

MINUTES

OF THE

SIXTH SESSION

OF THE

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BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

OF NOVA SCOTIA.

HELD AT BEAR RIVER,

ON

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MINUTES,

The Association met with the Bear River Church pursuant to adjournment, at 9 o'clock A. M., and was called to order by the Rev B. Smithers. After singing and prayer, the Rev. H. Jackson, was chosen Moderator, Rev R Preston, Secretary, and Rev J Thomas Treasurer. The following Committee was then appointed to examine the letters, and read them,—Revs R Preston and J Thomas,

The letters from the Churches were now read, from which a list of Delegates was obtained; and also the statistics of the Churches which are subjoined:

DELEGATES.

- Halifax—Rev. R. Preston, D. D.
Hammond Plains—Brethren T. Jones, E. Taylor.
Bear River—Rev. H. Jackson, Brother J. Earvin.
Granville Mountain—Brethren C. Jackson, G. Taller, A. Clemmons.
Preston, First Church—Rev. J. Thomas.
Preston, Second Church—Rev. B. Smithers, Brother P. Crany.
Yarmouth—Brother Dice,
Dartmouth—Rev. J. Thomas.
Campbell Road—Rev. R. Preston.
Digby Joggings—J. Wilmer, J. Francis.
Beach Hill—Rev. R. Preston.
Weymouth—J. Lankford,
Moose River—Rev. H. Jackson.
Lower Horton—Rev. J. Thomas.

STATISTICS.

State of the Churches—increase and decrease.

	Baptized.	Received.	Removed.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.
Halifax	1	3	0	0	3	91
Dartmouth	0	0	0	0	0	7
Preston First	0	0	0	0	0	75
Preston Second	0	0	0	5	1	66
Hammond Plains	0	0	0	0	0	48
Beach Hill	0	0	0	0	0	7
Bear River	1	0	0	0	1	17
Yarmonth	4	0	0	0	0	21
Granville Mountain	3	0	0	0	1	34
Digby Joggings	0	0	0	0	0	16
Weymouth	0	0	0	0	0	16
Moose River	0	0	0	0	0	4
Lower Horton	9	1	0	0	0	14
Windsor Road	0	0	0	0	1	9

The subjoined committee was then appointed to report upon Questions proposed by the Association:

Brethren C. Jackson, G. Toller, A. Clemons, P. Craney, T. Joans, E. Taylor, E. Jackson.

Voted that the Lower Horton Church be received in our Association, and the right hand of fellowship was given to the Rev. J. Thomas, in their behalf.

Voted that the Association adjourn.

Met pursuant to adjournment, at 11 o'clock, A. M. Rev Henry Jackson preached the introductory sermon, from the Book of Psalms, chap. xvii, 15th verse. "As for me I will behold thy face in righteousness; I shall be satisfied when I awake with thy likeness."

The usual collection for Home Missions

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was taken; afterwards the Association resumed its business.

Voted that the Ministering Brethren be requested to visit Churches in our connection as often as they can, and that the Churches be requested to collect monies once a week for Missionary purposes.

Voted that the Churches of the Association be requested to offer up solemn prayer to God for the blessings of the past, and for the further spread of the Gospel through the whole earth.

Voted that no trustees or other officers be appointed over Churches belonging to this Association while they continue members of other churches.

Voted that the next meeting of the Association be held with the Hammond Plains church, and that the Rev Benson Smithers, Preach the introductory sermon, and Rev J. Thomas, his alternate.

Voted that the Revs R Preston, J. Thomas, B. Smithers, superintend the printing of the Minutes, and that they be requested to have the names of Ordained Ministers and those of Licentiates, as well as Deacons, and counsel men placed on the minutes.

Voted that the Rev J. Thomas write the Circular Letter,

Votad that the warmest thanks of this as-

sociation be hereby presented to the Baptist congregation in Bear River, together with the friends of other denominations, for the kind and noble manner in which we have been entertained during our session,—after which the ministers and Delegates joined hands together, the Rev R Preston addressed the throne of Grace, and the Doxology was sung; the association then adjourned, to meet with the Hammend Plains Church, on the 1st Saturday in September, 1860, at 2 o'clock, P.M.

MINISTERS, LICENTIATES AND DEACONS.

Halifax.—Rev. R. Preston, D. D. Rev. J. Thomas; Deacons, William Barratt, P. Sport, J. Edwards, A. Dixon; Counsellors, C. Hill, D. Gross, T. Connix, J. Cox; Collectors, J. Sprigs, J. Simons; Clerk, J. R. Thomas; Door Keepers, J. Barron, J. Wright.

Dartmouth.—C. Rone, Licentiate; J. Gerry, Deacon.

Campbell Road.—Deacon, J. Grant; Licentiate, H. Bailey.

Beach Hill.—H. Bailey, Licentiate.

Hammond Plains.—Rev. John Hamilton; Deacon, N. Giffkin; Counsellors, T. Joans, D. Wiley.

Bear River.—Rev. H. Jackson; Licentiates, J. Erven, E. Jackson.

Granville Mountain.—Deacons, C. Jackson, G. Taller, A. Clemmonds.

Yarmouth.—Speaker D. Dise; Deacon, S. Chandler; Counsellor, G. Dise.

Preston First.—Licentiates, J. Collins, T. Saunders.

G. Brown; Deacons, J. Slaughter, W. Dare, jun'r. D. Brown; Counsellors, W. Dare, sen'r. P. Williams.

Preston Second.—Rev: B. Smithers; Licentiate, G. Neel; Deacons, J. Smith, sen'r. P. Craney, C. Glasko; Clerk, Joseph Smith, jun'r.

Digby Joggings.—Licentiate, J. Wilmot; Counsellors J. Frances, I. Frances.

Weymouth.—Rev. H. Jackson; Counsellors, J. Lankford, P. Woodard; Clerk, J. Pleasant.

Moose River.—Rev., H. Jackson.

Lower Horton.—Rev. J. Thomas; Deacon, D. Doldman; Counsellor, J. Doldman.

Windsor Branch.—Speaker, P. Johnster.

Cornwallis.—Rev. Brethren requested to visit, Revs. R. Preston, J. Thomas, promised to do so as often as they can, until further arrangements. Counsellors for Cornwallis, W. Jones, G. Fraser, D. Taylor.

Circular Letter.

Dearlly Beloved Brethren,

God our heavenly Father, through his great mercy, has spared our lives through the past year, and permitted us to meet again this year at our Annual Association; where our hearts were made glad, to meet with our Brethren and to hear them preach and tell that Jesus had done all things well.

It was pleasing to see the love and harmony, which apparently hovered over the Ministers and Delegates, when they would meet together, to sett'e the business of the Churches; relative to the glory and kingdom of God. Every difficulty appeared to melt like snow before a burning sun. Surely we could say with the

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Poet, here I rise my Ebenezer hither, by thy help
I come, and I hope by thy good pleasure safely to arrive
at home.

Our Ministering Brethren proceeded on to Digby, preaching as they went, when it was thought advisable for the benefit of the Churches, that they should separate. Brother Smithers, returning to Bear River, and Brother Preston and Brother Thomas, proceeding on to Weymouth, where they met with their friends, with hearts and hands open to receive them, and with ears prepared to hear the glad tidings of the Gospel.

After remaining a few days in this place, another separation of our Brethren was thought to be the mind of God.—Brother Preston returning to Digby, and to the various Churches and settlements, on his way to Halifax, while Brother Thomas proceeded on to Yarmouth, accompanied with Brother E. Jackson, Licentiate, where they had a good time with the dear friends.

Our Ministering Brethren met together at Lower Horton, where they had a refreshing time, with the Brethren and friends in this place, and finally arrived home on the 22nd of October, where they met their families in good health, and the churches anxiously awaiting their return.—Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, for his wonderful works to the children of men. For he satisfieth the longing souls and filleth the hungry with goodness.

Dearly Beloved Brethren,—We have been called on to mourn the loss of our much esteemed and beloved Brother Clarke,—he is not, for God has taken him; we miss him, our loss has been his gain, he has gone to his heavenly Father. Let us all be prepared to meet him.—Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his Saints.

