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MINUTES.

SEPTEMBER 28th, A. D. 1868.

The Association met with the Yarmouth Church pursuant to adjournment, at 11 o'clock, A. M. Prayers and preaching by Brother Henry Francis, Licentiate, from Corinthians, chap. v, 1st verse. Adjourned.

Met on Monday at 11 o'clock. Rev. B. Smithers read the 3rd chapter St. Matthew; prayer by Brother H. Francis. After singing and prayer, the introductory sermon was preached by the Rev. B. Smithers. Read chapter vii., 17th and 18th verses of the Prophecy of Daniel, followed by Brother H. Francis. Speaking by Brother George Dise, and Deacons A. Berry, Silas Chandler and Wentworth Thomas. Adjourned to meet at three o'clock.

Preaching by Rev. A. Cogswell from St. Matthew, chap. xxviii., and part of the 3rd verse, followed by Brother H. Francis, Rev. B. Smithers, Brother Powers, George Dise, Licentiate, Deacon Anthony Berry, and Brother W. Thomas. Adjourned to meet Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock, A. M.

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Reading by Rev. B. Smithers. After singing and prayer Brother H. Francis preached from Timothy, chap. ii., 1st verse, followed by Rev. B. Smithers. Then adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock, P. M.

Preaching again by Brother Henry Francis from Exodus, chap. xiv. and 14th verse, followed by Rev. B. Smithers and a number of the Brethren. Adjourned to meet at 7 o'clock, P. M., in the Salmon River church.

Preaching by Rev. Mr. Sullivan, from 1st Peter, chapter i. and 8th verse, followed by Brother H. Francis and other Brethren.

Met on Wednesday at 9 o'clock, A. M. Rev. B. Smithers read the 2d chapter of Corinthians. Prayer by Brother H. Francis.

Moved and seconded that Rev. B. Smithers be Moderator.

Moved and seconded that H. Francis, Licentiate, be Chairman.

Moved and seconded that Deacon Anthony Berry be Treasurer.

Moved and seconded that Wentworth Thomas be Secretary.

Moved and seconded that every Member of each Church pay 10 cents a month.

Moved and seconded that George Dise and Anthony Berry collect this money and bring it to the Treasurer.

Moved and seconded that Brother George Dise be Superintendant of the Minutes.

Moved and seconded that W. T. Thomas and B. F. Rogers also assist in superintending the printing of the Minutes.

Moved and seconded that each superintendant have one dollar out of what is collected.

Moved by H. Francis and carried, that W. Thomas write the Circular Letter.

Moved and seconded to adjourn till 4 P. M.

Met according to adjournment. Rev. B. Smithers read the 28th chapter St. Matthew. Prayer by Brother H. Francis. After singing and prayer it was moved by Rev. B. Smithers and seconded by Brother Geo. Dise, that W. Thomas read the letters.

Moved and seconded that Brother H. Francis stand as candidate for ordination.

Moved and seconded that the Association be held at Digby Joggins the last Saturday in September, 1869.

Voted, That we receive the Campbell Road Church into our Association.

Moved and seconded that Rev. B. Smithers preach the introductory sermon.

Moved and seconded that Brother H. Francis be his alternate.

Moved and seconded that Rev. B. Smithers be head and bishop of the Association.

We then adjourned to meet with the Digby Church the last Saturday in September.

DELEGATES.

Preston, Second—Rev. B. Smithers.

Granville Mountain—Brother H. Francis.

Bear River—Brother H. Francis.

Digby Joggins—Brother H. Francis.

Weymouth—Brother H. Francis.

Yarmouth—Deacon S. Chandler.

STATISTICS.

State of the Churches—*increase and decrease.*

| Churches. | Baptised. | Rec'd. | Exo'd. | Rem'd. | Died. | Total |
|---------------------|-----------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|
| Preston Second, | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 84 |
| Granville Mountain, | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 18 |
| Bear River, | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 20 |
| Digby Joggins, | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Weymouth, | 10 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 17 |
| Yarmouth, | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 28 |
| | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| | 15 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 148 |

COUNCILLORS.

James Langford, sen.,
Joseph C. Harrison,
F. Randolph Langford,

Charles E. Miller,
George R. Langford,
George Berry.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

Another year has passed and carried with it its thousands, some of whom we expect to meet on the fair plains of unclouded glory, where the Lamb that is in the midst of the Throne shall feed them and lead them to fountains of living waters, and God shall wipe all tears from their faces.

Dear brethren, knowing that this world is not our home, for we are strangers and sojourners as were our fathers, therefore we seek a country which the world by nature knows nothing about. For this end let us strive to let our light shine while in the world, that men may see our good works, and glorify our Father which is in Heaven; then will the unthinking world take cognizance of us and say their rock is not as our rock, their God is not as our God, and with Ballam of old say, "Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his."

It was pleasing to see the love and harmony which apparently hovered over the ministers and brethren when they would meet together to settle the business of the Churches relative to the glory and kingdom of God; every difficulty appeared to melt like snow before a burning sun.

Our dear old father Benson Smithers and Henry Francis proceeded on to Beaver River, accompanied by a large number of the brethren and sisters, where they met with a large assembly of people. Brother Smithers addressed the audience, and we had a refreshing time.

Next morning they proceeded on to Weymouth and Bear River, preaching and baptising in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Oh, that men would praise the Lord for His goodness and for His wonderful works to the children of men, for He satisfieth longing souls and filleth the hungry with goodness.

We hope that our dear old father will rise step by step until all his enemies are under his feet, and then his last step we trust will be in through the gate of Heaven, where he shall ever be at rest.

Now the God of peace that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work, to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever, Amen.

Next morning they proceeded on to Westport and then
river, passing and passing in the name of the Lord Jesus
him, and we had a refreshing time.
assembly of people. Brother Smith, advised the
of the permanent session, who they met with a large
proceeded to Kansas River, accompanied by a large number
Our dear old father, passed through and lived for
pointed to him, his now being a living man, was
relatives to the glory and kingdom of God, every day
would work for love in earth, the kingdom of the
world, from over the universe and beyond when they
It is pleasing to see the love and devotion which
and be the first.

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