MINUTES

OF THE

Haldimand Regular Paptist Association,

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FORTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY,

HELD WITH

THE CLAREMONT BAPTIST CHURCH,

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, JUNE 26 AND 27, 1863.

TOGETHER WITH THE

DIGEST OF LETTERS,

CIRCULAR LETTER, CONSTITUTION, AND BY-LAWS.

REV. D. WAITE, MODERATOR.
REV. J. T. DOWLING, AND BRO. W. WESBROOM, CLERKS.

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THE Forty-fifth Anniversary of the Haldimand Regular Baptist Association was held with the Baptist Church in Claremont, on Friday and Saturday, June 26 and 27, 1863.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. Wm. Henry Jones, of

Port Hope, from Heb. xiii.: 17.

The preacher then called the Association to order, when Rev. Danfel Waite was chosen Moderator, and Rev. J. T. Dowling and Bro. W. Wesbroom were appointed Clerks.

The Moderator then read the Constitution and By-Laws of the Association. A Prudential Committee was appointed, consisting of Rev. Wm. Lacev. Deacons Wm. Smith, Wm. Craig, Jos. Wixon, and Bro. Jos. Holman.

Resolved,—That a Committee on Resolutions be appointed, consisting of Revds. Jos. King, T. F. Caldicott, D.D., and A. A. Cameron.

The Prudential Committee reported the following arrangement: 1st. That in consequence of the distance to places of entertainment, the adjournment be for two hours. 2nd. That Rev. Bro. Lloyd address the Association on behalf of The Canadian Baptist. 3rd. That Rev. Dr. Caldicott preach this evening at 7 o'clock.

Resolved,-That in consequence of Rev. Bro. Lloyd being obliged to leave at an early hour to attend the meeting of the Niagara Association, we do now allow him fifteen minutes to present the claims of The Canadian

Bro. Lloyd then, accordingly, delivered a very able and pointed address. After prayer by the Moderator, the Association adjourned to meet at three o'clock, p.m.

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The following brethren gave their names, viz :- David Ratcliffe, 2nd Markham Church; Win. Rushnell, Andrew Smith, and Wm. Carter, of Uxbridge Church; Bro. Paxton, of Whitby; and Elder John S. Cox, from Grand River Association, North.

Revds. J. King, A. A. Cameron, J. Reddick, and W. H. Jones were appointed a Committee to examine the Circular Letter, and report to-morrow

morning.

Resolved, That the next anniversary of this Association be held at Haldimand, on the fourth Friday and Saturday in June, 1864; that Rev. Dr. Caldicott preach the introductory sermon, Rev. Joseph King his alternate; that Rev. J. T. Dowling write the Circular Letter, Rev. A. Anderson his alternate. The anti-

Resolved, - That Rev. H. Lloyd be appointed delegate from this Association to visit the anniversary of C. L. Institute, and report in reference to its working at our next yearly meeting.

A collection of \$5.50 was then taken up to defray Bro. Lloyd's expenses

in said visitation.

Resolved,—That further Report of Prudential Committee be now received. Their report was then adopted as follows :-

1st. To adjourn as soon as convenient.

2nd. To meet to-morrow at 9 o'clock a.m., for business.

3rd. That Rev. J. T. Dowling preach at 11 o'clock a.m.

4th. That Committee on Resolutions report immediately after sermon.

5th, That the claims of the C. B. H. M. Convention be presented.

6th. That Rev. J. King preach on Sabbath mouning; Rev. A. A. Cameron, afternoon; Rev. A. Anderson, evening.

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APPENDING SESSION SATURDAY MORNING .- June 27, 1863.

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Report of Committee on Revision of Constitution and By-laws of this Association was read and adopted. (See By-Law.)

In accordance with amended By-laws, a Committee was appointed to draw up a list of pastors according to their seniority in the Association said Committee to be Rev. Wm. Lacey and Dea. Craig.

Rev. D. Wait and T. F. Caldicott, D.D., were appointed a Committee to collect minutes of past anniversaries of this Association, to be presented in book form at next yearly meeting for reference. Sul assisted bas; beautiese

Report of Committee on Seniority of Pastors read and adopted. (See by it at its formation, therefore. published list.)

Committee on Circular Letter recommended the reading thereof before the Association A edit of brayer of goldsom lauring that at the released not benefit add

Circular Letter read by the writer and duly adopted.

Resolved,-That the Circular Letter, Constitution, and revised By-Laws, together with a Digest of the Letters from the various Churches, be published with the Minutes of this Association at The Canadian Baptist office, under the direction of present Clerks.

Adjourned for five minutes.

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Resolved,-That the Thurlow Church be visited by Rev. A. Anderson to ascertain why they failed to send their yearly letter, and that we recommend them to unite with the Church in Sidney, is radious belled the with the Church in Sidney,

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Resolved -That we will endeavor to increase its subscription list, in order that it draw up a list of pastors according to their senioritybadaldata tland adulan

2. Baptist Ministerial Education Society V . voll od of cotting of his

of Whereas, the wants of the denomination render it of the utmost importance that the theological department of the C. L. Institute should be well sustained; and whereas the raising of the required funds has been assumed be the Ministerial Education Society, in addition to the object contemplated by it at its formation, therefore,

Resolved That we esteem it our duty to aid it to the best of our ability, and that we recommend the churches we represent to act upon the suggestion made by the Education Society, at its last annual meeting, in regard to the fifteen cent. plan.

3. Missionary Convention Ilub have retree and be retter retter required

Whereas the Buptist Missionary Convention is doing an important work, il assisting weak churches and supporting missionaries in destitute places, Resolved That we pledge ourselves to give liberally to its funds, in order that the object contemplated by it may become extensively realized not said rabout Adjourned for five minutes.

4. Intoxicating drinks.

In view of the evil effects of intexicating liquors in ruining households, Hymn and prayer by Rev. J. Reddick, luos bna vbod nitod gnivorseb bna

Resolved, -That we discountenance their use by the churches and the world Adjourned to meet at 24 o'clock, p.m.

5. The Toronto University.

Whereas, in our opinion the interests of higher education will be best subserved by the existence of one well-sustained provincial seat of learning, therefore,

Resolved,-That we view with great concern the attempts now being made by various religious denominations to apportion the funds of the Toronto University among several sectarian schools; and that we becommend the churches of this Association to petition Parliament during the coming session to preserve its endow-Resolved, - That Rev. J. King, Dea. Wesmith, and Dea. Jos. Helman.

6. Slavery.

Resolved, -That we view with great satisfaction the prospective emancipation of the slaves in the adjoining Republic. 7. Rev. W. Hurtburt. be visited the That the That of

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Resolved,—That we tender to the surviving relatives our sincere sympathy in their bereavement, and that we regard this event as a solemn re-utterance of that important admonition, "Be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of Man cometh."

Resolved,—That a collection be taken up as follows:—For Missionary Convention forthwith, and after sermon to-morrow afternoon, and for Canadian Literary Institute to-morrow morning after service. Present collection \$5.82. minus discount.

A unanimous vote of thanks was tendered to the brethren in Claremont for their hospitality during the present session of the Association.

The thanks of the Association were presented to the Moderator for the ability with which he presided over our deliberations.

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This law of his Creator is, also, well known to men, and by him generally acted upon, in regard to the affairs of this life. But the "Children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light,"

Are there not thousands of professing Christians, who wholly everlook this law of our being, in regard to their efforts in the cause of Christ No wonder that the chariot wheels of that cause drag so heavily—no wonder it makes such slow advancement, as is often made a cause of lamentation in our Churches, and at our Associational meetings. Are there not many in our Churches who, if they give a pittanca to-

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To the Members of the Churches composing the Haldimand Association : DEAR BRETHER AND SISTERS IN CHRIST, OH WOTTON - OT VALUE CONTACT HER PROPERTY.

Agreeable to the time-honored usages of our denomination in this and other countries, we again address to you the Associational Circular Letter.

The time of our Associational meeting is a season of holy festivity and sacred convocation to the delegates of the Churches, and others who then assemble. "Whither," to use the language of the Paalmist, "The tribes go up, the tribes of the Lords unto the testimony of Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the Lord."

In the Circular Letter it is designed, by way of remembrance, to stir up the pure minds of those, who by their lawful callings have been prevented from meeting with us to "pray for the peace of Jerusalem"-to "say peace be within thy walls and prosperity within thy palaces." For my brethren and companions sakes I will now say-"Peace be within thee, because of the house of the Lord our God I will

How very desirable that all the members of our Churches be imbued with a spirit of personal devotion to the cause of Christ, and of individual co-operation in its extension throughout our country and the world. Then, indeed, should our Zion "Arise from the dust, put on her beautiful garments," "Look forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners." Then should we very soon see such a revival, and witness such an extension of religion as has not been experienced in modern times. We should soon have cause to adopt the language of the Prophet, and say-" Break forth into joy, sing together ye waste places of Jerusalem; for the Lord hath comforted His people, He hath redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord hath made bare His holy arm in the eyes of all nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God."

Our welfare and prosperity, yea, our very existence, as a denomination and as Christians, require our individual co-operation; for so has God ordained it, not only in regard to man, but also in regard to the whole animate creation, and his manifold wisdom is displayed in teaching the animate creatures inferior to man to act in perfect harmony with this law of their Creator. This cannot but be evident to every student of nature.

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wards the support of their pastor, regard him only as responsible for the extension of religion in their locality; and as a consequence, to him, under God (if God be at all acknowledged in the matter), ascribe the credit of addition to the Church, and the whole discredit of no addition. This ought not so to be. Would the mightiest army ever obtain a victory, or conquer a province, if the soldiers in the ranks rested on their arms, and left their officers to do all the fighting! No. In all such battles every man is expected to do his duty.

When shall it be with the whole Christian host, as it was with the Roman and Carthaginian armies in one of their memorable battles, when, it is said, every soldier fought as if the fate of the battle turned on his single arm. Every individual Christian is honored by Christ to be identified, and is entrusted with its advancement in the world; and just in proportion as paster and members improve the opportunities afforded them in making the truth of Christ known, he and they answer the design of Christ in calling them. In a word, he and they answer the end of their existence here.

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Brother, sister in Christ, we sak your hearty co-operation in this great and glorious work of delivering your brethren and kindred from the slavery of sin and Satan, to the glorious liberty of the children of God. We call you to the help of the Lord—to the help of the Lord against the mighty.

We ask your prayers. "Brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, as it is with you." "Pray without ceasing, continue instant in prayer," are some of the urgent appeals of the Apostle Paul to his fellow Christians.

We ask your efforts at home, at the prayer meeting, at the Sabbath school, in the Church, in the world, and the Lord grant you to be wise in winning souls to Christ. We ask you to give of your substance for the advancement of the cause of Christ, as the Lord has prospered you. Measure not, we beseech you, your gifts with those of your brethren and sisters; but with your obligations to your perishing fellowmen—with your obligations to Him who, though he was rich, yet for your sake became poor, that you through his poverty might be rich. You and your brethren and sisters are distinct individuals. As a distinct individual you have been redeemed by the blood of Christ—as a distinct individual you have been called by his grace—and as a distinct individual you will by Him be judged. May it then be your happy lot to, beer him address you, "Well done good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

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DRAMATE, 200.—No special visitation; has maintained regular worship; the pastors influence in restoring harmony has been much blessed; a spirit of prayer is manifested; collected for the Missionary Convention \$9.58.

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GWILLIMBURY EAST.—Is grateful for the faithful administration of words and ordinances, laments coldness, regrets the prospect of leasing pastor, less of

KING, 1sr. Hearers numerous and attentive; has a weekly prayer meeting; children attend a Union Sunday school; the paster has an interesting Bible class.

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STERLING.—is rejoicing in prospect of a removal of the clouds of debt, and want of ordinances, which hung over them during the former part of past year; the pastor preaches at two or three stations, and the work prospers in his hands.

REACH.—Mourns the death of an esteemed pastor; is now supplied by two brethren from neighboring churches; is making an effort to secure the services of a pastor.

SIDNEY.—The cause is prospering; upwards of 50 scholars in Sabbath echool:
TORONTO 1sr. (COLORED CHURCH).—No letter; Reverend Dr. Caldicott
reported on behalf of the Church; succeeding remarkably well in keeping up the
regular preaching appointments, being supplied, in the absence of a settled minister,
by the various ministers of the city; hopes soon to secure the services of a settled

TORONTO, BOND STREET.—Has been visited with a copious outpouring of the Holy Spirit; the hearts of pastor and people have been filled with holy joy by a very large increase of numbers in answer to their prayers; the already large and efficient Sabbath school is greatly increasing in numbers and interest, many have been transplanted from this nursery into the Church; the Church has, besides the usual very interesting prayer meetings, a weekly female prayer meeting, and a young people's prayer and mutual improvement meeting. May the spirit of revival appead throughout the Association.

UXBRIDGE.—Has been much refreshed by the dews of heavenly grace; a very successful series of meetings has been held; as a result the Church has nearly doubled its former number; has passed the ordeal of a change of pastors; the exercise of discipline has not been required; has Sabbath morning and evening estatices, a weekly prayer meeting; many of the members engage in a Union Stunday school, which is also superintended by one of the Deacons.

WHITBY.—Has a very difficult field; is an oasis of truth in a desert of erroneous isms; has changed pastors; congregations are on the increase; the pastor fills found different preaching appointments; the Sabbath-school is small; but in good working order, and very promising.

WOODVILLE—Is enjoying faithful labors; has large and attentive congregations; thankful for present position; has a Sunday school, with an average attendance of 40 scholars, and 4 teachers.

Nors. It is very desirable that more Sabbath-school and church statistical matter should be given in the letters to the Association—as average attendance number of teachers, volumes in library, number of papers taken, etc.; also, average attendance at Sabbath services; number of prayer meetings, and average attendance thereat. Bible classes, if any, and attendance thereat; number of preaching stations; and amounts raised for various purposes, denominational or local.

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ARTICLE I .- This Association shall be called the " Haldimand Regular Baptist Association."

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ART. II.—This Association shall be composed of such Churches only as embrace, in substance, the following doctrines: - The being and unity of God; the existence of three equal persons in the Godhead; Divine Inspiration of the Old and New Testaments, as the complete and infallible rule of faith and practice; the depravity and just condemnation of all mankind by the fall of our first parents; Election of grace according to the foreknowledge of God; the proper divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ; the all-sufficiency of His atonement through which believers are justified freely by grace; the necessity of the influence of the Holy Spirit in regeneration; perseverance of the Saints; Believers' baptism by immersion only; the Lord's Supper, a privilege peculiar to baptized believers regularly admitted into fellowship in our Churches; the resurrection of the body and general judgment; the final happiness of the saints, and misery of the wicked alike interminable; the obligation of every intelligent creature to love God supremely-to believe what God says, and to practise what God commands; and the religious observance of the first day of the week.

ART. III.—The object of this Association shall be to promote, by correspondence and personal intercourse, unity of faith and practice, fellowship, cordiality of feeling, and union of effort in promoting the interest of the Churches, and the furtherance

of the cause of Christ throughout the world.

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ART. IV .- This Association shall recognize the power and independence of the Churches, and in no case exercise any authority or jurisdiction over them. Nevertheless, it shall have power to drop from its connection any Church which, in the opinion of the Association, may have essentially departed from the faith, either in principle or practice, and to exclude from a seat in its meetings, any minister or delegate, who is manifestly corrupt either in theory or practice; and facts in either case may be ascertained in any way not inconsistent with the rules of the Gospel. ART. V .- The meetings of this Association shall be held annually, on the last

Friday in June, at 10 o'clock A. M., by their representatives, which are not to exceed five from each Church, at such place as the Association shall appoint.

ART. VI.—The Churches composing this Association are required to send letters to all its meetings, addressed to the Association, expressing the names of their messengers, the state of the Churches, with their alterations and present numbers.

ART. VII.—Churches shall be received into this Association by letter, setting forth their desire to be admitted, their faith, order, and willingness to conform to the rules of this Association; and, on satisfaction and reception, the Moderator shall give the Messenger the right hand of fellowship.

ART. VIII. Any Church connected with this Association that shall neglect to make an annual report at its meetings, for two successive years, shall be visited by a Committee of this Association to inquire into the cause; and if the same neglect be repeated the third year they shall be dropped from the Minutes.

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1st. The office of Moderator shall be filled on the principle of seniority in the pastorate in this Association, beginning with the eldest and so going through the body until every pastor has filled the chair; and it shall be the duty of the minister that preaches to call the Association to order, and to name the presiding officer for the session, after which the Moderator shall preside, and a Clerk shall be chosen.

2nd. After choice of a Moderator and Clerk, a Prudential Committee of five

3rd. The letters of the Churches shall be read, then the other business, as it may

4th. Visiting brethren from other Associations, and agents of denominational societies may next be invited to a seat, and may debate on all subjects but vote on none.

5th. Every speaker shall rise and address the Moderator, and shall have the liberty of moving or seconding any motion, or of speaking on any subject regularly laid before the body, without any interruption, except he depart from the subject, or some explanation be necessary to a right understanding of it.

6th. The Moderator shall have the same right to speak as any other member, provided the chair be filled.

7th. No subject shall be discussed until seconded; if not seconded it shall be considered as lost.

8tb. No one shall speak more than twice on the same subject, without special leave from the Moderator.

9th. All personal reflections shall be particularly avoided in the deliberations of

10th. In time of session, all private conversation shall be dispensed with, and undivided attention shall be given to the business of the Association.

11th. Meetings shall ever be opened and closed with prayer.

12th. All questions of order shall be decided by the Moderator.

18th. These By-laws shall be read distinctly from the Chair immediately after the election of the Officers of each Session.

14th. A Corresponding Secretary shall be elected once in four years, whose duty it shall be to receive and preserve its papers.

15th. Any of the Articles or By-laws, (excepting Article second of the Constitution,) may be altered at any meeting of the Association by the vote of two-thirds of the members.

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