

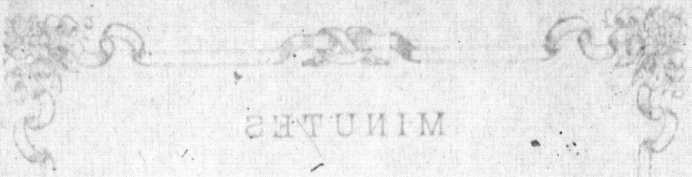
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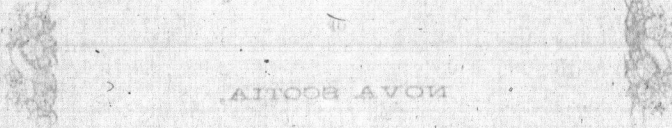
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Minutes of the Proceedings of the African Baptist Association,
held with the Granville Church, County of Annapolis, Nova
Scotia, on Sunday—Monday—Tuesday and Wednesday—
September 29th, 30th—October 1st, 2nd and 3rd, 1879.

Saturday, September 27th, 1879.

Met with the Granville Ferry Church, in the Twelfth Session of
African Baptist Association of Nova Scotia, read Psalm xxxvii, by
Rev. H. Francis. Prayer was offered by T. R. Langford. The
Brother spoke returning thanks to the Lord for sparing them to
meet again in yearly Conference, and of the hope in Jesus. Truly
the Lord was with us. Adjourned.

Saturday Afternoon.

Met half-past two. The Moderator called the Council to order,
read Psalm lxiii. Prayer by Brother Milton.

Voted, That the Churches send their money to James Smith for
the Bishops traveling fee—\$3.00—each Church, by 30th August,
and Brother Smith to write to the Bishop. Adjourned.

Monday, October 1st.

Met at Leach Field Church at 7 o'clock. Preaching by Rev. F.
R. Langford, from 1st Kings xviii. 37; followed by Rev. H.
Francis and Bishop Smithers, and many of the Brethren; truly the
Lord was in our midst. Adjourned.

Met at 7 o'clock, p. m. Brother Philip Hamton. Preached
from John vii. 40; followed by F. R. Langford, H. Francis, Bishop
Smithers, and many of the Brethren. The Lord was in our midst.
Adjourned.

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Tuesday Morning, September 30th.

Met at half-past eight o'clock. The Moderator called the Council to order and read Psalm xi. Prayer by Brother Joseph Sims.

Voted, That Bishop Smithers superintend the Minutes, and Rev. G. Neale write the Circular Letter.

Voted, That the letters be read from the various churches.

Voted, That Brother Isaac Clemmens be appointed Deacon and receive a letter of license.

Voted, That Brother George Edward Langford be Clerk for Weymouth Falls Church.

Voted, That all the Collectors be their own Treasurers.

There was a request from Weymouth Falls Church for the Association to be held with them next year; also from Dartmouth.

It was voted that the Association be held in Dartmouth next year, 1880. Adjourned.

Tuesday Afternoon.

Met at half-past 2 o'clock. Moderator called the Council to order and read the 101st Psalm. Prayer by Brother F. Ford.

Voted, That Rev. Edward Dixon preach the introductory sermon, and Rev. George R. Neal be his alternate.

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be tendered the friends of Granville Ferry Church and friends at large for their hospitality and kindness to the delegates and strangers. Adjourned.

Circular Letter.

OF THE WESTERN AFRICAN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION-OF NOVA SCOTIA
12TH SESSION, SEPTEMBER 27TH, 1879.

Dearly Beloved Brethren,—

Another year has past and carried with it its thousands, some of whom we expect 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 water, and God shall wipe all tears from their eyes.

Dear brethren, knowing that this world is not our home, for we are all strangers and sojourners, as were our fathers, therefore we seek a country which the world by nature know 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.

And now my brethren let me tell you what the word of God says, "He will love thee, and bless thee, and multiply thee," Deut. vii. 13. "The Lord hath set apart him that is godly for himself," Psalm xlii. 8. "The Lord loveth the righteous," Psalm cxlvi. 8. "He loveth him that followeth after righteousness," Prov. xv. 9. "Since thou wast precious in my sight thou hast been honorable and I have loved thee," Isaiah xliii. 4. "As the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride so shall thy God rejoice over thee," Isaiah lxii. 5. "I have loved the with an everlasting love, therefore with loving kindness have I drawn thee," Jer. xxxi. 3.

I shall now close my short letter by saying,—

Let God arise in all His might
And put the troops of hell to flight,
As smoke that sought to cloud the skies,
Before the rising tempest flies.
He comes arrayed in burning flames,
Justice and vengeance are his names;
Behold His fainting foes expire,
Like melting wax before the fire.

The grace of the Lord be with you all for evermore. Amen.

REV. GEORGE R. NEALE.

STATISTICS.

State of the Churches—Increase and Decrease.

CHURCHES.	Baptized	Receiv'd	Exclu'd	Remov'd	Died.	TOTAL
Preston 1st, North.....			1		1	51
Preston 2nd, South.....						42
Dartmouth.....						45
Campbell Road.....						4
Inglewood.....						18
Granville Ferry.....						54
Bear River.....	1	2	1			25
Digby Joggins.....	2	1				16
Weymouth Falls.....					1	37
Yarmouth.....						26
Total.....	3	1	1		5	318

Names of Ordained Ministers and Licentiates.

FIRST PRESTON.—Rev. George R. Neala.

SECOND PRESTON.—The Bishop Benson Smithers.

WEYMOUTH FALLS.—Rev. Henry Frances, Evangelist; Rev. Randolph Langford, Evangelist.

YARMOUTH.—Rev. James E. Jackson and Rev. Nathaniel Gough, Evangelists.

L I C E N T I A T E S .

James Bowden, Dartmouth; George Dise, Yarmouth.

The Rev. Nathaniel Drayton dismissed from us.

Churches, Ministers, Licentiates, Deacons and Counsellors.

First Preston, North.—Rev. George R. Neale, Pastor; Deacons David Brown, Thomas Crawley, John Dilver; Counsellors Peter Williams, John Thompson, Junr., James Thompson, Clerk.

Second Preston, South.—The Bishop B. Smithers; Deacons Samuel Clayton; Counsellors George Thomas, James Johnston, Peter Williams, Benjamin Tolliver.

Dartmouth.—The Bishop; Deacons Adam Green, Thomas Tynes, Jacob Flint; Counsellors Richard Tynes, Daniel Lee, George Tynes, John Tynes, James Bauld, Charles Smith, William Riley; Clerk, James Bowden.

Campbell Road.—The Bishop; Rev. Edward Dixon, Evangelist.

Granville Ferry.—The Bishop; Deacons Isaac Cuff, Charles Pomp, George Pomp.


Inglewood.—The Bishop; Deacons Isaac Middleton, Edward Dixon.

Bear River.—The Bishop; Deacons Isaac Johnston, Peter J. Hawkins, F. Ford.

Digby Joggins.—The Bishop; Deacons John Butler; Counsellor Charles Frances.

Weymouth Falls.—The Bishop; Deacons James Langford, James Smith, Thomas Langford; Counsellors George E. Langford, Timothy Pleasant, Rev. Henry Frances, Randolph Langford, Evangelist.

Yarmouth.—The Bishop; Deacons Silas Chandler, Anthony Berry, James Thompson, William Crawford, Clerk; James E. Jackson and Rev. Nathaniel Gough, Evangelist.

 The Rev. Nathaniel Drayton was dismissed from out Body, the Western African Baptist Association of N. S.

REV. BENSON SMITHERS, Bishop.