

MINUTES

OF THE

THIRTY-FIRST SESSION

OF THE

Western Baptist Association

OF

NOVA SCOTIA,

*Held with the Wilmot Baptist Church at Paradise, Annapolis County,  
Saturday, Monday and Tuesday, June 18th, 20th and 21st,  
with the Circular Letter, &c.*

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# MINUTES.

PARADISE, ANNAPOLIS CO.,  
*Saturday Morning, June 18th, 1881.*

The Western Association convened with the Wilmot Baptist Church, at 10 o'clock, A. M., in its Thirty-first Anniversary.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. J. H. Saunders. After singing Hymn 287:

"Behold the sure foundation stone,  
Which God in Zion lays,"

Prayer was offered by Rev. J. C. Morse. Social religious services were engaged in while the Clerks made out a list of delegates.

## LIST OF DELEGATES.

- Wilmot, Paradise*,—Rev. J. T. Eaton, Deas. Silas Jackson, W. H. Balcom, H. H. Morse, A. Longley, M. P., and Bro. Edwd. Marshall.  
*Springfield*,—Rev. H. B. Shaffner, Deas. Sydney Saunders, W. A. Mason, Chas. Roop, Brethren Wm. McGill and Geo. Durland.  
*New Albany*,—Rev. H. B. Shaffner, Dea. Phineas Whitman, and Bro Albert Oakes.  
*Weymouth*,—Dea. John Kinney, and Bro. N. E. Butler.  
*Ohio, Yarmouth*,—Rev. John Rowe, Deas. Jos. W. Patten, Jacob Durkee, Brethren Geo. Crosby and Wm. Moses.  
*Nictaux*,—Rev. W. A. J. Bleakney, Deas. Clark Felch, W. C. Shaffner, B. H. Parker, W. A. Morse, and Bro. Albert Beckwith.  
*1st Hillsburgh*,—Deas. Richard Clark, H. H. Chute, Brethren Thos. Miller and G. H. Miller.  
*2nd Hillsburgh*,—Rev. J. H. Saunders.  
*Milton, Queens*,—Revds. J. I. DeWolfe, P. F. Murray, Brethren B. Kempton and J. N. Freeman.  
*Milton, Yarmouth*,—Rev. J. A. Gordon.  
*Freeport*,—Dea. Geo. N. Tibert, Brethren Jas. W. Eldridge and Wm. Lent.  
*1st Digby Neck*,—Rev. J. C. Morse, and Bro. Wm. C. Denton.  
*2nd Digby Neck*,—Rev. J. C. Morse.  
*Lake George*,—Rev. A. Cogswell, Brethren D. F. Scovill and C. M. Durkee.  
*Hebron*,—Rev. A. Cohoon.  
*Digby*,—Rev. J. H. Saunders, and Dea. John F. Saunders.  
*Annapolis Royal*,—Rev. T. A. Higgins, Dea. I. Healey, and Bro. W. Saunders.  
*Yarmouth 1st*,—Rev. Geo. E. Day, M. D.  
*Yarmouth West*,—Rev. A. N. Parry, and Dea. Nelson Corning

*St. Mary's Bay*,—Rev. W. L. Parker, Deas. W. H. Haines, John N. Andrews, Brethren John Smith and H. VanBlarcom.

*Brookfield*,—Rev. G. A. Cleaveland, Dea. John Hardy, and Bro. Uriah Johnson.

*Hampton*,—Dea. Jas. R. Hill, Brethren Geo. W. Wilson, Elias Brenton, Travis Brenton and Robert Chute.

*Hill Grove*,—Rev. W. L. Parker.

*Greenfield*,—A. Whitman, (Lic.), Dea. S. F. Hunt, and Bro. H. G. Freeman.

*Beaver River*,—Rev. G. B. Titus, Dea. W. H. Goudey, Brethren Jas. A. Rose, Alfred Perry, and Theophilus Corning.

*Annapolis and Upper Granville*,—Rev. W. H. Warren, Deas. B. Fellows, Solomon Chute, Brethren Charles Rumsey, Benj. Miller, and Oliver Foster.

*Middlefield*,—A. Whitman, (Lic.).

*Pine Grove*,—Rev. J. H. Robbins, Deas. Geo. Dodge, Obadiah Dodge, Joel Slocomb, Brethren Isaiah Dodge, and Jas. Slocomb.

*Clements*,—Rev. J. M. Parker, Deas. John D. Potter, D. D. Potter, and Bro. J. C. Potter.

*Temple, Yarmouth*,—Rev. John Clark, Dea. J. B. Kinney, and Bro. Lewis Allen.

*Lawrencetown and Valley West*,—Rev. R. D. Porter, Deas. A. T. Morse, James Wheelock, A. Dunn, and Bro. Wm. McKeown.

*Lower Granville*,—Rev. J. D. Skinner, Brethren James Reed, James Shaffner, and Benj. W. Shaffner.

*Sherbrooke West*,—Rev. H. B. Shaffner, and Dea. Thos. A. Wilson.

*Wilmot Mountain*, S. E. Miller, (Lic.), Dea. A. Miller, Brethren Jas. Bent, W. Healey. J. M. Dunn, and J. Graves.

*Liverpool*,—Dea. Thos. Nickerson.

*Caledonia*,—Rev. G. A. Cleaveland.

*Upper Wilmot*,—Rev. W. E. Hall, Dea. Henry Goucher, Brethren Walter Ritchie, and S. Spurr.

*Kempt*,—Bro. David DeLong.

*Shelburne*,—Rev. G. H. Goudey.

*Jordan River*,—Rev. G. H. Goudey.

*Acadian French Mission Church*,—Rev. M. Normonday.

*Central Association*,—Revds. Geo. Armstrong, D. D., and E. O. Read. The Association was duly organized by the election of the following

OFFICERS.

*Moderator*,—Rev. G. E. Day, M. D.

*Clerks*,—Revds. G. B. Titus, and J. H. Robbins.

*Treasurer*,—Bro. I. M. Longley.

*Assistant Treasurer*,—Bro. W. H. Morse.

The following Committees were appointed:

TO EXAMINE LETTERS SENT TO THE ASSOCIATION BY THE CHURCHES.—Revds. T. A. Higgins, J. C. Morse, and P. F. Murray.

TO READ LETTERS.—Revds. J. Clark, R. D. Porter, and J. I. DeWolf.

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The following were added to the Committee of Arrangements: Bro. S. Miller, Deas. H. H. Morse, and S. Spurr.

The following brethren were invited to seats: Brother J. R. Hutchinson, (Lic.), Revds. J. L. Read, N. Vidito, Brethren B. H. Lockhart, (Lic.), C. F. Armstrong, M. L. Fields, Revds. L. B. Gates, Wm. Spencer, R. N. Roscoe, and Bro. J. O. Redden, (Lic). The Letter of the Wilmot Church was read, giving the delegates and friends visiting the Association a warm greeting.

Rev. A. Cohoon being appointed to read Letters in place of Rev. R. D. Porter, not present, several Letters were read.

Committee of Arrangements reported in part, as follows:

1st. *Time of Meetings.* Morning session commence at 10 o'clock and close at 12, noon; afternoon session open at 2 o'clock, close at 5 o'clock; evening session open at 7.30 o'clock, and close at pleasure.

2nd. They recommend that prayer-meetings be held at 6 o'clock on each morning except Sunday morning, when the time be from 9.30 to 10.20 o'clock.

3rd. They recommend that the order of to-day's work be as follows: *Morning and Afternoon sessions*—Reading of Letters, followed by Report of Infirm Ministers' Fund. *Evening session*—That a Temperance Meeting be held, and that the topic be for the evening, "The obligation of all Christian men and good citizens to act in the enforcement of the present Temperance Law." Speakers for the evening, Revds. J. A. Gordon, J. C. Morse, and J. H. Saunders, with Brethren B. W. Lockhart, (Lic.), A. Longley, M. P., and S. Spurr.

They also recommend the following for

#### SABBATH APPOINTMENTS.

Paradise—10.30 A. M. Rev. G. E. Day.

3.00 P. M. " J. Clark.

7.30 P. M. " J. A. Gordon.

West Paradise—3 P. M. Rev. J. C. Morse.

Clarence—10.30 A. M. Rev. W. L. Parker.

3.00 P. M. " A. Cohoon.

7.30 P. M. " J. A. Durkee.

Lawrencetown—11.00 A. M. Rev. T. A. Higgins.

7.30 P. M. Bro. J. R. Hutchinson, (Lic).

Valley West—3.00 P. M. Rev. G. Cleaveland.

Pine Grove—11.00 A. M. Rev. Wm. Spencer.

Gates' Mountain—3.00 P. M. Rev. Wm. Spencer.

Port Lorne—11.00 P. M. Rev. H. B. Shaffner.

Hampton—2.30 P. M. Rev. P. F. Murray.

Arlington—6.00 P. M. Rev. P. F. Murray.

Bridgetown—11.00 A. M. Rev. J. I. DeWolfe.

Centreville—3.00 P. M. Rev. J. I. DeWolfe.

Nictaux—11.00 A. M. Rev. J. Rowe.

Torbok—3.00 P. M. Rev. J. Rowe.

Farmington—3.00 P. M. Rev. L. B. Gates.

Tremont—11.00 A. M. Rev. G. H. Goudey.

*New Albany*—11.00 A. M. Rev. H. N. Parry.

Also that collections be taken at all the services for the Convention Fund.

The following were appointed a Committee on Questions in Letters: Revds. J. A. Durkee, J. Clark, John Rowe, P. F. Murray, J. C. Morse, and J. H. Saunders.

In closing the morning session the Association was led by Rev. J. A. Gordon in special prayer on behalf of our brother, Rev. J. A. McLean, the esteemed pastor of the 1st Hillsburgh Church, who now lies upon a bed of sickness.

*Saturday—Afternoon Session.*

Prayer offered by Bro. B. H. Lockhart, (Lic).

Minutes of morning session read and approved. Reading of Letters resumed.

Report of Board of Infirm Ministers' Fund was presented by the Secretary, Rev. A. Cohoon, was spoken to by Bro. S. Selden, and adopted. (See Appendix A).

The following was moved, seconded, and adopted:

*Resolved*,—That this Association learns with pleasure that a History of the Baptist Denomination in the Maritime Provinces, written by Rev. I. E. Bill, D. D., is shortly to be published, and trust that the members of this body will unite in giving it the widest circulation.

The Committee of Arrangements further reported in part, as follows:

The Committees appointed last year be enlarged and corrected to stand as follows:

ON EDUCATION.—Revds. W. H. Warren, T. A. Higgins, and Bro. A. Longley.

ON CIRCULAR LETTER.—Revds. J. C. Morse, J. A. Durkee, and Bro. Albert Beckwith.

ON MISSIONS.—Revds. J. Clark, H. N. Parry, A. Cohoon, and G. B. Titus.

ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.—Revds. J. H. Saunders, W. L. Parker, and Bro. N. Butler.

ON CHRISTIAN BENEFICENCE.—Revds. A. Cohoon, W. J. Bleakney, J. M. Parker, and Bro. E. P. Coldwell.

ON DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE.—Revds. W. E. Hall, G. E. Day, and G. A. Cleaveland.

They further recommend the following arrangements for Monday: *Morning*—Sermon by Rev. A. Cohoon, followed by Report on Denominational Literature. *Afternoon*—Reports on Education, Sabbath Schools, and Christian Beneficence.

*Resolved*, That the following names be added to Committee on Sabbath Schools: Brethren A. Longley, S. Spurr, and S. H. Jackson.

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ensuing year : Revds. G. E. Day, M. D., J. A. Stubbert, J. Clark, H. N. Parry, A. Cohoon, and Dea. W. R. Doty.

*Resolved*, That all moneys sent to the Association not appropriated be divided according to the scale of the Convention scheme.

*Resolved*, That 1,500 copies of Minutes of the Association be printed, and that 50 copies be reserved for use next year ; the expense of printing to be taken from each of the benevolent funds according to the amounts sent to the Association ;

*Further resolved*, That the Clerks be a committee to superintend the printing of the Minutes, and that they take such steps as will ensure the work being done at the smallest cost consistent with efficiency.

After singing the Doxology, meeting closed with prayer by Rev. A. N. Roscoe.

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*Saturday—Evening Session.*

TEMPERANCE MEETING.

After singing, prayer was offered by Rev. J. C. Morse.

Minutes of afternoon session read and approved.

This subject of the evening, as named by Committee of Arrangements in morning session, was discussed by Revds. J. A. Gordon, J. C. Morse, J. H. Saunders, Brethren B. W. Lockhart, (Lic.), A. Longley, M. P., and D. Corning.

Very superior music was furnished by the choir of the Paradise Church, by which the interest of the meeting was largely increased.

At the close of this very successful meeting prayer was offered by Rev. A. Cogswell.

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*Monday—Morning Session.*

The Association assembled at 10 o'clock.

After introductory exercises, participated in by Revds. J. H. Saunders, and Dr. Day, the Association Sermon was preached by Rev. A. Cohoon, from 2 Cor. v. 15, subject : Increase of Consecration to Christ the need of the Church ; (1) What increased consecration gives ; and (2) How it can be secured.

At the close of the sermon prayer was offered by Rev. J. L. Read. Association having been called to order by the Moderator, prayer was offered by Rev. J. A. Durkee.

Minutes of last session were read and approved. Reading of Letters resumed and finished.

The names of Revds. J. A. Durkee and J. H. Saunders were added to Committee on Missions.

The Report on Denominational Literature was read by the chairman of Committee and spoken to by Rev. W. E. Hall, Brethren A. Longley, and S. Selden. Report adopted. (See Appendix B).

Committee on Arrangements further reported in part as follows :

*Monday Afternoon*,—(1) Report of Committee on Obituaries; (2) Report of Committee on Beneficence; (3) Report of Committee on Circular Letter; (4) Report of Committee on Questions in Letters; (5) Report of Committee on Education.

*Monday Evening*,—A public Educational Meeting. The following subjects to be discussed: (1) Our indebtedness to Acadia College—speaker, Rev. W. E. Hall; (2) How we may effectively promote the interests of Acadia College—speaker, Rev. A. W. Sawyer, D. D.; (3) The means and importance of thorough Academic preparation—speakers, Rev. G. E. Day, M. D., and D. M. Welton, Ph. D.; (4) The present condition and prospects of the Ladies' Seminary—speaker, Rev. T. A. Higgins; (5) The relation of Theological instruction to Acadia College—speaker, Rev. R. D. Porter.

In closing prayer was offered by Bro. J. O. Redden, (Lic).

*Monday—Afternoon Session.*

Prayer by Rev. John Clark.

Minutes of last session read and approved.

The following were invited to seats: Revds. A. W. Sawyer, D.D., Geo. Armstrong, D. D., D. M. Welton, Ph. D., E. M. Saunders, A. M., Alexander Eastabrooks, returned Missionary, Brethren Prof. D. F. Higgins, and Dea. S. Selden,

The following resolution was moved by Bro. A. Longley, M. P., seconded by Bro. S. Miller, and passed unanimously:

*Resolved*, That we the members of the Western Baptist Association of Nova Scotia in Session now convened, would deprecate anything assuming the form of retrogressive legislation in connection with the repression or abolition of the liquor traffic; and take this opportunity of expressing our condemnation of the recent attempts made both in the Senate and House of Commons of Canada to render the Canada Temperance Act a nullity; and we, therefore, express the earnest hope that the said Act may be preserved intact, and at least be allowed a fair trial. We also hope that the needed amendments to said Act attempted to be secured at the last Session of Parliament will at the next Session pass into law.

*Further Resolved*, That we declare ourselves the uncompromising opponents of the liquor traffic, fraught as it is with incalculable loss and untold misery to the human family.

We, therefore avow ourselves the earnest advocates of the entire Prohibition of the importation, manufacture, and sale, of all intoxicating beverages, and hope that the day is not far distant when such a measure will become the law of the land.

The Report on Sabbath Schools was read by the chairman of Committee. Spoken to by Rev. J. H. Saunders, and Bro. S. Selden, and adopted. (See Appendix C).

Committee on Circular Letter reported that owing to the sudden illness of Rev. J. A. McLean, by whom the Circular Letter was being prepared, there is none to be presented.

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*Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to prepare a Circular Letter to be presented on Tuesday morning, and that Revs. T. A. Higgins, J. A. Durkee, and W. E. Hall be such Committee.

Rev. W. H. Warren was added to Committee on Obituaries. The following expression of sympathy was voted to be sent by telegraph to Bro. J. A. McLean :

"Association in sympathy with you, and pray for your recovery. Are you recovering?"

Revs. W. E. Hall, Dr. Armstrong, and E. M. Saunders were added to Committee on Questions in Letters.

Committee on Questions in Letters reported, recommending :

1st. That the Association hold its next annual session with the Baptist Church at Milton, Queens Co., in accordance with their request, and that the thanks of the Association be tendered to the Nictaux Baptist Church for their repeated invitation.

2nd. That the Church which has asked a question concerning ordination be referred to the forthcoming deliverance of the Convention Committee on that subject.

3rd. That the answer to the question from the Lake George Church as to the course to be followed by the majority in dealing with aggrieved minorities be—After a majority has tried all ordinary means for a reconciliation with the minority, and have failed to accomplish it, then a majority should seek the advice of neighboring churches through a Council.

The Committee on Christian Beneficence reported through its chairman, Rev. A. Cohoon. Report adopted. (See Appendix D).

Report on Education was submitted through the chairman of Committee on Education, Rev. W. H. Warren, and was spoken to by Revs. A. Cohoon, T. A. Higgins, and Dr. Sawyer, and referred back to Committee for reconsideration.

Leave of absence was granted to Brethren J. R. Armstrong, G. N. Tibert, and Wm. Lent.

A letter was read from Rev. J. B. Woodland concerning the printing of Association Minutes in a volume to contain all the Minutes of the seven Associations in N. S., N. B., and P. E. I., and of the Convention.

*Resolved*, To submit the letter to Committee on Questions in Letters for suggestions.

Committee of Arrangements further reported in part as follows :

Tuesday morning session to be devoted to the subject of Missions.

Report on Missions to be submitted, after which addresses be delivered by J. B. Hutchinson, (Lic.), on Foreign Missions, Rev. A. Cohoon on Home Missions, Rev. M. Normonday on French Missions.

After singing, prayer was offered by Rev. Geo. Armstrong, D.D.

*Monday—Evening Session.*

## EDUCATIONAL MEETING.

After singing the 1st Hymn :

“With one consent let all the earth  
To God their cheerful voices raise,”

Rev. H. N. Parry read the nineteenth Psalm, and Rev. J. D. Skinner offered prayer.

Minutes of last session read and approved.

The subject of Education was then, in an earnest manner, discussed by Revds. E. M. Saunders, A. W. Sawyer, D. D., D. M. Welton, Ph. D., and R. D. Porter.

The Report on Education was again read and adopted. (See Appendix E).

Leave of absence was granted to brethren Bishop, of Nictaux, and Durkee, of Lake George.

In closing, the benediction was pronounced by Rev. J. Rowe.

The excellent music furnished by the Paradise Church Choir on this occasion gave evidence of careful, thorough, and successful preparation.

*Tuesday—Morning Session.*

After singing, prayer was offered by Rev. J. I. DeWolf.

Minutes of last session read and approved.

*Resolved*, That any members of this Association attending the Central, Eastern, or P. E. Island Associations be our delegates.

*Resolved*, That the Moderator be requested to make arrangements for travelling to Association next year.

By request, Rev. J. H. Saunders promised to look after the Baptist Church at New Tusket, and bring a Letter to the Association next year. A like promise was made by Rev. J. A. Durkee on behalf of Lower Sable River; by Rev. J. D. Skinner on behalf of the Church at Parker's Cove; and by Rev. W. H. Warren on behalf of Dalhousie West.

The Moderator read the following telegram :

“BEAR RIVER, June 20th, 1881.

“Every thing right. Mr. McLean no better.  
(Signed)

“W. J. NICHOLL.”

Rev. J. Clark moved the following resolution :

That this Association desires to express its gratitude to Almighty God for the many and valuable services rendered to the Baptist denomination by our esteemed and venerable brother, Rev. J. M. Cramp, D. D., during his long and useful life, and would pray that his declining days may be greatly cheered and brightened by the Master's loving presence.

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Rev. E. M. Saunders seconded the resolution, at the same time conveying to the Association direct from Dr. Cramp expressions of continued interest in all the matters of the Association, especially the subject of Missions. Resolution adopted.

Committee on Obituaries reported through Rev. J. Rowe. Report adopted. (See Appendix F).

Committee on Missions reported through Rev. J. Clark, chairman. Spoken to by J. R. Hutchinson, (Lic.), on Foreign Missions, and A. Cohoon on Home Missions. Report adopted. (See Appendix G).

*Resolved*, To extend time until business of Association is finished.

Committee on Questions in Letters reported additionally as follows :

That this Association, (in reply to the letter of Bro. Woodland, of the Convention Committee to report on the question of printing the Minutes of the different Associations in one volume with those of the Convention), favor the principle, and remit the matter to the Convention again to give due consideration to the plans it may form.

Circular Letter was read by Rev. T. A. Higgins. Adopted, and ordered to be printed in the Minutes, and requested to be published in the *Christian Messenger*.

Committee of Arrangements reported finally as follows :

To PREACH THE ASSOCIATIONAL SERMON FOR 1882—Rev. N. Vidito.

To BE HIS ALTERNATE—Rev. W. E. Hall.

To WRITE THE CIRCULAR LETTER—Rev. S. McCully Black.

#### COMMITTEES FOR 1882.

ON EDUCATION.—Revs. R. D. Porter, J. A. Durkee, and J. F. Kempton.

ON CIRCULAR LETTER.—Revs. J. M. Parker, P. F. Murray, and A. H. Lavers.

ON DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE.—Revs. J. H. Robbins, W. A. J. Bleakney, and H. N. Parry.

ON MISSIONS.—Revs. J. A. Gordon, W. H. Warren, and W. L. Parker.

ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.—Revs. G. A. Cleaveland, G. H. Goudey, and A. Whitman.

ON CHRISTIAN BENEFICENCE.—Revs. A. Cohoon, H. N. Parry, and J. D. Skinner.

ON QUESTIONS IN LETTERS.—Revs. J. H. Saunders, J. C. Morse, and J. Clark.

ON OBITUARIES.—Revs. J. T. Eaton, G. B. Titus, and W. H. Richan.

ON ARRANGEMENTS FOR 1882.—Baptist ministers, pastors of the following Churches: Milton, Liverpool, Port Medway, Shelburne, Osborne, and Lockeport.

*Resolved*, That all moneys received by the Treasurer be paid over to Dr. Day, Treasurer of the Convention Finance Committee for Nova Scotia.

*Resolved*, That Rev. A. Cohoon be requested to furnish a copy of the Associational Sermon for publication, and that Bro. Selden be requested to publish the same in the *Christian Messenger*.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Association are tendered the friends of Paradise and vicinity for the kindness and hospitality shown the delegates and friends of the Association during its session;

*Also resolved*, That we thank the choir for the excellent music furnished at the different sessions of the Association.

Minutes of this meeting read and approved.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Association adjourn to meet with the Baptist Church at Milton, Queens County, on the 3rd Saturday in June, 1882.

Closed with prayer by Rev. E. M. Saunders.

GEO. E. DAY, *Moderator*.

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# CIRCULAR LETTER.

## HARMONY ESSENTIAL TO SUCCESS.

THE LETTER OF THE N. S. WESTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION  
ADDRESSED TO THE CHURCHES OF WHICH IT IS COMPOSED.

Dear Brethren,—

If we draw important truths from what our eyes behold, and our ears hear, we shall only be imitating the example of One whom it is always safe to follow, and whom we all alike profess to obey. For many of the most important doctrines which came from the lips of our Lord, sprung forth apparently from events occurring under his own observation.

The necessity for harmony of action in all our work for Christ is the theme which the hour suggests. "Have faith in God," is a fundamental of our religion. We have some faith in God and in his Son Jesus Christ our Lord. We have very strong confidence in our peculiar views and doctrines as a denomination. This is all right and absolutely essential to growth and prosperity. But is it not possible that there may be some weakness in our movements, some inefficiency in our efforts, for the want of a little more confidence being placed in the judgment and integrity of each other? We believe that time is lost and words are wasted, and progress often impeded, because of what seems to be a growing tendency of the age, a disposition to distrust either the words or the wisdom of those with whom we have to work.

Harmony of action requires—

1. Confidence in the judgment of each other. Men cannot always be alike. It is best that they should not. For if all were cast in the same mould, either physically or mentally, we should have a very monotonous world. If every tree were like its fellow, every mountain like the other, or every man like his brother, we should hardly know whether we were ourselves or somebody else, whether we were entering our own houses, or the houses of our neighbours. Harmony in Nature, springs from the infinite variety of things which touch upon, overlap, or embrace each other. A great multiplicity of objects brought near together, as mountain, plain, lake, stream, tree, constitute, when looked at from a distance, the beautiful landscape, all the more lovely because each object differs from the other. So a great variety of opinions and individual conceptions of things, very different from each other when viewed separately, may, when seen from a higher and more distant standpoint after all constitute but one rounded and completed thought. He who regards his judgment on important matters as all-sufficient, and would

therefore obliterate and annihilate every other opinion, acts as foolishly as the man who would shovel down the mountain, chop down the trees, fill up the lakes, dam up the streams, and then place himself in the middle of the level plain, with his small banner flying in the breeze, desirous of being the admiration of all beholders.

It may require all that you and your brethren as well, can think, put together, and compress to make one full and completed thought. "In a multitude of counsellors there is safety." It is not by taking the opinion of one or the counsel of all as individuals, but by gathering a little from each, and putting all together as into one crucible, then, by applying heat, we get the essence of the whole, and by such combination there will be safety. In this way it will be seen that some respect is due to every Christian man's opinion on all important questions. Harmony of action and more satisfactory results will be secured, when, as fellow Christians, we learn to place a measure of confidence in each other's views, even if they should seem not to harmonize with our own. Perhaps a root thought coming from one, and a trunk thought from another, and a few branches from a third, if only you could get them to blend, might make the tree a more beautiful and fruitful one than either alone.

2. Confidence in each other's integrity is also absolutely essential to harmonious action. It is well to have some proper estimate of our own opinion, otherwise we should ever be in hesitation and never prepared for action. But when we become so wedded to our own opinions, that we come to regard every other man as either a rogue or a fool, because he ventures to think otherwise, then are we using our own importance as a sledge hammer, with which to batter down the reputation of others. The same thing seen by two individuals of equal discernment and honesty, may be very differently described, because differently understood, and if neither is willing to allow any latitude as to the difference of standpoint from which the other is looking, each must proclaim the other false. In worldly men and worldly matters, this is bad, but among religious men, and in connection with religious matters, it is far worse. Far better is it to cultivate a broad charity, that thinketh no evil, that believeth all things, that rests in unshaken confidence in the intentions and the integrity of those with whom we labor.

Brethren, it is far better to be deceived occasionally, than always to distrust. It is better to allow two culprits to go unpunished, than to hang one innocent man; and so it is better, perhaps, to repose confidence in two hypocrites, than to regard and treat one sincere follower of Christ, as though he were a hypocrite. Be assured brethren, that there is not with us all the unwavering and unflinching confidence in each other's honest integrity, and faithful adherence to the right that is essential to loving and harmonious and successful action. In this way it is that articles sometimes appear in our papers which cast very serious reflections upon the integrity of the men who have been chosen to discharge important duties for the

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denomination, and who are perhaps doing honest and faithful work. Ministers, hard worked and poorly paid, too, are often severely criticized by members of churches, and perhaps, even by their brother ministers, for some one word spoken, some doctrine advanced, or some omission in the performance of duty. The criticism being started, perhaps, one will vie with the other to see who can say the severest things; in other words, who can most effectually mar the work which the other is trying to accomplish.

A charge has been preferred against our brethren on the other side of the Atlantic of a different kind. Those who have the opportunity of reading the accounts of their public gatherings, might almost think that there is some ground for the charge. Some one has said of them that in their annual meetings they form themselves into a sort of mutual adulation society, and indulge in needless, if not even fulsome praise of each other. A retiring president is loudly praised for what he has done. The new president is lauded to the skies for what he is going to do. And so with their faithful secretaries and hard worked committees. We do not desire to hear this amongst us, and no charge has yet been preferred against us on this score. On the other hand, with us it is too often the case that if a man will do hard and self-denying work for us, and if he gets clear with but little disparagement, and, like his Master, endure it patiently, he may be congratulated on his good fortune.

Brethren if we are to grow and flourish as churches, and as a denomination, and maintain an unbroken front before the world, we must be united. We must have unshaken trust in God. We must repose a measure of confidence in each other, as members of the body of Christ, and as co-workers with Christ in bringing a lost world back to God. We must defend each other's reputation, stand by each other in the ranks, and show that we love the Saviour, by loving and helping all that belong to him, and strive to maintain his cause in the world.

## Ministers of the N. S. Western Baptist Association.

NAME	Place of residence.	Date of Ordination	Place of Ordination.
Rev. H. Achilles.....	Parker's Cove, Annap. Co.	Nov. 1, 1854	Marshalls Cove.
" W. A. J. Blakeney.....	Nictaux, Annapolis Co....	1860	Cambridge, N. B.
" E. H. Bishop.....	Port Medway Queens Co....	1879	Stewacks.
" A. Cohoon.....	Hebron, Yarmouth Co.....	July 11, 1872	Paradise.
" John Clark.....	Yarmouth Co.....	1866	Godmanchester, G. B.
" G. A. Cleaveland.....	Nth. Brookfield Queens Co.	Jan. —, 1880	North Brookfield.
" A. Cogswell.....	Lake George, Yarmouth Co	Jan. —, 1843	St. Mary's Bay.
" G. E. Day.....	Yarmouth Co.....	June 25, 1868	Yarmouth.
" J. A. Durkee.....	Lockport, Shelburne Co....	Oct. 13, 1873	Milton, Queens Co.
" J. I. DeWolf.....	Milton, Queens Co.....	Dec. 4, 1874	Uigg, P. E. I.
" J. T. Eaton.....	Paradise, Annapolis Co....	Aug. 11, 1876	St. Stephens, N. B.
" J. A. Gordon.....	Yarmouth Co.....	1876	East Point, P. E. I.
" G. H. Goudy.....	Shelburne Co.....	June 7, 1877	St. Mary's Bay.
" T. A. Higgins.....	Annapolis Co.....	1857	Liverpool.
" W. E. Hall.....	Melvorn Square, Annap. Co.	Sept. —, 1864	Nth. West Germany.
" A. E. Ingram.....	Westport, Digby Co.....	May 23, 1874	Nth. West, Lunenburg
" J. F. Kempton.....	Freeport, Digby Co.....	1864	Mira, C. B.
" A. H. Lavers.....	Arcadia, Yarmouth Co.....	Sept. 26, 1876	Port Medway.
" J. C. Morse.....	Digby Neck.....	Nov. 30, 1842	Digby Neck.
" P. F. Murray.....	Milton, Queens Co.....	March 14, 1848	Westport.
" P. McGregor.....	Tusket, Yarmouth Co.....	1877	Newport.
" J. F. McKenna.....	Ragged Island, Shelb. Co....	Oct. 20, 1859	Greenfield.
" M. Normondy.....	Saulnierville, Digby Co....	July 20, 1859	Yarmouth.
" Obed Parker.....	Melvorn Square, Annap. Co	Feb. 21, 1841	Wilmot.
" J. M. Parker.....	Clements, Annapolis Co....	Oct. 5, 1845	Springfield.
" W. L. Parker.....	St. Mary's Bay, Digby Co....	Sept. 30, 1843	Aylesford.
" H. N. Parry.....	Cheggogin, Yarmouth Co....	April 25, 1877	Gaspereaux.
" R. D. Porter.....	Middleton, Annapolis Co....	Sept. 17, 1857	Dartmouth.
" W. H. Richan.....	Barrington, Shelburne Co....	Sept. 30, 1863	Barrington.
" John Rowe.....	Ohio, Yarmouth Co.....	1860	Maccan.
" J. H. Robbins.....	Middleton, Annapolis Co....	Aug. 29, 1873	Rawdon.
" A. N. Roscoe.....	Digby Co.....	March 31, 1880	Port Medway.
" J. H. Sanders.....	Digby Co.....	Aug. 11, 1858	Ohio.
" H. B. Shafner.....	Springfield.....	Aug. —, 1880	Springfield.
" J. D. Skinner.....	Lower Granville, Annap. Co	April 26, 1875	Beaver River.
" J. A. Stubbart.....	Deerfield, Yarmouth Co....	Dec. 17, 1843	Port Medway.
" G. B. Titus.....	Beaver River, Yarmouth Co	March 26, 1874	Osborne.
" N. Vidito.....	Bridgetown.....	May 10, 1832	Paradise.
" W. H. Warren.....	Bridgetown, Annapolis Co.	Feb. 8, 1872	Cavendish, P. E. .

### LICENTIATES.

- S. E. Miller, Upper Wilmot.
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# APPENDIX.

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## Report of the Board of the Infirm Ministers' Fund.

Your Board would respectfully submit the following statement of receipts and expenditure:

RECEIPTS.	
Balance from old account.....	\$117 22
Received from Treasurer of Association.....	45 01
“ payments on investments.....	128 72
“ interest from invested funds.....	119 15
“ interest from funds in hand.....	4 00
	\$414 10

EXPENDITURE.	
Paid Henry Saunders.....	\$45 50
“ R. S. Martin.....	20 00
“ Postage, P. O. Orders, &c.....	0 35
	\$65 85

Balance on hand.....	\$348 25
Invested funds bearing interest at 7 per cent.....	\$657 55

The last year's statement of invested funds was \$4.22 in excess of actual amount. It was not noticed at the time that a note of upwards of \$100.00 was in old currency.

Notice has to-day been received from the Board of Ministerial Relief and Aid Fund of the Convention, of their being prepared to receive the funds of your Board, and the transfer will be made at an early date.

On behalf of the Board,

A. COHOON, *Secretary-Treasurer.*

Paradise, June 18th, 1881.

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### Report of Committee on Denominational Literature

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Your Committee on Denominational Literature, beg to report that in their opinion the doctrines which are held by us as a denomination, are not only of sufficient importance to demand our separate existence as a Christian body, but are really necessary to the work of the world's evangelization. Hence it follows that both our love and loyalty to Jesus, and our efficiency as workers in winning the world to Him, demand an unswerving fidelity to Baptist principles and practices, and the circulation of a literature, *teaching Baptist doctrine*. Our duty to hold and propagate our views is clearly co-extensive with our duty to hold them. If we would have *this*, and coming generations, rightly trained and grounded in the faith, we must supply them with a literature saturated with truth. And your committee earnestly hope that in the future great care will be exercised in supplying our Sabbath Schools with books uncontaminated by sentiments hostile to the truth.

Your committee also recommend a larger list of paying subscribers to the *Christian Messenger*, so as to enable the proprietor of that paper to secure an enlarged editorial staff, and thus make his paper more fully the Educator of the Churches.

WM. E. HALL, *Chairman*.

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### Report of Committee on Sabbath Schools.

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Your Committee are glad to report that Sabbath Schools are successfully claiming the approval of the church and the commonwealth. The great good they are doing and the popularity they are winning must stimulate us to increased efforts, and demand of us improved methods of operating them.

We beg to suggest for the consideration of our churches:

1st. That our Sabbath Schools be regarded as a very important department of the church's work, and that these be very thoroughly under the control of the church.

2nd. That they be, both in theory and practice, *Bible Schools* for the benefit of the old as well as the young of our churches and

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congregations. That all the exercises of the school be carefully guarded against the introduction of theatricals, and confined strictly to the beautiful and attractive simplicity of the gospel.

3rd. Let the most successful methods which obtain in our common schools be adopted by our Sabbath Schools. (a) Let them be carefully graded in large classes, (b) Let the whole school be under the tuition of as few teachers as will secure efficiency.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. SAUNDERS, *Chairman.*

(D)

### Report of Committee on Christian Beneficence.

Your Committee are glad to notice that so many of the churches of this Association are adopting the Convention Scheme. They believe the work therein aimed at (\$1.00 per member) is within the reach of most of the churches of this body. They would recommend this Association to urge upon the pastors the importance of instructing their churches in this matter, so that at a very early day this standard, at least, may be reached.

Respectfully submitted,

A. COHOON, *Chairman.*

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### Report of Committee on Education.

The prosperity of our Institutions at Wolfville affords cause for gratitude and encouragement. During the collegiate year just closed, sixty-two young men were in attendance, eleven of whom graduated in the early part of the present month. The prospects for the coming year are exceedingly promising.

The withdrawal of the Provincial grant to Acadia College throws upon the friends of the institution an increased financial burden, to make suitable provision for which our denominational wisdom and beneficence will be taxed to the utmost. As an Association we are,

in the opinion of your Committee, already pledged to co-operate heartily with our brethren of the Maritime Provinces in endeavoring to meet these enlarged demands.

Our attachment to Acadia College, and our unwillingness to surrender in any measure our denominational control in the management of its affairs, leads us to express approval of the course pursued by the Governors and Alumni of Acadia College, in regarding with disfavor any overtures looking toward University Consolidation.

Your Committee regret that the condition of our College treasury renders difficult the adequate sustentation of the Theological Department. We cannot consistently recommend the discontinuance of instruction in this Department; but would rather urge upon all our brethren the necessity of aiding to the utmost Drs. Crawley and Welton in their efforts to raise \$20,000 for the permanent endowment of a Theological chair. It affords pleasure to your Committee to report that our Academy and Ladies' Seminary are being efficiently managed, and that the outlook for the next year is favorable. Our young men and young women owe it to themselves to take advantage of the superior facilities afforded by our Institutions at Wolfville for the acquisition of the liberal education demanded by the times. Let our churches and the friends of Education generally give every encouragement in this respect.

Submitted respectfully,

W. H. WARREN, *Chairman.*

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### Report of Committee on Obituaries.

Rev. Henry Saunders was born on the 1st day of July 1791, in Aylesford, N. S. He with his wife was baptized by the late Father Thomas H. Chipman, and shortly after, in 1828 united with the Aylesford Church, and was appointed to the office of deacon on the 15th of June, 1831, he received a licence from the church of which he was a member, to publish the gospel, to which work he was persuaded God had called him. He was ordained, July 3rd, 1833 as an evangelist by the council of which the late Edward Manning was Moderator, and the late Mr. Chipman, Clerk. He was first

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engaged in missionary work in Shelburne County, where he for the first time administered the ordinance of Baptism, his first candidate was the late Sister Penina Dunn, of Ragged Islands, so long known as a faithful and efficient servant of the Lord, Jesus Christ. In May, 1833, he was called to the pastorate of the Clements Church, as the successor of the late Israel Potter. After serving this church two years he removed to Bear River, and took the pastorate of the then 2nd Clements Church, (now the 1st and 2nd Hillsburgh Church) in the services of this church he continued, with the exception of occasional labours on Digby Neck, and one year spent in Springfield, Annapolis County, until 1848, when he accepted the invitation of the Beaver River Church, to become their pastor, this labour extended to Lake George, where a gracious revival was enjoyed and a church there organized in 1849. He removed from Beaver River and became pastor of this new interest, together with the 3rd Yarmouth Church. On this field he closed his labours in the ministry, because of the failure of his health and the loss of his voice 1853, he then engaged with his usual energy and industry in secular pursuits until the infirmities of age forced him into retirement. He departed this life on the 16th of August, 1880, at the age of 89 years; in five days he was followed by his aged companion, who for nearly 63 years had shared with him in the truest sense of that word the trials and triumphs, the joys and the sorrows of the Master's service. The Divine blessing rested abundantly on the labours of this departed servant of God, and many were added to the Lord. His closing hours were brightened by the Divine love, and he rests in peace with God.

J. ROWE, *Chairman.*

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Report of Committee on Missions.

Your Committee believe that it is the duty of the Christian church to give the gospel to the heathen, and that we should look upon the success which has attended the labours of our missionaries in India as affording the amplest encouragement to persevere. The reports sent home by the missionaries show that they have been engaged both earnestly and faithfully in their various departments of Christian work.

During the past year, the state of Mrs. Armstrong's health was such as to necessitate a return to her native land. It is a matter of deep regret that both Mr. & Mrs. Armstrong have since terminated their connection with the Board of Foreign Missions.

We rejoice, however, in the prospect of the vacancy thus created being supplied at an early date, as Bro. J. R. Hutchinson, of Acadia College, has been engaged by the Foreign Missionary Board, and expects to sail for his distant field of labour in August next.

Our hopes for the triumph of the gospel over idolatry, superstition, and heathenism, are "as bright as the promises of God."

It is very desirable that another man should be placed on the field as soon as the state of the funds will permit.

Your Committee are happy to report that our Home Missions are being carried on with many manifest tokens of the divine blessing. Upwards of 50 fields have been occupied for the whole or part of the year. A goodly number of converts have been baptised. The field of missionary operations in these provinces is wide, and in many parts is "whitening unto the harvest."

In the French Mission Church a good work has been going on; five have been baptised, and the outlook is hopeful.

It remains for our churches to lay the cause of Missions—both Home and Foreign—to heart, and to shew their interest in these by an earnest spirit of prayer on their behalf, and by contributing to their funds to such an extent as shall be commensurate with their needs.

Respectfully submitted,

J. CLARK, *Chairman.*

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### Moneys appropriated during the Year, reported by Churches.

NAMES OF CHURCHES.	Home Mission.	French Mission.	Foreign Mission.	Acadia Colleges.	Infirm Ministers.	Convention Fund.	Total.
1 Annapolis Royal.....			\$15 00				\$ 15 00
2 Annapolis and U. Granville.....			14 50	\$50 00			64 50
3 Argyle.....	\$6 00		4 00				10 00
4 Beaver River.....			1 50				8 75
5 Digby.....						\$ 7 25	48 00
6 Digby Neck 1st.....			21 48			3 00	24 48
7 Digby Neck 2nd.....			10 25				10 25
8 Freeport.....						27 00	27 00
9 Hampton.....	2 05	\$ 2 95	14 20		\$ 1 60		20 80
10 Lockeport.....			23 12			103 04	126 16
11 Brookfield.....						24 31	24 31
12 Nictaux.....					12 25		12 25
13 Pine Grove.....						55 00	94 00
14 Raaged Islands 1st.....			*39 00			4 00	7 50
15 Pubnico.....			†3 50			6 00	6 00
16 West Sherbrooke.....			2 25				2 25
17 Westport.....						74 00	74 00
18 Upper Wilmot.....			20 00				20 00
19 Wilmot.....			33 00				33 00
20 Yarmouth.....						624 46	624 46
21 Temple, (Yarmouth).....			†19 75			177 86	197 61
22 Yarmouth West.....	2 25		0 75			20 41	23 41

\* By W. M. A. Society, \$24.00; "Eastern Light" Mission Band, \$15.00.  
 † By W. M. A. Society, \$3.50.  
 ‡ By W. M. A. Society, \$19.75.









## Treasurer's Account

OF MONIES FOR BENEVOLENT OBJECTS RECEIVED AT THE N. S. WESTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION  
HELD WITH THE BAPTIST CHURCH AT PARADISE, ANNAPOLIS COUNTY.

CHURCHES.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	French Mission.	Acadia College.	Ministerial Education.	Infirm Ministers.	Total.
Upper Wilmot.....	\$12 00	\$15 00	\$ 6 00			\$1 48	\$34 48
Nictaux.....	27 06	15 25	14 15			5 42	61 88
Milton, Queens Co.....	22 00	15 00		\$10 00		2 00	49 00
Hampton, Granville.....	2 10	14 20	2 95		\$1 50		20 85
Greenfield.....	8 00	5 76	1 09	2 02	2 00	1 13	20 00
Port Medway, Queens Co.....	7 25	1 50					8 75
	\$78 41	\$66 71	\$24 19	\$12 02	\$3 60	\$10 03	\$194 96
Paid for printing Minutes, postage, telegrams, &c.....	22 06	18 14	6 59	3 28	0 85	2 67	53 59
	\$56 35	\$48 57	\$17 60	\$8 74	\$2 75	\$7 36	\$141 37

Paradise, June 21, 1881.

I. M. LONGLEY, Treasurer.

Examined and found correct.

H. H. MORSE, Auditor.

⚠ The amounts sent to the Association for the Convention Fund, and the collections, were handed to Rev. Dr. Day to be acknowledged by him in the "Christian Messenger," and incorporated in his report in the Year Book. The amounts were \$562.14. Total receipts \$757.10.

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# CONSTITUTION

OF THE

## Nova Scotia Western Baptist Association.

ART. 1.—This body shall be called the N. S. Western Baptist Association.

ART. 2.—It shall be composed of delegates appointed by the Churches of which they are members, together with delegates from Corresponding Associations. Each Church connected with the Association shall have the privilege of sending one delegate or more, but no church shall be entitled to send more than five in addition to its pastor.

ART. 3.—The objects of the Association shall be, the collection of statistical and other information from the churches; the cultivation of mutual acquaintance and fraternal union; the promotion of individual godliness and the spiritual prosperity of the Churches; and, in the use of scriptural means, the enlargement of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

ART. 4.—The Association shall meet annually on the 3rd Saturday in June, at 10 o'clock, A. M., at such place as it may appoint, and the services shall be commenced with public worship. Should the interests of the body seem to demand it, a special meeting may be held at any time intervening, on requisition therefor being made by five of the churches through their pastors.

ART. 5.—The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk, and a Treasurer, all of whom shall continue in office until the election of their successors.

The Moderator shall preside in all the meetings; nominate all committees of not more than three, unless otherwise provided for; take the direction of all the religious services, and call special meetings pursuant to requisition. The Clerk shall record all the transactions and prepare the Minutes for publication.

The Treasurer shall receive all moneys and other property contributed for any of the purposes of the Association and dispose of the same according to the will of the donors, or, when the will of the donors is not expressed, according to the vote of the Association.

ART. 6.—Each church connected with the Association shall send annually a Letter, containing an account of its history during the year preceding, specifying the number added by baptism, by letter, and by restoration; the number removed, by dismission, by exclusion, and by death; and the whole number then in fellowship. If any church shall neglect, for three successive years, to send such a letter, it shall be considered as having withdrawn from the Association, unless two or more members shall request its continuance, and shall engage to enquire into its standing and report at the next meeting of the Association.

ART. 7.—The Association may receive any church which shall apply for admission by sending a letter and delegates, and shall give satisfactory evidence as to its faith and order.

ART. 8.—The Association shall not in any case, interfere with the internal concerns of the churches, but it may dissolve its connection with any church which, after proper examination, shall be judged by the Association to have departed essentially from the Baptist faith and practice.

ART. 9.—The religious sentiments of this Association are those expressed in the "Declaration of Faith and Practice of the Baptist Churches in Nova Scotia."

ART. 10.—This Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the number present at any annual meeting.

ASSOCIATION

Total.

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## RULES OF ORDER.

**RULE 1st.**—At each annual meeting the Letters from the Churches shall be at once handed in; from which the clerks shall immediately make out a list of Delegates.

**RULE 2nd.**—After religious worship the officers shall be chosen. The choice of a Moderator shall be made by ballot.

**RULE 3rd.**—At every sitting business shall be opened and concluded with prayer.

**RULE 4th.**—Brethren invited to a seat with us, may speak on all subjects under consideration, but vote on none.

**RULE 5th.**—No subject shall be discussed without a motion thereon being first made and seconded.

**RULE 6th.**—Every speaker shall address the chair; and no person shall speak oftener than twice on the same subject, unless by permission of the body.

**RULE 7th.**—When a church is received into the Association the Moderator shall give to one of its delegates the hand of fellowship.

**RULE 8th.**—At the commencement of each sitting the Minutes of the last one shall be read and corrected, and of the last before the final adjournment.

**RULE 9th.**—All resolutions shall be presented in writing.

**RULE 10th.**—Motions made and lost shall not be recorded unless so ordered at the time.

**RULE 11th.**—No delegates shall be allowed to leave the Association before the business is finished, without permission of the body.

**RULE 12th.**—These rules shall be distinctly read from the chair at the opening of the Session.