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MINUTES.

The Association met with the Church pursuant to adjournment, at 9 o'clock A. M., and was called to order by the Rev. R. Preston, D. D. After singing and prayer, the Rev. B. Smithers was chosen Moderator, Rev. R. Preston Secretary, Rev. H. Jackson Assistant Secretary, and Rev. J. Thomas Treasurer. The following Committee was then appointed to examine the letters, and read them:—Revs. R. Preston and J. Thomas.

The letters from the Churches were now read, from which a list of Delegates was obtained; and also the statistics of the Churches, which are subjoined.

DELEGATES.

- Halifax—Rev. R. Preston, D. D. Rev. James Thomas, Brother James Downing.
Hammond Plains—Rev. R. Preston, D. D.
Bear River—Rev. H. Jackson, Brother E. Jackson.
Granville Mountain—Brethren C. Jackson, George Tallor,
A. Clemmons.
Preston, First Church—Rev. James Thomas.
Preston, Second Church—Rev. B. Smithers.
Yarmouth—Brother D. Dise.
Dartmouth—C. Roan, Licentiate.
Campbell Road—Rev. R. Preston, D. D.
Digby Joggings—James Wilmot.
Beach Hill—Rev. R. Preston, D. D.
Weymouth— Moose River—

STATISTICS:

STATE OF THE CHURCHES—INCREASE AND DECREASE.

	Baptized.	Received.	Remov'd.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.
Halifax	5	3	0	0	2	91
Dartmouth	0	0	0	0	0	7
Preston First	37	1	0	5	1	75
Preston Second	29	2	0	0	0	8
Campbell Road	0	0	0	0	0	48
Hammond Plains	2	0	0	0	2	7
Beach Hill	0	0	0	1	1	17
Bear River	0	3	0	0	1	17
Yarmouth	0	0	0	0	0	32
Granville Mountain	8	2	0	2	0	16
Digby Joggings	0	0	0	0	0	16
Weymouth	0	0	0	0	0	16
Moose River	0	0	0	0	1	4
Windsor Road	4	0	0	0	1	10

The subjoined committee was then appointed to report upon Questions proposed by the Association.

Brethren C. Jackson, G. Tallor, A. Clemons, Jas Downald, James Wilmot, C. Roan, E. Jackson.

Voted that the Association adjourn.

Met pursuant to adjournment, at 11 o'clock A. M. Rev. James Thomas preached the introductory sermon, from St. Matthew, chap. 11, 5th verse, last clause—"The poor have the Gospel preached to them."

The usual collection for Home Mission was taken; afterwards the Association resumed its business.

Voted that the Revs. R. Preston, Jas Thomas and B. Smithers superintend the printing of the Minutes; and that they be requested to have the names of Ordained Ministers

and those of Licentiates, as well as Deacons and counsel men, placed on one page of the Minutes.

Voted that the churches of the Association be requested to offer up solemn prayer to God in behalf of Brother Septimus Clarke, now infirm.

Voted that the next meeting of the Association be held with the Church at Bear River; and that the Rev. H. Jackson preach the introductory sermon, and Rev. B. Smithers his alternate.

Voted that no trustees or other officers be appointed over churches belonging to this Association, while they continue members of other churches.

Voted that the churches be requested to collect monies once a week for Missionary purposes.

Voted that the warmest thanks of this Association be hereby presented to the Baptist congregation in Granville Mountain, together with the friends of other denominations, for the kind and noble manner in which we have been entertained, during our session.— After which the Ministers and Delegates joined hands together, the Rev. R. Preston addressed the Throne of Grace, and the Doxology was sung. The Association then ad-

journed, to meet with the Bear River Church on the first Monday in September, 1859, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

MINISTERS, LICENTIATES AND DEACONS.

Halifax.

Rev. R. Preston, D. D. Rev. James Thomas, Evangelist — Deacons, William Barratt, P. Sport, J. Edwards, A. Dixon. Counsellors, C. Hill, W. Grantson, Daniel Gross, Thomas Connix, Joseph Cox.—Door Keepers, James Barron, James Wright. Clerk, John R. Thomas.

Dartmouth.

C. Rone, Licentiate. J. Gerry, Deacon.

Campbell Road.

Deacons, J. Grant, H. Bailey, Licentiate.

Beach Hill.

H. Bayley, Licentiate.

Hammond Plains.

Rev. John Hamilton. Deacon, N. Goffikin. Counsellors, T. Jones, D. Wiley.

Bear River.

Rev. H. Jackson. J. Earver, E. Jackson, Licentiates.

Granville Mountain.

Deacons, C. Jackson, G. Taller, A. Clemons. Licentiate, Abraham Clemons.

Yarmouth.

David Dise, Speaker. Deacon, S. Chandlar. Counsellor, G. Dise.

Preston First.

Licentiates, Thomas Saunders, John Collins, G. Brown. Deacons, James Slaughter, W. Dare jun'r., D. Brown. Counsellors, W. Dare, sen'r. P. Williams.

Preston Second.

Rev. B. Smithers, Evangelist, George Neal, Licentiate.
Deacons, Joseph Smith sen'r. P. Cranney, C. Glasko. Clerk,
Joseph Smith jun'r.

Digby Joggings.

Licentiate, James Wilmot. Counsellors, Joseph Frances,
Israel Frances.

Weymouth.

Rev. H. Jackson.

Moose River.

Rev. H. Jackson.

Windsor Branch.

Rev. James Thomas, Rev. R. Preston. Speaker, Pompey
Johnston.

Lockerville.

Rev. James Thomas, Rev. R. Preston. Requested to visit.

Cornwallis.

Rev. R. Preston, D. D. Rev. Jas. Thomas. Requested to visit.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

Dearly beloved Brethren,

God our heavenly Father, through great mercy, has spared our lives through the past year, and permitted us to meet again this year at our Annual Association; a meeting which we trust will never be forgotten. Although called on to mourn the loss of some of our members by death, God has been good in adding to our numbers men to fill their places.

Yea, he has given us the double blessing; for while we mourn for the loss of our much esteemed brother James Shepard, Licentiate Minister, by death, he has given us an Abraham Clemons, mighty in the word and spirit; and a young Edward Jackson, strong in the faith. Both of these are Licentiate Ministers.— May God keep them humble.

Although the most of our Churches are poor, as it regards this world's goods; yet Jesus is very rich in Grace: and by Grace he has saved a great number of souls from the thralldom of sin and woe, the past year.

Our Ministering Brethren, before they returned from the Association, had the pleasure of Baptizing 9 souls, on profession of their faith; this added to 76 shows the number baptized the past year 85. O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endureth for ever. Dear Brethren, we feel the want of Ministers; therefore we call upon you to pray the Lord of the Harvest that he would send more labourers into the harvest field. May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

Rev. R. PRESTON, D. D.
- Rev. JAMES THOMAS.
Rev. B. SMITHERS.