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NOVA-SCOTIA

Baptist Association,

HELD AT

YARMOUTH, on Monday and Tuesday;

22d. and 23d. JUNE,

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Together with their Circular and Corresponding Letters—Notices of the Proceedings of the Baptist Education Society, &c. &c.



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MONDAY, June 22nd. 1829, 10 o'clock.

FIRST, The Introductory Sermon preached by Elder Manning, from Matt. 16. ch. 18 ver. "On this Rock will I build my Church, and the Gates of Hell shall not prevail against it."

2nd. A collection was then taken in aid of Missions, &c.

3rd. The Ministers and Messengers of the Churches then gave in their names, and came forward and took their seats.

4th. After prayer by Brother Manning, Elder, Theodore S. Harding was chosen Moderator, Brother William Chipman, Clerk, and Brother J. W. Nutting, Assistant Clerk, and the Meeting was adjourned for one hour.

5th. The Association again met, and was opened by prayer by the Moderator.

6th. The Rules and Regulations of the Association were then read.

7th. The Letters from the Churches were then read by two of the Brethren appointed for that purpose, under the direction of the Moderator; and the following minute was taken of the

STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

N. B.—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 † and vacant Churches distinguished by a *Dash*, —

CHURCHES.	MINISTERS AND MESSENGERS.	Restored.	Added		Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.
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Upper Granville,	THOS. ANSLEY,	7	25	1	3		2	
1st. Cornwallis,	EDWARD MANNING, Thos. Bligh.		9		6		2	267
Newport,	*GEORGE DIMOCK.		11			1	1	77
1st. Clement,	*ISRAEL POTTER. George Harris		13		2	1	1	112
2nd. Clements	_____							
†Onslow,	*JAMES MUNRO.							
Nictaur,	THOS. H. CHIPMAN, INGRAM E. BILL, Stephen Taylor, Maynard Parker, Thos. Bishop.		151		80		2	199
Lunenburgh,	_____					3		35
†Digby Neck,	*PETER CRANDALL.							
Horton,	THEODORE S. HARDING.		18		3	2		114
†River Philip & West Chester,	_____							
Windsor,	RICHD. M'LEARN.		3					39
Rawdon,	_____		4					34
Annapolis,	*Wm. Elder, Major Chipman.				2	1		18
Hammond Plains,	*GEORGE RICHARDS.				2			39
†Little Forks, Chutes Cove,	RD. W. CUNNINGHAM, John Grant		80					98
North West Arm Sydney,	_____				3			19
†Parisborough, Antigonish,	_____							
Chester,	*JOSEPH DIMOCK, Anthony Dimock.				3			21
Amherst,	*CHARLES TUPPER.				26	1	3	169
†Ragged Island,	_____		1	2		1		23
†Sissiboo,	M'GREGOR.							
†Prince Ed- ward Island,	_____							
Yarmouth,	HARRIS HARDING, Z. Chipman, John Kinney, J. Crosby, A. Baker, J. Robins.		3	40	4	2		4385

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Halifax, Granville Street, Licentiate,	W. K. GREEN. J. W. Nutting. E. A. Crawley, John Ferguson.		38	13			1	90	
Waterford, 2nd. Cornwallis, 2nd. Halifax,	W. CHIPMAN. J. BURTON, Wm. Henry,		25	4				78	
Bryer Island,	SAMUEL BANCROFT, Franklin Potter, Thos. M'Donald.		3		1			120	
Aylesford	EZEKIEL MARSTERS.							60.	
Brookfield and Pleasant River, Liverpool,	Elisha Freeman.							136	
New Albany,	Isaac Whitman							51	
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Total,			14	358	30	102	10	17	2235

NOTE.—The five last named Churches were added at this Session.

8th.—From Corresponding Associations, received as follows.

ASSOCIATIONS. MESSENGERS. MINUTES.

New Brunswick, ———— Sears. Minutes.
Lincoln & Eastern Maine, Edward N. Harris, Minutes.

Brother Sears and Brother Harris then took their seats in Council, as Messengers.

9th. Read and accepted the Circular Letter prepared by Brother Alexis Caswell, and Resolved, that the Pastors of Churches be recommended to cause the same to be read in their respective Churches.

Adjourned till half past 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Tuesday, June 23rd. 1829.

Met according to adjournment at half-past 10 o'clock. The Meeting opened by prayer, by Brother Green.

10th. Read the Report of the managing Committee of the Baptist Education Society; after which a personal appeal was made to the hearts and consciences of the numerous Congregation present, and particularly to those of the Baptist Deno-

mination, for their aid in support of the Institution at Horton by Brethren Crawley, Green, Mc Learn, and others. The Report was received and ordered to be printed. And

It was *Resolved*, that the New-Brunswick Baptist Association be requested to co-operate with us, in promoting the Interests of the Institution.

11th. *Voted*.—That Brother Bill be appointed Messenger to the New Brunswick Association.

12th. That Brethren Manning, Green, and Nutting, be a Committee, to form an Address to the New Brunswick Association, relative to the Baptist Education Society.

13th. That our Minutes be sent to the Corresponding Associations in the United States, and that Brother E. A. Crawley, be a Messenger to the Salem Association, but that no other Messenger be sent for the present year, in consequence of so great a demand for Missionary labours.

14th. That the Association be held at the Baptist Meeting House, at Nictaur, at the usual period, next year.

15th. That the 26th. day of December be recommended to be observed in the Churches, as a day of Public Thanksgiving, and the first day of January as a day of Public Fasting and Prayer.

16th. That Brother Green write the Circular Letter, and Brother Munro, the Corresponding Letter, for the ensuing year.

17th.—That Brother Nutting write the Corresponding Letter for the present year, in the room of Brother Tupper, who is absent, and has not prepared it.

18th. That the present Missionary Board be continued, with leave to add such other Members, as they may deem expedient.

19th. That the Missionary Board be appointed a Committee to receive and take care of such sums of money, as have been, or may be given, for the benefit and relief of aged and infirm Baptist Ministers, and the widows and children of deceased Baptist Ministers.

20.—That an Account of such monies, (in regard both to Societies and benevolent Individuals) be inserted in our Minutes.

21st. That Brother McLearn preach the Introductory Sermon at the next Association, and in case of failure Brother Theodore S. Harding.

22nd. Brother Manning made the following Report from the Committee appointed to visit and examine into the differences existing in the old Baptist Church in Halifax, viz. "That the last Association at Horton, in compliance with the wishes of all parties concerned, having nominated several of the Brethren with himself a Committee, to hear and investigate the differences which had unhappily existed between the two parties in that Church—the one adhering to Elder John Burton, and

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the other to Elder Robert Davis, each of them claiming to be considered the Old or First Baptist Church...the Committee accordingly met at Halifax, in the Old Baptist Chapel, on the 3rd. of Sept. last, the day appointed. That previous to that period Mr. Davis had left this Country for Europe...that Mr. Burton and those of the Church who supported him, met the Committee,—but that the other party, altho invited to attend, both by letter and personal application, refused to meet or recognise the Committee as a Council. That the Committee found Brother Burton and a large majority of the members of the Church, well affected to each other, as Minister and flock. And after obtaining all the information in their power, they were unanimously of opinion, that Mr. Burton, and those that adhered to him, were the old or First Baptist Church, and that those who had left the church with Mr. Davis must be considered as a disaffected and disorderly body who had separated themselves from the Church. He stated that the Committee had prepared a very full report of the matter, but that as it was somewhat long, they trusted that this brief statement would suffice.

23rd. *Voted.*—That the yearly meeting be held at Bill Town in Cornwallis, on the first Lord's Day, after the 20th. of September, at 10 o'clock, in the morning.

24th...To a question proposed by the First Clement's Church to the Association, for their opinion, whether a Member excluded from a Gospel Church, should be countenanced or encouraged in preaching the Gospel, by other Churches, of the same faith and order, this Association, in answer thereto, unite in opinion, that no such person should be countenanced or encouraged in any respect, as a public character.

25th. *Voted,* That the Churches raise a small sum to be remitted as soon as convenient to the Treasurer, for the purpose of remunerating such of the Committee as may claim it, for whatever sums they may have expended in the discharge of their duty as a Council, to meet the First Baptist Church in Halifax, last September. The overplus, if any, to go towards the Missionary fund

26th. That the various letters and applications from different places in the Province, requesting Missionary aid, be referred to the Missionary Board.

27th. *Voted.* That such of the Churches of this Association as have Pastors settled over them, be requested to take into serious consideration the propriety of relinquishing their claim to the constant pastoral labours of their Ministers, and that they cheerfully allow such of them, whose minds are so led, to travel and visit the destitute places in this Province, a certain part of their time.

28th. *Voted.* That it be particularly recommended by this Association to such Churches as have young Ministers settled

REMARKS.

The Ministering Brethren and Messengers from the Churches, having mostly reached Yarmouth on Saturday, the 20th June, meeting was given out for two o'clock in the afternoon of that day, when Br. Theodore Harding preached to a respectable congregation, from Ephes. 4 chap., 8 ver. "When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, &c."

On Lord's day the 21st of June, Br. Green preached in the Morning. Br. McLearn at 3 o'clock, and Br. Miles of New Brunswick, at 6 o'clock in the Evening.

Br. Sears the Messenger from New Brunswick preached at 6 o'clock in the Evening of Monday, 22d June; after the Association had adjourned for the day; and on Tuesday 23rd Br. Crawley preached at half-past 10 o'clock, previous to the commencement of business. The Discourses were appropriate, instructive and powerful, and we truly believe in the genuine spirit of that Gospel, which they professed to display in its free, Sovereign, and mysterious communication, and in its transforming and holy operations.—Br. Edward Harris preached at 6 o'clock in the Evening, after the final adjournment of the Association.

At the close of several of the Sermons, the hearts of many were made to overflow, by the affectionate and spiritual addresses, and exhortations, of the aged Fathers in the Ministry, who have so long laboured in the cause of their Divine Master through evil and good report; among them we may particularly mention the names of Handley Chipman, Manning, Harris Harding, Theodore Harding, and Ansley. We ought not to omit the high gratification which the Brethren experienced from the kind and Christian reception, which they universally received from the Brethren in Yarmouth. The members of that interesting Church, as well as the Community at large, vied with each other in evincing their brotherly regard and attention to the utmost of their power, and only appeared to regret that they could not do so, to a much greater extent.—Their kindness will be long remembered. All were much pleased with the appearance of frugality, industry and improvement which so generally characterises the Society at Yarmouth—the neatness and comfort which mark the domestic circle of the Inhabitants, of this thriving portion of our Province, cannot fail to make a most favourable impression on every stranger, who visits it; and above all, we rejoice to believe, that the late blessed revival of religion there, has been followed by the most happy and permanent effects, in an humble and corresponding spirit and deportment, in almost all who have professed to be partakers of it.

Several very important topics were discussed in public, or were subjects of interesting conversations among the Brethren, during the Association. The interest that all the Ministering Brethren, as well as others, took in the establishment and growth of our Infant Seminary at Horton, and in promoting other means of moral and religious improvement, as the most probable way of diffusing education and useful knowledge of every kind among the rising part of the Community, was highly gratifying; and we look forward with confidence to a cordial and permanent support from our Brethren throughout the Province, to enable us to take a respectable stand among the various denominations of the Country, in the work of training our youth to fill the various stations, which they are destined to occupy in this growing Colony, with ability and advantage to themselves and the public. The remarks contained in our circular Letter, on the important subject of the culture of the youthful mind, will doubtless be read with much interest.— Another subject, although not publicly discussed, appeared to have taken a deep hold on the minds of many of the Brethren: we allude to the alarming extent to which the Sin of Intemperance is growing among us—sapping the foundations of all moral and domestic comfort—rendering its wretched votaries the objects of moral abhorrence, and the willing slaves of crime and misery, public and private—and plentifully sowing the seeds of death, temporal and eternal. Much has been done in the United States by Temperance Societies, and the exertion of pious and public spirited individuals, to check the ravages of this poisonous monster, this destroyer of souls, in that Country; and awfully does it rest upon every Pastor, every Parent, and indeed on every Member of Society, by their united precept and example, to put a stop to this prevailing sin, and strive mightily to put away this “cursed thing” from among us.

The Association was conducted and closed with the utmost brotherly love, and with unbroken harmony, and the season will we doubt not, long dwell in the remembrance of all present, as worthy of grateful recollection and thanksgiving to the Author and Giver of all good.

Interesting Facts contained in Letters from some of the Churches.

First Cornwallis Church.—Three Brethren from this Church, viz. William Chipman, Ezekiel Marsters, and Ingraham E. Bill, have been ordained to the work of the Ministry, and dismissed to preach the Gospel at other stations.

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First Clements.—This Church is increasing, and enjoys a good degree of union; although they have been obliged of late to exercise gospel discipline with some severity. They report that there are several who possess public and improving gifts, in the Church.

Nictaur.—There has been a most extensive and happy revival in this Church, in which *One Hundred and Fifty one* persons have been added to it by baptism. It commenced last Autumn, shortly after the Annual Meeting, and gradually increased during the Winter. Br. Ingraham Bill, from the First Cornwallis Church, who had been for some time previously, preaching among them, was ordained to the Ministry, on the 4th. of March last, and called by the Church to labour with their present aged Pastor, the Revd. Handley Chipman. Thirty seven Members have been dismissed to form a separate Church in New Albany; and Forty-three, to form the New Aylesford Church. Br. Bills' labours have been greatly blessed in this District.

Horton.—The Prospects of this Church appear very cheering; There has been a considerable increase since last Association, and there is at present the appearance of a general awakening in the settlement, adjoining the Gaspereau River. Many young persons especially, seem deeply impressed with a sense of their eternal interests. There appears to be a very deep interest felt by the Church, for the welfare of our Infant Institution—and they speak in the most pleasing terms, of the worth and assiduity of Br. Chapin, the Teacher.

Clutes Cove, or Wilmot Mountain Church.—This is one of the Churches that have shared largely in the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit, during the period of the late Revival, in the Western parts of the Province. The Church, from being in a very low state, has been made a partaker in the work of sovereign Grace, in a wonderful degree. Having no stated Pastor they gave a call to Br. Richard W. Cunningham, a Member of the Church at Horton, who had been previously licenced to preach, and who has lately been ordained over this Church. His Ministry has been abundantly successful, and *eighty* persons have lately been baptised and joined the Church.

Chester.—This Branch of our Zion, is flourishing under the care of its aged and beloved Pastor, Br. Joseph Dimock, who has baptised *Twenty-six* Persons the last year, who have joined the Church.

Yarmouth.—This Church which is the largest in the Province, and contains *Three Hundred and Eighty Five* Members, seems deeply impressed with the benefits resulting from their having joined our Association. Although the great work of Reformation has much diminished, yet there have been added

to the Church, since the last year, *Forty Members* by baptism. They are in a healthy and happy state, and enjoy greatly the Ordinances of the Gospel. It is stated that the Administration of the Ordinance of Baptism, has been remarkably blessed to the spiritual good of many. Great union and harmony exist among the Members of the Church.

Granville Street, Halifax. Much comfort and refreshment is stated to have resulted from the Ordinances of God's House, and the deep-rooted prejudice, against Evangelical truth, and the Denomination, to be disappearing. They have greatly improved and enlarged one most important and interesting means of usefulness of late, in their Sunday School, in which two or three hundred children are taught the most essential truths of religion; and they urge its importance on the minds of their Brethren, as a system of beneficence, which has been abundantly owned of God, and blessed to the salvation of souls.

Second Cornwallis.— Is in a very prosperous state, and much increased within the last year. Br. Manning being able to appropriate but a small portion of his time and labours to this branch of his charge, the Church by general consent, invited Br. William Chipman, who was a Deacon and Licentiate of the First Cornwallis Church, to labour among them; and he was, on the 19th of March last, duly ordained and set over them as their Pastor:— his exertions have been blessed in building up and feeding the Church of Christ.

First Baptist Church, Halifax. Their Letter relates chiefly to the late differences that have existed, and the transactions of the Committee appointed at the last Association, to visit the Church, and which happily so far regulated their affairs, as to restore it to order, and fully to vindicate the character of their venerable and worthy Pastor Elder Burton.

Brier Island.— This Church was formerly united with that of Digby Neck, and met in Association; but since its separation has not sent Delegates, owing to its distance and want of a stated Minister, as well as to the low state of religion in the Church. They at present appear to have greatly revived, and having Br. Bancroft ordained over them as a Pastor during the last year, there is great reason to trust, that they will hereafter keep their place among the Churches of Christ, and increase in the fruits of the spirit.

Aylesford. The establishment of this Church is one of the happy fruits of the late Revivals. A few scattered members of Nictaur Church, had previously resided in the District, but, as their letter expresses it, "a glorious work of Grace" commenced after the General Meeting in September last, and on the 4th of March, a Council having been called by the Nictaur Church, the Aylesford Church was constituted, and Br.

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CIRCULAR LETTER.

*The Nova Scotia Baptist Association, &c. to
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Christian Salutation.*

Dear Brethren,

The progress of true religion in the world, cannot but be an object of the deepest interest to every christian. He feels that the happiness of all the generations to come, how numerous or distant soever, is inseparably connected with it. Viewed on a great scale the pleasure derived from other sources than religion, are mere passing emotions. We can hardly think of them, and they are gone. They all perish in the very act of enjoyment. The advancement of human happiness—of that which alone deserves the name, must be sought in the advancement of true religion. It becomes an interesting inquiry, then, to know in what way this latter can be most effectually secured?

And here we assume it, as too obvious to need confirmation that this great object is to be accomplished by the instrumentality of men, and by the use of means. We rejoice in believing, that the time has past never again to return, when the maxims of the professed followers of Christ, in reference to the spread of the Gospel, shall be, *let us stand still and do nothing, that God may have all the Glory.* Some there may be who deem it [we are constrained to add “by reason of the ignorance that is in them.”] an infringement of the doctrine of Divine Sovereignty to maintain the necessity of a diligent use of means. We trust, Brethren, for Christ’s sake and the Gospel’s, that this cannot be said of any of you; and that while you are careful, as becomes believers, to maintain good works, you will be equally careful to ascribe to the Sovereign Grace of God all the beneficial results of them.

As one of the most efficient means, then, for the advancement of religion, let us call your attention to the duty of giving *early Religious Instructions to the Young.*

We have been charged as a denomination with culpable negligence in this respect. We could most devoutly wish, that there was not the smallest ground for such a charge; but this we dare not assert. Even if it had originated in an unfriendly feeling, and had, in many cases been false, we not so much seek our own justification as the welfare of our children and the Church of Christ.

Religion is to be propagated by teaching, *Go teach all nations* was the Saviour’s last command. That the season of childhood is attended with peculiar advantages for being taught,

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is obvious to all. That such advantages should be improved is a dictate of common prudence and common sense. In all the earlier developments of its powers, the mind is more sensibly alive to new truths, the acquisition of knowledge is accompanied with a livelier satisfaction perhaps than at any subsequent period. Curiosity is excited, the attention is strongly fixed on its objects, the memory is deeply impressed, insomuch that the earliest impressions in defiance of all the vicissitudes of life, are the last to be effaced. Many a hoary headed sire, who has forgotten the achievements of his manhood, can tell when and where he was first taught to believe in the existence of a God: when it was first made plain to his infant understanding, that the sun which called him to his morning sports, and the moon, which poured her silver light about him, and the stars which walked the heavens in majestic silence, were all the productions of that great, wise, and good Being. Nor did the history of his own existence, his accountability to God, his moral condition, and future destiny, find a less welcome reception. With equal distinctness and equal pleasure, does he recollect, when it was first made clear to him, that man was at enmity with God, and must be reconciled by the cross of Christ. Never can he forget the time or place, when consequent upon this knowledge he first formed the solemn determination of seeking God for his portion.

How effectually are such scenes impressed on the mind! We may say, almost without a figure, that they are engraven by the finger of God, and can be effaced only with the destruction of the mind itself. Facts of this sort are too obvious to need proof, and too important to be passed over in silence. It is from these that our moralists and poets, who most excel in the knowledge of human nature, have so often reminded us that

“Just as the twig is bent, the tree's inclined.”
It was doubtless a knowledge of these facts which led the wisest of men to say “train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.” Nor was it without a reference to the peculiar susceptibility of the opening mind, that the Apostle enjoins fathers to bring up their children in the “nurture and admonition of the Lord.” Thus the precepts of man and of God, the accumulated experience and wisdom of all ages, urge the importance of giving early religious instructions to the young.

But how is this to be effected? We answer by the promotion of Sunday Schools, by private parental instruction, and by Christian example. In every village and neighbourhood, and especially in every place of worship, let the children be assembled for the purpose of reading and committing to memory portions of Scripture; for hearing them explained in a

familiar way, and for answering questions from some approved catechism. Let pious teachers study to make the great truths of religion plain to their understandings and interesting to their hearts. An hour or two on each Sabbath spent in this way, will be to the young and susceptible mind, what the early rain is to the tender grass. But if any obstacle prevents the children from being thus assembled, let the parents employ a part of the Holy Day in teaching them at home. Very few Christian parents can plead inability to perform this duty. The few books which might be needful, are in almost every one's hands. or if not, they may be obtained either by a mere application for them, or at a very moderate price.

Such an exercise will be scarcely less useful to the parent, than to the child. He will find his own religious feelings awakened, his knowledge of Divine truth enlarged, his facility in imparting knowledge, and his pleasure in reading the Scriptures, greatly increased. To his own soul, if he sets about the duty in the fear of God, such an exercise will be refreshing as the dews upon the Mountains of Israel. There seems to be a peculiar fitness in this kind of instruction. As the young mind begins to feel the consciousness of knowledge, and to glow with the desire of learning, to whom does it so naturally look for instruction as to the parent? What lessons will be so grateful, or received with such implicit confidence, as those which fall from parental lips.

It scarcely need be remarked that precept must be enforced by example. Example is one of the most efficient modes of teaching. It addresses itself with peculiar force to the imitative propensity, so remarkable in Children. Nor is it less influential with reason and reflection in riper years. As it is incumbent on every Christian to walk worthy of his vocation, as it is especially incumbent on every Christian Parent to set before his children and family an example, worthy of imitation to leave it with them as a rich legacy, by which they shall profit long after the parent has been gathered to his fathers.

Do we want encouragement and motives to make a vigorous effort? Look at the manifest tendency of such instruction. It has many results in common with Education, in general, such as the acquisition of useful knowledge, the improvement and discipline of the mind, the formation of character, and the like. In this respect its vast importance to the well-being of individuals and the community, is obvious. It is a useful auxiliary to Education in general. So, on the other hand, general Education is highly favourable to this. They blend beautifully together, each in turn becoming the handmaid of the other, and both conspiring to secure the noblest result of intellectual and religious teaching.

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But early religious instruction has some results peculiar to itself. It informs the conscience;—it fixes in the mind those great principles of right and wrong;—of duty to God and to man, connected as they are with time and eternity, in such a manner, that they are seldom eradicated. It may not immediately produce the effects which we so much desire—a real conversion of the heart to God, yet it seldom fails to exert a powerful restraining influence. In the hour of temptation, those instructions form an invisible shield to quench the fiery dart of the tempter; or if this should not be fully effected, how often do they lend to conscience a weight of authority and rebuke, which are irresistible? How many and how affecting are the instances in which a disobedient son after years of profligate indulgence, has, at length, been arrested by a mother's warnings and a mother's prayers, and brought in deep contrition to the foot of the cross? With what heartfelt gratitude does he take up the long-neglected Bible which was presented with many benedictions as a token of parental love? From instances of this sort [and they are many] let parents learn to "cast their bread upon the waters," trusting that it will there be found again "after many days." "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thy hand, for thou knowest not whether shall prosper either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good." On whom, Brethren, devolves this momentous charge, if not on us? Who will interest themselves in teaching the rising generation the way of life if we do not? And if the rising generation is not taught, what a moral desolation do we leave behind us? I say unless God should avert it by miracles, what a moral desolation must the world soon present? What excuse can we offer for neglecting so manifest and so important a duty? One in which ourselves and our posterity, the world at large and especially the Church of Christ is so deeply concerned? Is it not high time to awake out of sleep, to look abroad on the growing interests of the Redeemer's Kingdom, to consult in earnest for its more rapid advancement and gird ourselves for the work?

Are you a parent, a *christian parent*? Do the retributions of eternity ever rest with solemnity on your mind, and bring you to the throne of grace on behalf of your beloved offspring? And is it possible, that you can neglect those instructions which alone can make wise unto salvation? O unnatural father! O more than unnatural mother! Tell it not in Gath. What must be your reflection in a dying hour? Could the faltering tongue still give utterance to the emotions of an agonizing heart, what arguments, what entreaties, what exhortations, should we have in favour of teaching the young the fear of the Lord! More, dear Brethren, we trust need not be said. With our individual and our collected might and with

a firm reliance on the blessing of God, let us come up to the great work of teaching the young among us, to remember their Creator in the days of their youth.

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

The Elders and Messengers composing the Nova Scotia Baptist Association, &c. to corresponding Associations, send Christian Salutation.

Dear Brethren,

Another opportunity having been afforded us by the kind Providence of our God, of Meeting together in Association, to communicate to each other the progress of his gracious dealings with us, and to consult for the interests of our common cause, we have been much gratified to hear that his rich blessings have been so abundantly participated by our sister Associations.

We cannot but view this as a day of great things; wherein the Lord is manifesting his power and grace, in calling many into his Kingdom, and causing them to put on the beautiful garments of Zion. A day, wherein he is also preparing and sending forth many ministers of the word, to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ to a perishing world. We greatly rejoice that you as well as ourselves have such abundant reason to bless the Lord for these testimonies of his goodness.

We would earnestly call on all our Brethren, who have been made partakers of the grace of God; that as they have put on Christ, so they would walk in him. Outward prosperity is often the worst adversity for God's people; for they are then most liable to swerve from the humility and simplicity that is in Christ, but blessed be his name, his grace is sufficient for us, at all times and under all circumstances.

We feel a deep and solemn interest in the various means that are in operation, to promote the declarative glory of God; in the promotion of useful knowledge among the Messengers of his word; in the training up the rising generation in his nurture and admonition; and in the diffusing of the word of life and salvation by the Missionaries of the Cross. Let us not dear brethren, become weary in well doing, or remiss in provoking each other to love and good works; but let every fresh communication of each others increase, and prosperity, be a fresh incentive to renewed exertion and prevailing prayer.

Brethren, pray for us.

By order of the Association,

THEODORE S. HARDING.

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*Report of the Managing Committee of the Nova-
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The Managing Committee of the Baptist Education Society, beg leave to state, that very shortly after the last Meeting of the Board, the Agents appointed to solicit subscriptions in various parts of this and the adjoining Province, proceeded on their respective circuits, and from time to time made their reports to the Committee.

That it appears from such reports that about the sum of £1100 was promised to be contributed, towards the funds of the Society; but that few collections have as yet been made.

That in some places Auxiliary Societies have been formed, for the purposes of obtaining contributions, and co-operating with the General Society.

That the Managing Committee have purchased in the centre of Horton, almost adjoining the Baptist Meeting House, a most eligible situation for the Buildings, intended to be erected for the purposes of the Institution. That the premises contain Fifty Acres of Upland, and Fourteen Acres of excellent Dyke; for which they have paid L500, having borrowed the money, and given their personal security for the Amount, payable with interest, but that the rents arising from the premises, are about equal to the interest on the purchase money. That there are two dwelling houses, and other small buildings on the premises.

That the Committee have procured the Rev. Asahel Chapin, a gentleman from Amherst College, in Massachusetts, who has engaged to conduct the Seminary for a year; and that they have opened the Institution, and commenced teaching in the principal Dwelling house, on the Premises, which has undergone some repairs for that purpose, and that there are now about Fifty young persons of various ages, receiving the benefits of Education, with every prospect of a rapid increase in numbers.

That the Committee have fixed the rates of Tuition, at four pounds per annum, for the usual branches of English education, and the necessary sciences, and five pounds per annum for such branches with the addition of the Greek and Latin Classics, and as it is found requisite to have an introductory School for the separate instruction of the younger children, the Committee have fixed the rate of such instruction, at three pounds per annum.

That the Committee during the last Session of the House of Assembly, made application on behalf of the Society for Legislative aid, towards the necessary buildings, and the general objects of the Institution, and that a vote passed the House of Assembly almost unanimously granting that sum; but that His

Majesty's Council having refused to concur in such vote, the Committee failed in obtaining their object; but that they have much reason to hope, that they may meet with better success, at the next Session of the General Assembly.

In behalf of the Committee, { *William Chipman*
 { *Edmund A. Crawley*
 { *James W. Nutting*

YARMOUTH; 22nd. June, 1829.

Letter to the New Brunswick Association.

The Nova-Scotia Baptist Association, &c. to their Brethren of the New-Brunswick Association, send Christian Salutation.

Dear Brethren,

The Ministers and many of the Members of our respective Churches throughout this Province, having at the Association held at Horton last year, formed ourselves into a Society for the promotion of Education, in this and the neighbouring Colonies; and having in the formation of such Society, as we humbly trust, solely in view, the extension of the Blessed Redeemer's kingdom on Earth, in the cultivation of those faculties, by which the Lord has distinguished us above his other creatures—the temporal and spiritual welfare of the numerous rising generation, and the instruction of such young Brethren as may be called to preach the Gospel, in the necessary branches of general and theological learning, we have deemed it right to appeal to you, our Brethren of the same faith and order, representing the several churches in our sister Province now assembled in Association, to request your co-operation and assistance in this our important undertaking.

We have during the last year sent Agents through this Province and New-Brunswick, for the purpose of collecting Subscriptions; and have met with success fully equal to our expectations. We have fixed on Horton as the place best adapted, from its local advantages, for the site of an Academy; being easily accessible by land or water to both Provinces. We have purchased a most eligible situation, and have procured from Amherst College in Massachusetts, Mr. Asahel Chapin, a Baptist brother of competent qualifications, and earnest piety and zeal, as well as of unblemished reputation, to conduct for the present our infant Seminary. It was opened on the first of May last, and there are now about *Fifty* youths of various ages, receiving instruction, with the most flattering prospects of a rapid increase in numbers.

It is our intention with as little delay as possible, to erect a Building for the Seminary, on as extensive a scale as our means will admit; and we have the greatest reason to trust that with the blessing of the Most High, our attempts will ere long, prosper far beyond what we at first anticipated. We

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would now, Brethren, with christian earnestness, beseech you to join in affording your aid to this undertaking. We would call your attention to the important circumstance, that in the present state of increasing population, and growing knowledge in these Provinces, it is highly necessary, that our efforts to promote the education of youth, and improve the gifts of our young ministering Brethren, should be in some measure commensurate with such increasing demands.—We would urge the necessity of having the instruction of youth placed in the hands of those who fear God: and we would solemnly remind our Brethren, that the time is now come, when they must either take upon themselves the Education of their own offspring, in promoting to their utmost, this, and similar Institutions, or commit this all important charge into the hands of those, whose want of correct views, in those things which involve the eternal interests of the rising generation, render them utterly unqualified for such a task; and which indeed must shortly undermine the vital interests of our Denomination.

We would therefore, beloved Brethren, by all our common views and interests, and by the cause of our common Lord, call on you to unite with us in the furtherance of this highly interesting and important object: and trusting that while with simplicity and Godly sincerity, we keep in view the duties we owe to our God, ourselves and our fellowmen, we shall enjoy his direction and blessing, to keep us from error, and guide us in the path of truth.

YARMOUTH, 23rd. June, 1839.

Nova Scotia Baptist Education Society.

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General Meeting in Aylesford, in Sept. 1828.

The General Meeting of the Ministers of the Baptist Denomination in the Province is held annually, for the purpose of strengthening and encouraging each other in the arduous work of promoting the cause of Christ's Kingdom, and communicating the various successes or discouragements, which the Brethren may have met with in their labours—as such meetings have been always esteemed greatly conducive towards the accomplishment of the purposes for which they are held; and especially as the one of last year at Aylesford, immediately preceded, and was thought in a great measure to have opened the way to the happy revivals of religion that have taken place: It is thought, that it would not be uninteresting to insert here a very brief account of it, furnished by Br. Manning from his Journal; with a few of his observations on the same subject.

Sept. 21st. Br. Joseph Dimock commenced the Public exercises, and preached a most interesting sermon from Phil 3 ch. 3 ver. "For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the Spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus and have no confidence in

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Br. Ansley preached in the afternoon from Acts, 17 ch. 31 ver. "God hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness, &c." It was a blessed Sermon; scarcely have I ever heard one more interesting. It was good, it was good indeed to be there."

"Meeting in the Evening at candle-light. Br. Marsters preached—could not attend from indisposition."

"22d Sept. Prayer meeting in the Morning, but could not attend—at half-past ten o'clock, I addressed the people from Deut. 32 ch. 2 ver. 'My Doctrine shall drop as the rain, &c.' Many spiritual, refreshing, and appropriate exhortations followed."

"After half an hours intermission, Br. Elder preached an excellent Discourse from Heb. 6 ch, 18 and 19 ver., 'That by two immutable things, &c. &c.' I then read the Prospectus of the Baptist Education Society, and endeavoured to explain its objects and advantages."

It did seem as if the Ministers that attended this Meeting, felt more than common for the salvation of a world lying in wickedness, and particularly for poor Sinners in Aylesford—the preaching was of this character—the Professors of religion present, at least many of them, caught the holy fire, and were more solemn and prayerful than usual; Backsliders were aroused, and began to think of returning, and many of the unconverted were arrested in their course of sin and carelessness. We left the place under a deep conviction, that the yearly meeting at Aylesford was owned and blessed of God; and that a work of grace and reformation had already commenced. On the following week on my way to the westward, I preached at the Aylesford Meeting House on Tuesday evening, and on Wednesday evening, at Br. Thomas Tupper's, to a large and deeply attentive Congregation, and beheld with awful solemnity, and sacred joy, the work of the spirit progressing gloriously. This blessed work has since spread into Wilmot, Nictaur, Granville, Chutes Cove, Handley Mountain, New Albany, Brookfield, Dalhousie Settlement, and Liverpool. Oh may it continue to spread, until every part of Nova Scotia, experiences its gracious influences, and hears the sound of abundance of rain—and not only so, but may it spread through all the habitable parts of our ruined world, until

Jesus shall reign where'er the Sun,
Does his successive journey run.

Oh! that we may all be fervent in spirit, and diligent to promote this good cause. For this alone, is it worth living—to administer bliss and salvation in Jesus' name."

DR. THE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, in Account.

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1828.			
Nov. 12. To paid Elder Wm. Burton on a Missionary Tour to Sydney 8 weeks at 30s.	12	0	0
Also for his Expences	1	6	0
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Feb. 15. To paid Elder Harding on acct. of Missionary labours to P. E. Island and elsewhere.	3	14	6
March Paid Elder Munro on account of Missionary labours at Brockfield, Musquedobit, &c.	4	0	0
Paid Elder Tupper for Expences of Postage, Stationary, &c. relative to his Editing the N. B Magazine.	0	10	0
Allowed Elder Ansley for his services in Missionary labours in the Dalhousie Settlements and other destitute places near seven weeks	10	0	0
	<u>£31</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>6</u>
To Balance then on hand	38	8	3
	<u>£69</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>9</u>

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June 22. To paid Deacon J. W. Nutting: to pay for the Printing of the Minutes the past year.	£14	0	0
Also in aid of Printing the Minutes for the present year	£10	0	0
Paid Elder I. E. Bill, as Messenger to the New Brunswick Association	£4	10	0
To paid Elder G. Richardson on acct. of Missionary labours, say 7 1/2 weeks	11	5	0
less he received in aid by collection	5	13	1
To paid Balance due Elder Munro for missionary services.	1	17	6
	<u>£35</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>5</u>
Balance now in hands of the Treasurer	72	12	7
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By Cash received from Miss Stout of Cape Breton, per Elder Dimock in aid of Missions,	1	3	4
By Amount returned by Elder Ansley, being the sum allowed him as our Messenger to the United States, to the different Associations with whom we correspond, he not having performed said duty,	10	0	0
	£69	18	9 1/2

1829	March	Balance then on hand,	28	8	3 1/2
	June 22.	Cash received Missionary Collection at the Association at Yarmouth,	7	11	1 1/2
		Received from Upper Granville and Wilmot Church	0	6	8
		Minute Missionary,	1	14	6
		Digby Neck Church, Minute and Missionary	2	1	2
		2nd. Baptist Church Cornwallis, Minute	1	5	8
		Female Mite Society by Mrs. Eliza A. Chipman	3	15	0
		1st. Clement Church	1	5	0
		2nd. Clement do.	1	0	0
		Aylesford Church,	1	5	0
		Chester Church Minute Missionary	1	11	11
		Lunenburg Church, by A. Dimock, minute Missionary	2	17	11 1/2
		Windsor Church minute Missionary.	1	10	0
		Rawdon Do Minute Missionary	2	8	0
		(and for Widow's fund to acct for 15s 3d)	1	4	0
		Newport Do Minute	0	11	0
		Nictaur Do Minute Missionary	2	5	1
		Brookfield Do minute Missionary	4	25	6
		New Albany Do minute Missionary	0	15	0
		Chutes Cove Do	0	10	11 1/2
		Yarmouth Do minute Missionary	0	16	1 1/2
		Annapolis Do minute Missionary	1	10	6
		Granville Street Do minute Missionary	2	0	10 1/2
		Bryer Island minute Missionary	10	0	0
		Amount carried over	1	0	0
			£95	5	10

