### MINUTES

OF THE

### NOVA-SCOTIA

# BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD AT

WILMOT, COUNTY OF ANNAPOLIS,

On the 27th, 28th, and 29th June, 1842.

TOGETHER WITH

The Circular Letter, Missionary Notices, &c.

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MONDAY, June 27th, 1842.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by the Rev. John Chase from 1st Cor. 5, 12—"But suffer all things, lest we should hinder the gospel of Christ."

A Collection was then taken in aid of Missions, in addition to one taken on the preceding Sabbath.

Rev. J. Pryor was appointed Moderator; Rev. William Chipman, Clerk; and brother i. L. Chipman, Assistant Clerk; Rev. Silas Rand, and brother Samuel Richardson, were appointed to read the Letters from the Churches to the Association; and Rev. Messrs. Geo. Dimock, A. V. Dimock, H. Porter, and C. Randall, to examine the same.

The following Brethren were appointed a Committee to examine into and report on any subjects referred to in the Letters from the Churches for the consideration of the Association, viz:—Rev. Messrs. E. Manning, T. S. Harding, C. Tupper, N. Viditoe, and brethren S. Taylor, and W. Randal.

All ordained Ministers present not named in the Letters from the Churches as Messengers, were invited to take their seats with the Association.

The Letters from the Churches were then read, and the following Minutes taken.

[In the following Table, the names of ordained Ministers are in SMALL CAPITALS; those of Licentiates in *Italics*; Ministers not present are marked with an asterisk\*; Churches from which no information was received marked thus †; and vacant churches distinguished by a dash——.

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The five last churches were received during the present Session, and in behalf of the Association the right hand of fellowship was presented by the Moderator to the brethren present who were appointed as their representatives for this purpose.

The Church at Antigonish was inadvertently omitted to be noted in the Minutes of the last year.

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The following numbers shew the state of the Churches for the last year :- Restored, 44; Added by Baptism, 1113; By Letter, 73; Removed, 36; Dismissed, 172; Excluded, 81; Died, 70; Total, 7,453.

The Clerk has occasion to remark again, that notwithstanding the request made in the last Minutes, that every church would take care that a correct return of its numbers should be given, yet that many of the returns of the present year are again incorrectly made. It is very desirable that such inadvertency should in future be corrected, in order to secure regularity in the printed statements in the Minutes.

Rev. A. V. Dimock and Bro. I. L. Chipman, were appointed to receive the Missionary money in the absence of the Treasurer to-morrow morning. Adjourned till 5 o'clock.

Met according to appointment. Prayer by the Moderator.

Resolved-That brother Nutting superintend the printing of the Minutes, and that the Clerk direct the number of copies required.

Resoived-That bro. Tupper be our Messenger to the New Brunswick Association, and receive from the Missionary fund £5 for such

Resolved-That Rev. Edward Manning be appointed to write the Circular Letter for the ensuing year.

Resolved-That the Association be held the next year with the 2nd Yarmouth church, to commence as usual on the 1st Monday after the 20th June, at 10 o'clock, and that the Rev. Theodore S. Harding be appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon, and in case of failure, the Rev. Joseph Dimock.

Resolved-That the thanks of the Association be presented to the Female Baptist Mission wy Mite Societies of this Province, for the important aid they have afforded the cause of Missions, and that this Association recommend that similar Societies be formed in connection with the Churches in all parts of the province.

Resolved-That the monthly Concert of Prayer for the heathen be recommended to be observed by the Churches, and that a collection be taken at all such meetings in aid of the missionary fund.

Resolved-That the present Missionary Board be continued, with the exception of bro. R. McLearn, who has resigned.

Resolved-That brethren Ferguson and Nutting, be requested to ex-

amine the Circular Letter, and that the same be printed.

Resolved-That the consideration of the subject of Assions be resumed to-morrow, immediately after the business of the Education So-

Resolved-That the appointment of Elders Tupper and Crawley, with brother Nutting, as a Committee in conjunction with the brethren appointed by the Missionary Board of New Brunswick, for making arrangements relative to the establishment of a Mission in some heathen

Resolved-That instead of the yearly meeting, as heretofore, simullaneous meetings, similar thereto, be held at Portipique, Chester, and Illisburgh on the 1st Sabbath after the 20th September next.

Resolved—In answer to the suggestion of the first Cornwallis Church in reference to the expediency of dividing the Association,—That this Association consider such measure not at present expedient.

Resolved—That a Committee be appointed, for the purpose of making such arrangements as may be necessary for the next Association; and that Elders Harris, Harding, W. Burton, J. Lent, and A. V. Dimock, be such Committee.

Prayer-Adjourned.

Tuesday Morning, 10 o'clock.

Preaching by bro. Crawley from Prov. iv. 7.

The meeting of the Education Society then took place. Prayer by Rev. T. S. Harding, who was voted to take the chair,—the Rev. Edw. Manning, the President of the Society, being absent from indisposition.

The Secretary then read the Report of the proceedings of the Society for last year, which was adopted by a vote of the Society. The

following Resolutions were then passed :-

Resolved—That this Society acknowledge their obligations to Almighty God, for the remarkable success with which he has smiled on their labours, as is manifested by the continued efficiency of their Institutions at Horton, by the constant increase in the numbers of youth who seek their education there, but especially by the blessings of Divine grace which they trust have been largely enjoyed in both the College and Academy.

Resolved That the thanks of this Society are due to the Legislature of Nova Scotia, for the liberality with which they have during the last Session, as heretofore, contributed to the funds of the Society,

fron the Provincial Treasury.

Resolved—That the great body of the Baptist Denomination now convened at Wilmet, form itself into a Society to be called the Associated Society of Baptists of Nova Scotia, and that for the practical working of which there be Branch Societies formed in each church for the furtherence of the cause of Education, Foreign and Domestic Missions, Sabbath Schools, and for the support of superannuated Ministers and their families.

Resolved -- That a Committee be appointed to frame a Constitution for the Society, and that it be forwarded to to the several Branches for

their adoption.

Resolved—That Rev. Messrs J. Pryor, W. Burton, E. A. Crawley, I. E. Bill, and Dr. Sawers, be such Committee; and that the Ministers and Messengers of the Churches now present, pledge themselves to the interests of the Society above named, as far as the utmost exertion of their abilities and influence can effect.

Resolved—That William Allen Chipman, Rev. William Burton, and Caleb R. Bill, Esq. be added to the Executive Committee of the Ed.

Society, and to the Board of Governors of Acadia College.

Resolved—That it is the determination of this Society to persevere in the important objects for which it was constituted, and that they are encouraged in such a course by the success which has accompanied their past exertions, by the present flourishing state of the Institutions at Horton, and by the extensive usefulness which they are diffusing throughout the Province, and are urged thereto by the necessity

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Resolved—That Brother Charles Randall be requested to act as an agent in behalf of the Education Society, that he be instructed to collect all arrestages on former subscriptions, and also to carry the foregoing Resolution into effect especially by procuring annual subscriptions.

Resolved—That a meeting of the Education Society be held in Amherst during the month of August—the particular day of meeting to be notified by the Secretary of the Education Society in the Christian Messenger.

Resolved—That the churches composing this Association be requested to petition the Legislature at the coming session for aid in the erection of buildings, and that such petitions be recommended to be as numerously signed as possible.

Met according to appointment. Preaching by Brother Burpe, from 8, 9, in reference to the Missionary cause, after which proceeded to business.

Resolved—That our Messenger to the New Brunswick Association be requested to state to them that this Association is desirous of knewing what part they are willing to bear in sustaining the contemplated Foreign Mission, in order that some definite conclusion may be come to on the subject.

Resolved—That this Association will undertake to sustain two Missionaries to the heathen, who lever part of this burthen may be borne, or whatever may be done towards the promotion of this object, by our brethren of New Brunswick.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Met according to adjournment. Preaching by Elder Tupper in reference to the Sunday School Union, the business of which was then to fellow.

Whereas, the members of the Association have been found not to have taken their seats regularly, when their names were announced in the Letters from the Churches, and from want of attention in this respect, and for other reasons, several of them have left the meeting,

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Resolved—That hereafter wherever the Association is held, the Church shall, by a Committee of arrangement or otherwise, take care that all delegates are furnished with seats in a body, and that no delegate shall be permitted to leave the business before it closes, without a vote of the Association.

The Report of the Committee of the Nova Scotia S. S. Union, was then presented and read by the Secretary, which was thereupon adopted, and ordered to be printed in the Christian Messenger, together with 1.000 copies in a Pamphlet form, at the expense of the Society, the

profits if any to accrue to the Society.

Voted to continue the same Officers as heretofore, with the exception of Depositary & Treasurer-the duties of the present incumbent interfering with his continuance. The Society having it in view to make if possible permanent provision for this office, Rev. J. Pryor and bro. I. L. Chipman, were chosen a Committee for the purpose, to whom also

was entrusted the selection of an Agent.

Resolved-That this Association recommend most earnestly to the Churches their continued and strenuous effort for the establishment and support of Sabbath Schools; they also press on the attention of parents the importance of their taking a strong interest in Sabbath School instruction, and putting their children in the way of receiving it-and upon all persons capable of affording such instruction, they urge the duty of giving their services.

Resolved also, that the Association request the Churches in their letters, never to neglect mentioning the condition of Sabbath Schools in

their respective congregations.

Resolved-That while we highly approve of the exertions that have been made in favour of the Temperance Reform, and rejoice in the success that has attended them, we would affectionately urge upon all our Ministers, and the members of our churches, the importance of persevering and increased efforts for the entire suppression of intemperance.

Resolved—That any young men who are disposed to offer themselves as Missionaries to the heathen, be requested to make it known to the

Committee appointed for the purpose.

Whereas, a very large sum still remains due for the printing and publishing the Christian Messenger, previous to the year 1841, for the payment of which the Missionary Board stand pledged; and whereas, it would be extremely prejudicial to the missionary interests, should the Board be obliged to provide for the deficiency, and whereas, very considerable balances still remain due in different parts of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, from subscribers for the Messenger,

It is therefore Resolved-That all subscribers who are in arrears for the paper previous to the above period, be urgently requested to pay in their respective balances with the least possible delay, in order to liquidate the above liabilities, and relieve the Missionary Board from so se-

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Resolved-That brother Charles Tupper be appointed an Agent to collect the above balances in the Eastern parts of this Province, and in

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the Province of New Brunswick, and that the Missionary Board in New Brunswick be respectfully requested to defray his expenses during such agency in that Province; and that Bro. A. V. Dimock be appointed agent for the above purpose for the western parts of Nova Scotia.

Whereas, the continuance of the Christian Messenger, is, in the judgment of this Association, of great importance to the general interests of the Denomination.

Resolved—That the Publication do receive the continued support of the Denomination, and remain under their patronage as heretofore.

Resolved—That the Circular of Rev. David Benedict, author of a History of the Baptists, and now soliciting information for a further prosecution of his work, be published in the Christian Messenger, and that all persons interested do communicate the information desired to the Rev. E. A. Crawley.

Resolved—That it be strongly recommended to the churches composing this Association, to select from among their number such brethren as delegates to represent them at our annual meeting, as from their ability for business, depth of judgment, and general weight of character, shall conduce most to the interests of this body.

Resolved—That with feelings of no ordinary interest this Association tender their thanks to the Nictaux Baptist Church and Congregation, and the inhabitants of Nictaux generally, for their kind offices during its present session, and with much pleasure also they acknowledge the kindness of the Methodist Society of this place in opening their chapel for their accommodation.

Voted, That Brother Joseph Dimock answer the request from the Kempt Church.

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By Rev. Joseph Dimock.

BELOVED BRETHREN,

Being by the kind providence of God, permitted to meet in this highly favored portion of the Lord's vineyard, we cannot but linger in recollection for a short time on scenes that are past, and compare them with the present. We regard with great satisfaction, the rapid improvement manifest in this fine section of our country, which affords so large a measure of comfort and independence to its teeming po-

pulation.

But our minds dwell with more intense interest and admiration on the wonders grace has wrought! and on the means by which so great a moral and religious influence as we now behold, has been effected. We look back on the moral waste this land presented but a few years ago. How few there were then who knew the joyful sound; but yet, how ardent the piety of those few. How welcome to their hospitable fireside the messengers of peace, who came within their borders -how welcome the message they brought,-O surely, God was with those heralds of salvation, and worked by them in a remarkable manner. Through their instrumentality, He was pleased to break up the fallow ground and cultivate the fields, which now bloom around us on every side with heavenly verdure. How deeply do we venerate the character of our late lamented brother, Handley Chipman. His memory indeed, is embalmed in all the early churches of Nova Scotia, but he was instrumental in an eminent degree in the hand of God, in planting and sustaining the gospel in this County-here he labored indefatigably until he saw Aaron's rod not only bud and blossom, but also bear fruit. He saw a vast increase of preachers of the gospel running to and fro with messages of mercy to sinners, and he also witnessed the blessed fruits resulting from their labours. He beheld churches multiplying around him, and now instead of their being but one church here, of which he was pastor, and which extended over a large tract of country, on the same field of labour ten or twelve churches are to be seen with seven or eight ordained ministers. All this he lived to see effected in a considerable degree, and like a shock of corn, in due season he at last was gathered to his own people, and, we doubt not, welcomed by the master he so long and so faithfully served, with a "well done good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

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From this highly favoured spot, then, we now, dear Brethren, address you. The tidings from many of our churches is highly interesting—ransomed souls are flocking as clouds and doves to their windows, while others are mourning for sin, and intreating your prayers that their captivity may speedily be brought to an end.

The success that has attended the various Institutions connected with the spreading kingdom of the Redeemer, and which are fostered by our churches, we think call for some grateful returns. That God has so far owned our exertions, humble and feeble indeed though they be, calls for thanksgiving, prayer, and joint exertion for the still greater extension of his cause and kingdom.

The Bible Society, in its steady march onward to enlighten the world, has astonished both friends and foes, and if any should think that it withholds its aid from any one object which is worthy of support of disseminating the word of life among the perishing thousands of mankind, it surely claims our continued support. Its rapid progress, too, gives us encouragement that it shall accomplish the noble ends its great author intended to effect by it in its original formation.

We would also bring to your notice the cause of Missions. Our Home and Foreign Societies are assuming an attitude of importance which calls on all who love the souls of men to rejoice in their success, to sympathize with their wants, and to listen to the lamentations and cries for help, that are sounding forth from every corner of our land. United prayer, too, is called for, to the Lord of the harvest to send forth labourers, and to bless the exertions now being made to sustain those he sends. Dear brethren, we are encouraged to attempt great things, though our means at present are small. Those societies who are in our van, began with small means, but as doors of usefulness opened their resources increased; and if their funds have not been fully equal to the demands made upon them, perhaps this has been to try the faith, and excite to renewed exertion and persevering diligence those who are the true friends of Zion. Oh! whitened fields are before us, calling aloud for labourers, and can we remain without feeling-or feeling, can we be idle? God forbid.

Tract Societies have the same object in view, viz. To communicate Bible truth far and near. These Societies act as noble auxiliaries to the living missionary. At a small expense they travel far by sea and land—and in heathen countries men have been led by them to come from a great distance, and inquire for Jesus Christ's Man, and to listen to what the missionary had to say for his blessed Master, and from his lips to learn the way to heaven and glory.

In the next place we would present to the view of our dear Brethsen, our Education Society, which, in its various departments, has most powerful claims on our regard. So much so, that the success of all our

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other Societies rests, so to speak, on this. Our Bible cannot be translated into the different languages and dialects of the earth, without education. Who can publish or read this blessed book without education? who can preach the gospel without education? and surely, the more the mind of the servant of God is cultivated, the more he is trained to deep thinking, and the more ready will he be in communicating the truths of the gospel, and in defending it against unreasonable objections. Not only so, but we would ask what calling there is in life in which learning is not useful, while in many it is emphatically indispensable; and seeing it is so considered, and that a great number in our country, connected with our denomination, will seek after it and will obtain it-how necessary that the people of God should labour to provide such means as shall give a right direction to the minds of our dear youth in their laudable pursuit after education,-that the morality of the Bible, and, as far as human instruction can go, the religion of the Bible should chasten the mind, and mingle first and last with the principles of knowledge which are imparted.

Our infant institution at Horton is, in our best judgment, calculated in an eminent degree to impart such instruction; we conceive we need not fear contradiction when we say, that in no institution of education in America or elsewhere, is a more effectual guard placed over the morals of the pupils, and while a wholesome discipline has been exerted on the character of the youth, God has in great mercy again and again shed a hallowed influence around and within both our College and Academy, and made the spot where they are located, the heavenly birth place of many souls. The several revivals of religion which have taken place in the Academy, College, and neighborhood, through the instrumentality of the preaching of the Professors and religious students, as well as the blessing which has attended the ministration of those who have gone out from its walls, to bear the news of salvation to their dying fellow men, we may venture to mention in direct proof of the blessing of God on the work of our hands, and of the goodness of the cause in which the Society is engaged. These considerations ought to awaken in all our breasts a determination to more vigor-

ous action in all time to come. We dare not refrain in this place, from noticing the unreasonable and unjust opposition to the dearest interests of the Baptists of Nova Scotia, of some of our public men, from whom we had supposed we had deserved better things,-men who had pretended to advocate Education-to be the friends of good morals, and of liberty of conscienceto stand opposed to sectarianism-in one word, to be the friends of their country.—That public characters making pretensions of this sort, when they beheld a Society, such as the Baptist Education Society, tugging at the oar of general education against wind and tide, and often feeling in common with their fellow subjects, the pressure of the times, the cramping of the nerves of commerce, yet still continuing to struggle to increase the facilities through which the rising generation might obtain learning and intelligence,—we say, for suc. 2150ns, because they were entrusted with power, to be found exerting that power against such an object, and casting every obstacle in the way of our progress, was not only ungenerous, but cruelly unjust, and un-

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We have learned, however, in our late struggle, who are the friends of general education, and who, having espoused it, are steadfast in its cause,—and another thing of some importance, we also have learned, and that is, that we must principally depend on our own resources in time to come, -- for we can have no reason after what has transpired, to look for any just respect or attention to be given to our claims by those who have already so deeply trifled with our feelings, and so openly attempted to trample on our just rights. The experience of the past also should teach us the necessity not only of perseverance, but of adopting more system in all our operations.

We would again further ask, while on this subject, what can any christian man do to better account for his children, or for the youth of our country generally, than to assist in placing our Institutions at Horton on a firm basis—what better legacy to his children's children, than to place the bible within their reach, to establish a preached gospel in the midst of the land, and to render a sound education easily attainable by all. A Circular Letter, when published, is, we suppose, generally read once and then laid aside. With regard to the subject now treated on, we would recommend the perusal of the Circuar of last year once more, to all our brethren.

Dear brethren, shall we now close this epistle from the fear of over driving the flock, or shall we press on your favourable consideration the interests of the Sabbath School Union? You have stronger evidence of the benefit of this institution at home, than of almost any other; for wherever there is a regular Sabbath School in operation, it carries the evidence of its usefulness along with it. Sacrifices, however, are necessary, in order to sustain even the interests of the Sabbath School, for a Library must be established and revived from time to time, in order to keep up the interest of the children, as well as of the parents. We also name with gratitude to the Most High, the estabishment and success of Temperance Societies. The Temperance cause has outstripped in its progress the utmost expectations of its warmest friends, it has caused unbelief to blush, and largely rewarded those who have labored for its good.

We will now close our observations on the combination of effort now being made by the churches in this and the sister Province, with some remarks on the Christian Messenger. On the success of this Periodical, under God, is based almost all the other institutions named above. Through the pages of the Christian Messenger we hope to enlighten the public mind as to the nature and importance of thereto communicate information of their progress, and to shew what it is hoped they are destined to accomplish. This Periodical brings to our fireside, the pleasing accounts of revivals of religion in our own Province, as well as of those which occur in foreign lands. Here we have a condensed history of the progress of the Gospel in former ages-of the persecutions connected with its profession-the sufferings of the saints in distant countries, even at the present time, is also made knc wn to us. We have lately read of a minister of Christ in Denmark, being incarcerated for the high crime of not bringing his children to the baptismal font. We have read, too, of the peace of soul enjoyed by him, even while within the iron grates of his dungeon, and we have felt that his feelings were more to be envied than all the gratification enjoyed by those who were his cruel persecutors. Our

feelings have been awakened, and our sympathies excited, as we have had presented to us, through its pages, the sorrows of our fellow creatures-the devouring flames stripping individuals and families of their all. These feelings, too, have gathered force and depth, as accounts of falling buildings, earthquakes, and the ravages of the sword, have filled up the dark shades of the picture of human woe. The record of the important changes in church and state, which this valuable periodical furnishes, is truly interesting-but these subjects, with a great variety of other matters, we must pass over hastily. and mention one as the last, though not least item of interesting matter which the pages of our valued Messenger records, and that is, the embalming the memory of departed friends, and preserving imperishably those acts and sayings of theirs that once warmed our hearts. But, dear friends and brethren, while we all profess to be highly pleased, and we hope, profited by the weekly reading of this our Denominational Periodical, we would ask those who now take the C. M. will you continue to take it? and to those who do not take it, we would say, will you not be persuaded to subscribe for one copy yourself, or join your neighbour and take one between you?

In asking you this question, we include another of equal importance, and that is, will you allow us as individual members of this Association, as your ministers and messengers, to continue to enjoy the weekly perusal of the Christian Messenger, to instruct our minds, and warm and gladden our hearts as its contents often do. For it remains with our brethren to decide this question, as on their subscribing, and promptly paying their subscription, must depend its continuance much

longer.

Perhaps by this time you are ready to ask, where are the means to come from to accomplish all these objects? We answer, from a willing mind, which is accepted according to what a man hath, and not according to what he hath not. The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof, and what is given in his cause, is only lending of his

own store to be returned to us again.

We have thus set before you, dear brethren, some of the pressing calls of Zion. We have passed over in silence the claims of your own Ministers, hoping that you feel their comfort and interest so identified with your own immediate prosperity, that an appeal to you on this ground is wholly unnecessary. We have set the objects named before you, in the assurance that some of you will contribute to them all in proportion as God shall enable you-and that such of you as are not able to assist in all, may select such as you shall think most deserving of your support.

We feel disposed to acknowledge with gratitude, the cheerful response made by so many, in time past, to the calls made upon them, and pray that the blessing of the most High, may rest in rich abundance on those who have presented their offerings before Him. And in labouring to advance the several objects which this Association, would now, in conclusion, again commend to the care of the churches which it represents, we fervently pray that the declarative glory of God may be promoted, and His great and glorious purposes of grace and mercy towards the children of men be largely experienced in connection with their prosperity.

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