold he cometh with clouds, and every eye shall see him; and all the kingdoms of the earth shall wail because of him: Thus saith the Amen: Behold I come quickly: Even so come Lord Jesus, Amen."



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