

# MINUTES

OF THE

**NEW-BRUNSWICK**

**BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.**

HOLDEN IN THE

**MEETING HOUSE,**

**King's Clear, N. B.**

JULY 9th and 10th,

**1827.**

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Saint Martins.....

**MINUTES, &C.**

*KING'S CLEAR, MONDAY, JULY 9, 1827.*

1st. INTRODUCTORY SERMON, by Elder Joseph Crandall, from St. John, chap. 18, part of verse 36, "*Jesus said my kingdom is not of this world.*"—After which, a Collection was taken for Missionary purposes, amounting to £7 4 0:

2d. The Messengers having taken their seats, chose elder Joseph Crandall, *Moderator*; Henry Blakslee, *Clerk*; and Jarvis Ring, *Assistant Clerk*.

3d. Read the Letters from the several Churches, Mite and Missionary Societies.

N. B. In the following Table, the names of Ordained Ministers are in small CAPITALS: those of Licensed Ministers in *Italics*. Ministers whose names are thus marked (\*) were not present. Churches from which we had no information at this Session, are designated (†). Such as have no Pastor, by a dash —

ACCOUNT OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	MESSENGERS.	Added.....	Dismissed....	Excluded.....	Died.....	Total No. of Members.
Fredericton.....	DAVID HARRIS, } Amasa Coy, } Jarvis Ring, } W. S. Estey, }	6	1	4	1	55
Waterbury.....	JOHN MASTERS, } David Currie, Jr. } Benjamin Coy, } John Estabrooks, } William A'terton, }	44	1		1	126
Saint John.....	Henry Blakslee, }	8	5	5		119
Prince William.....	LATHROP HAMMOND, } — Parent, } Benjamin Close, } Simon Estey, }	7	1		2	46
1st Wakefield.....	GILBERT SPURR, } Samuel Estabrooks, } Stephen Cory, }	23		1	4	29
Norton.....	FRANCIS PICKLE, .....	7		2		39
Nashwalk.....	.....					23
Salisbury.....	JOSEPH CRANDALL, } David Crandall, } James F. Goadrup, } James Blackney, } John Murney, }	5		5	1	126
Sackville.....	.....					141
Miramichi.....	JAMES TOZER, .....	4	4	8		95
†Madamkesway.....	.....					23
Douglas.....	John Foster, } John Yerksa, }			6	2	18
Oromocto.....	Benning Foster, } Putnam Jones, } John Nason, } Moses Foster, }	15	6	2	3	27
St. George.....	.....					14
Hillsborough.....	*JAMES WALLACE, .....	3			2	71
†2d Wakefield.....	.....					12
†Woodstock.....	.....					14
†New-Canaan.....	.....					52
Hopewell.....	N. CLEVELAND, .....	3				64
Cardigan.....	DAVID JAMES, .....	4	1	3	1	44
Bellisle.....	FRANCIS PICKLE, } W. B. Spragg, }	5		2		40
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2d Hampton.....	JOSEPH HENDERSON, } .....	4	1			39
Wickham.....	Jesse Taber, } .....					
Sussex Vale.....	*CHARLES LEWIS, } .....	1				28
Dorchester.....	George Clark, } .....					
Rushagornish.....	FRANCIS PICKLE, } .....	13				13
	*WILLIAM SEARS, } .....					
	John Colhoon, } .....	16				16
	JOHN LANDERS, } .....					
	Israel Smith } .....					
	David Philips, } .....	26				26
	Zophar Philips, } .....					
	William Smith, } .....					
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N. B. This Session were added the three last Churches.

Preaching at 5 o'clock, P. M. Monday, by Elder Meriam, from St. John, 3d chap. and 14th verse, "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the SON OF MAN be lifted up."

4th. Adjourned till 8 o'clock Tuesday morning.

TUESDAY, JULY 10.

Prayer Meeting at 5 o'clock, A. M.

5th. Pursuant to adjournment, met for dispatch of business.

6th. After Prayer, read and accepted the Circular Letter, prepared by Elder Charles Tupper.

7th. Read and accepted the Corresponding Letter, prepared by Elder Richard Scott.

8th. That the following Brethren be added to the Missionary Board in Saint John :—

Thomas Pettigell,  
Samuel Kinsman,  
Jacob Ring,

Joshua Bunting,  
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The Board will stand as follows :—

The MINISTER of the Church in St. John, *Chairman*,

John M. Wilmot, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Samuel Kinsman,
J. Holman, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Jacob Ring,
Henry Blakslee,	Joshua Bunting,
Thomas Pettingell,	George A. Garrison.

And that the following Brethren be chosen to act in conjunction with said Board :—

Elders F. Pickle,	Elders J. Masters,
J. Crandall,	J. Tozer,
D. Harris,	L. Hammond,
W. Sears,	G. Spurr.

9th. That all the business of the New-Brunswick Baptist Missionary Society be done by the Board.

10th. That the Secretary, or such person as may be appointed by the Board, correspond with the Association of Nova-Scotia, relative to the business of the Magazine.

11th. Received communications from Corresponding Associations, to-wit :

<i>Associations.</i>	<i>Messengers.</i>	<i>Minutes.</i>
Lincoln,	_____	_____
Eastern Maine,	MERIUM,	Minutes.
Bowdoinham,	_____	_____
Cumberland,	_____	_____
Nova Scotia,	RICHARDSON,	Minutes.

12th. Appointed Elder David James, Messenger to Sister Associations in the State of Maine ; and Elder Joseph Crandall to Nova Scotia—in case of failure, Elder Francis Pickle : and that Seventy Shillings be given to the latter to defray expences.

13th. Voted that our next Association be in the Baptist Meeting House, St. John, on the third Monday after the 20th June, 1828.

14th. That Elder Richard Scott preach the introductory Sermon ; that Elder John Masters write the Circular, and Elder David Harris the Corresponding Letter.

15th. That Elders J. Crandall and R. Scott prepare Rules, &c. for the conducting the business of the Association, to be submitted the next session.

16th. In answer to the questions submitted by the Church of Salisbury—It is recommended that Churches destitute of Pastoral aid, endeavour to obtain help from some of their Ministering Brethren in cases of discipline ; and that this Association consider the

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dissolution of a Church, to avoid discipline, very dishonouring to the Laws of the head of the Church, and would be introducing *a very dangerous error*: hence they recommend a strict and prayerful adherence to the WORD of GOD, which in every case and in every situation, is a perfect rule for the government and well ordering of the House of God: and they would further recommend, that in all the duties to be attended to, a gospel temper and childlike disposition be possessed, without which the grand enemy of Souls is likely to succeed in his endeavours to cause discord and division.

17th. That the liberality of the Mite Societies of St. John, Northampton, and Waterbury, be acknowledged, and the thanks of this Body be offered for their continued exertions and labours of love.

18th. That Fasting and Prayer be still recommended to be attended to on the first day of the year, as also the Monthly Missionary Prayer Meeting.

19th. That Henry Blakslee superintend the Printing of the Minutes, and that 1000 copies be printed.

20th. That the Association acknowledge the very uncommon attention of the brethren and friends of Kingsclear.

The business of the Association being finished, the Members took their leave for their respective homes, with the pleasing sensation of having had an agreeable and profitable Session.

P. S. The GENERAL MEETING will take place in Prince William Meeting House, Second Saturday in September next, at Ten o'clock, A. M.

The TREASURER'S ACCOUNT will be given in the 4th Number of the MAGAZINE.

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## CIRCULAR LETTER.

THE MESSENGERS of the NEW-BRUNSWICK BAPTIST CHURCHES, convened in Association, at KING'S CLEAR, July 1827, to the respective Churches they represent, send Christian Salutation.

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN IN THE LORD—

IN the present Circular we are disposed to call your attention to the propriety and importance of *making active and unremitting exertions for the spiritual welfare of your fellow men.* We are fully sensible that it is God alone who can effect the renovation and salvation of a soul. It is however equally certain that he is accustomed in the economy of Grace as well as in Providence to work by means. He usually employs the zealous efforts of his people for the accomplishment of his gracious purposes. Our Lord called his disciples the salt of the earth; and the light of the world: and hence enforced upon them to be careful to retain the savour of grace, that they might diffuse it abroad, and to let their light shine before men, that others might be enlightened thereby.

WHEN believers possess a due sense of the greatness of that mercy which God has exercised towards them, in delivering them from that eternal destruction which they justly deserved, and making them the partakers of the infinitely rich blessings of the Gospel of Christ, they cannot fail to perceive the propriety of striving to glorify him by employing the more earnest efforts for the promotion of his cause in the salvation of souls.

A LIVELY apprehension of the lamentable state of the unconverted, and the misery to which they are exposed, is calculated to excite commiseration in the hearts of the pious, and to induce them to use all the means in their power for the salvation of such as are ready to perish. A proper consideration of what Jesus has done and suffered for the salvation of guilty and polluted sinners, tends to influence and enable his people to disregard and surmount all the trials and obstacles which may present themselves in the way of their earnest endeavours to promote the future happiness of their fellow men. Nor ought the example of such of God's chosen as

have relinquished all prospects of worldly enjoyment, and borne the greatest privations, and endured persecution and death, for the furtherance of this good cause, to be overlooked by any who bear the christian name.

DEAR BRETHREN, you hope, and we also trust that the Lord has plucked you as brands from the burning, and has bestowed upon you the inestimable treasures of his grace. Many of your fellow immortals are perishing in their sins. It is your duty and your interest, to endeavour to be instrumental in bringing them to the knowledge of the glorious Redeemer. You will doubtless be ready to reply, we are indeed under the strongest obligations possible to love God supremely, and to devote ourselves and all that we have to the honour of his name, and the promotion of his kingdom among the sons of men. By what means may we hope most effectually to subserve this best of causes—the cause of God and truth?

SUCH are the diversities of the situations and circumstances of believers, that it is difficult to give any particular directions applicable to all cases. Each one should study to ascertain the best means of usefulness according to the situation in which he is placed, and diligently pursue them.

WE would however suggest a few thoughts relative to the most important and necessary measures to be pursued for the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom—

I. *Encourage the Preaching of the Gospel among yourselves.*—

We are informed by the inspired penman, that, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe, that faith cometh by hearing, and that Ministers are given for the perfecting of the Saints. Observation evinces that the plain, faithful, and scriptural preaching of the word is made the principal means, under the influence of the Holy Spirit, for the conversion of sinners, and the sanctification of believers. Consequently, they who would promote the interests of religion in their own place, should endeavour to support the preaching of the Gospel. Have you a Pastor? strive to encourage his heart and strengthen his hands in his important work, and be careful to make such provision for his temporal support as may free his mind from worldly cares. If you have no Pastor, pray earnestly that God may give you one after his own heart; and use active exertions to obtain a suitable one by making provision for his support, and looking out and inviting him to labor with you.

II. *Aid Missionary Societies.* There are many places in your own Province where the labours of Gospel Ministers are greatly

needed. You know in the region and s Gospel to be diffused exertions, both at tainly then it behov to the destitute. I afford it your aid, if unable to afford m power. We are ca we have no reason the promotion of h us, nor that withhol and Chap. 11, 3, 4.

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needed. You know also that vast multitudes of heathen are sitting in the region and shadow of death, require the light of the glorious Gospel to be diffused among them. God is crowning Missionary exertions, both at home and abroad with abundant success—certainly then it behoves his people to be active in sending the Gospel to the destitute. If you have a Missionary Society established, afford it your aid, if not, form one without delay. Should you be unable to afford much assistance, be sure that you do all in your power. We are dependant on God for our worldly substance, and we have no reason to suppose that contributing a portion of it, for the promotion of his glory, and the good of men, will impoverish us, nor that withholding it will enrich us. See Prov. 3, 10, 11, and Chap. 11, 3, 4.

III. Assist Bible Societies. The dissemination of the Scriptures, which are able to make men wise unto salvation, is calculated to produce the most glorious effects; and has been signally owned and blessed of God, to the advancement of his cause. In connection with these we may recommend Tract Societies, and Sunday Schools. Each of these institutions has its peculiar advantages, and all mutually unite their influence to promote the general good. They are valuable and worthy of our assistance: but if it be not consistent for persons to take an active part in aiding all, they can have their choice to which of them their influence shall be given. Let every one however, assist some of them, as means and opportunities admit.

IV. Fill your places in the House of God. Every believer ought to be decidedly for God. Meetings on the Lord's day, Conference, Prayer Meetings, and whatever meetings may be deemed necessary, ought to be constantly and punctually attended. When Church Members absent themselves without unavoidable necessity, they wrong their souls, injure the Church, dishearten their Pastor, and dishonour God. Paul says, *I beseech you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.* Let all who possess gifts for exhortation or prayer, improve the talents bestowed upon them.

V. Pray earnestly for the prosperity of Zion. Although God has determined and promised to bestow blessings upon the subjects of grace, yet *he will be enquired of by the house of Israel to do it for them.* We ought therefore to be importunate in our supplications at a throne of grace for the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom. Occupy your places at the monthly concert of prayer—pray in your families, and intreat the Lord in secret to revive his work. The

prophecies and promises afford an ample warrant for the prayer of faith, which will certainly be answered in due time.

VI. *Let the whole course of your deportment be such as becomes the Gospel of Christ.* Improperities of conduct will more than counterbalance all the good which we may do, in other respects, for the furtherance of the cause of religion. While on the other hand a life of devotedness to God, and a proper demeanour towards men, will stamp a value upon all our exertions. Consequently if we desire to be instrumental in promoting the interests of religion, it behoves us to endeavour to maintain a sacred nearness to God, to observe his statutes, to walk uprightly in the various relations of life, to train up our children, and those committed to our charge, in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; to arouse and admonish our fellow creatures, and by a suitable example to evince to them, the reality, excellence, and value of the religion of Christ.

BRETHREN, may the Lord impress upon all our minds a lively sense of our obligations to him; may he inspire us with an ardent desire for the prosperity of Zion; may he influence and enable us to pursue that course, which will tend to the promotion of his glory, and the eternal welfare of our fellow men, for Christ's sake: AMEN.

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## CORRESPONDING LETTER.

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THE NEW-BRUNSWICK ASSOCIATION to Sister Associations with whom they correspond, sendeth Christian Salutation.

DEAR BRETHREN—

It is with heartfelt pleasure we address you at the return of this Anniversary. May the presence and blessing of the God of Heaven continue to be enjoyed by you, and by us. When we contemplate on the riches of Divine Grace as revealed in the Gospel, and manifested to our souls by the agency of the holy spirit, it fills our hearts with joy and gladness, and are thereby led to consider the infinite obligations we are under, to glorify God in our bodies and spirits which are his. Surely if God has chosen his people to

salvation, if he has the fear of death, by his spirit, to effect in their hearts; if to enjoy the blessing of eternity;—then it behoves our feet, Christ in what we shall render

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salvation, if he has redeemed them from the curse of the law, and the fear of death, by his precious blood; if he has poured upon them his spirit, to effect the great work of regeneration, and sanctification in their hearts; if he has adopted us into his family, and called us to enjoy the blessings of the covenant of grace in time, and through eternity;—then it becomes us to endeavour to keep the world under our feet, Christ in our heart, and heaven in our eye; and enquire what we shall render to the Lord for all his benefits towards us.

As to the state of our Churches, we are sorry to say that the additions to our numbers are not so great as in former years; but the Lord has his set time to favour Zion, and there are a goodly number here, who are earnestly praying that he may come down as rain upon the mown grass, and as showers to water the earth.

BRETHREN pray for us, as we do for you, that we may enjoy the consolations of religion. While we have no other way to maintain christian fellowship here, but by keeping up our correspondence, let us daily anticipate the happiness we hope to enjoy in that kingdom of light and glory where there will be no bar to intercourse; where at God's right hand our joys will be full without interruption and without end. We are thankful for the kind visit of your messengers, and minutes, and intreat the favour of a continued correspondence, and pray that the best of blessings may attend you.

JOSEPH CRANDALL, *Moderator,*  
HENRY BLAKSLEE, *Clerk,*  
JARVIS RING, *Assistant Clerk.*