

# MINUTES

OF THE

NOVA-SCOTIA AND NEW-BRUNSWICK

## ASSOCIATION,

HELD AT THE

BAPTIST MEETING HOUSE,

IN

### NICTAU, N. S.

JUNE 26th, 27th and 28th,

1816.

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MONDAY, JUNE 26.

1st. AT ten o'clock, A. M. brother JOSEPH CRANDAL, delivered the Introductory Sermon, from Eph. 3d chap. 8th verse, "*Unto me who am less than the least of all Saints is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ.*" The assembly was large and very solemn; the Lord's presence was manifestly in the midst.

2d. Chose brother JOSEPH DEMOCK, Moderator, and brother JAMES MUNROE, Clerk. After Prayer by the Moderator, read the letters from the several Churches, and took the following account of Members added, dismissed, excluded and died the year past; and the present number in each Church.

N. B.—The names of ordained Ministers are in SMALL CAPITALS, licensed teachers in *Italics*. The Ministers with this (\*) were not present. Churches marked thus (†) we had no information from this Session. Vacant Churches distinguished with a ———.

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Sissiboo, N. S. (†)	_____					
Lower Granville, do.	JAMES MANNING, James Delap,					40
Upper Granville, do.	THOMAS ANSLEY, Silas Morse, William Bent,		1		1	92
Cornwallis, do.	EDWARD MANNING, Holmes Chipman, William Chipman, Levi Woodworth, Charles Tupper,					72
Newport, do.	_____				6	65
Onslow, do.	NATHANIEL CLEVELAND,					30
Digby Neck, do.	PETER CRANDAL,				2	56
Amherst, do. (†)	_____					
Sackville, N. B.	DAVID HARRIS, William Seur,	3		1	1	52
Salisbury, do.	JOSEPH CRANDAL,				2	82
Waterborough, do. (†)	ELISHA EASTERBROOKS,					64
Prince William, do.	LUTHORP HAMMOND,					
Wakefield, do. (†)	_____					
Clements, N. S.	Israel Potter, Daniel Chute, Edward Morgan,				1	68
Halifax, do.	JOHN BURTON, (*) James Munro,	9			1	54
Nictau, do.	THOMAS H. CHIPMAN, Joseph Morton, David Randal, William Bishop, Isaac Whitman,	25			1	4
Chester, do.	JOSEPH DIMOCK, Nicholas Floyd, Peter Eezenhour,	2			4	2
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3d. Voted that brethren ISAAC CASE of *Readfield* and STEPHEN DEXTER of *Fairfax, Massachusetts*, take a seat with us.

4th. Read and accepted the Circular Letter.

5th. Received the Minutes of the *Lincoln* and *Bowdoin* Associations, by Elders CASE and DEXTER—Their contents proved nourishing to us.

6th. Voted that Elders present, from Sister Associations, take a seat with us in future without asking a vote.

7th. Read and accepted the Corresponding Letter by Elder THOMAS H. CHIPMAN.

8th. The Moderator addressed the throne of Grace; and the business of the Association was adjourned until to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

TUESDAY, JUNE 27.

Met according to adjournment. An appropriate Missionary Discourse was delivered by Elder ISAAC CASE, from Isaiah, 35th chap. 10th verse—“*And the redeemed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing, and everlasting joy shall be upon their heads.*” A liberal collection was made to the amount of for the purpose of renewing the Mission on the shores of Nova-Scotia, east of Halifax, and also of extending Missionary exertions on the northern shores of the Province of New-Brunswick.

9th. Voted, that Elders THOMAS H. CHIPMAN, ISAAC CASE, STEPHEN DEXTER, JOSEPH CRANDAL, and brother ISRAEL COLTER, be a Committee to take into consideration a question in the *Cornwallis* Letter, respecting the admission of a person to Church membership, who had entertained a hope in youth, and for twenty years had lived an ungodly life; but of late being visited of the Lord, and after passing through great distress, his mind being set at liberty, he is constrained to date his conversion from that period in his youth, but gives every satisfaction to the Church, and manifests a great desire to live a holy life.

10th. Attended to a Letter from the Church in *Horton*, requesting an account of the conduct of the Association towards them. Appointed the above Committee to consider the case.

11th. Voted, that Elder THOMAS H. CHIPMAN, be our Messenger to attend the Corresponding Associations; in case of failure, Elder THOMAS ANSLEY.

12th. Voted, that he receive Forty Dollars.

13th. Voted, that brethren JOSEPH CRANDAL and JAMES MUNROE, be employed as Missionaries, to travel on the eastern shores of this Province and on the northern shores of New-Brunswick, and that they receive five shillings per day to be paid out of the fund of the Association, by the treasurer.

14th. Voted, that brother HOLMES CHIPMAN, be continued Treasurer for the ensuing year.

15th. Voted, that such Churches as have been deficient in sending their respective quotas of money for defraying the expense of printing the Minutes be requested to forward the same to the Treasurer.

16th. Voted, that brother THOMAS H. CHIPMAN, prepare the Circular Letter; in case of failure brother M. CHIPMAN.

17th. Voted, that brother JOSEPH CRANDAL prepare the Corresponding Letter in case of failure brother JAMES MANNING.

18th. Voted, that brother JOSEPH DIMOCK preach the Introductory Sermon; in case of failure brother THOMAS ANSLEY.

19th. Heard the report of the Committee in answer to the question in the *callis* Letter, viz. If a person give the Church satisfaction that he is born of God and is a proper subject of Baptism, nothing appearing externally wicked in his reformation, we think it most advisable for the Church to receive such a person, without disputing when he was effectually called.

20th. According to the counsel of the Committee, voted, that brethren T. CHIPMAN, J. DIMOCK, M. CHIPMAN, J. MUNROE and E. MANNING, be a Committee at the *Horton* Church, on the first Wednesday in August next, to inquire, into the state of the said Church, and endeavour to remove the existing difficulties and restore unanimity.

21st. After prayer by the Moderator, adjourned until to-morrow at half-past six o'clock.

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### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28.

22d. Met according to adjournment. After prayer by the Moderator proposed in agreement with the Church at *Halifax* to the examination of brother M. MUNROE, as a candidate for ordination—after due examination as to his evidence of grace, his doctrinal sentiments, and moral character, we being satisfied, he was set apart by the laying on of hands. Ordination Sermon by brother EDWARD MANNING, from 1st Timothy, 4th chap. 6th verse—"If thou desire to be a minister of Christ, in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained."

23d. Voted, that brother JOSHUA LANE of *St. John* superintend the Printing of the Minutes, and that 600 copies be printed.

The business was concluded by an address from the Moderator; and we are happy to say that our interview has been pleasant and refreshing. The highest degree of harmony prevailed amongst the brethren, and such was our unanimity that we think we are warranted to say, the best wine was kept till the last.

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## CIRCULAR LETTER,

*From the Nova-Scotia and New-Brunswick Baptist Association, to the Churches composing said Association.*

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN,

**W**E are indulged once more in the Kingdom of Providence, to meet in our associated capacity, and find, as we have ever done since we associated annually, the blessed Lord to meet with us. We are refreshed by the communications received from some of the branches of the Zion of the Lord of Hosts in this connexion, and feel a strong desire that the cause of Religion and Morality might be promoted in the world at large. We are fully persuaded that he who spat on the ground, and made clay to anoint the eyes of a blind man, could have done it without such apparently weak means—yet, in infinite wisdom saw fit to use means to accomplish the end, to teach us that he generally works by means, especially in the extension of the Kingdom of Grace among the inhabitants of the earth. He compares this Kingdom to a net, to seed, to leaven, &c. the design of which is to shew us, that life, vigor and animation, or true zeal is really necessary among real saints in order to spread the victories of the Cross among our poor fellow creatures that are perishing for want of the Bread and Water of Eternal Life. And now dear Brethren, are you beseeching the Lord of the Harvest in your closets, and in your families, as well as in your Public Assemblies, to send the Gospel to the poor and destitute that have it not, and are perishing for want of it?—But some may be ready to inquire, who are they that are destitute of it? Dear Brethren, only read a few pages of Brother MUNROE'S Journal the last season, in his three months tour to the Eastward, while in the service of the Association as a Missionary; and you will learn that many in this very Province, have been without the Gospel ever since they were born—And that some said, they had lived in that Region 32 years, and had never heard a Gospel Sermon during the time—And this is the case with thousands to the eastward. Dear Brethren! our hearts ache, and almost bleed when we think of this destitute state. We pity, we pray for them; we want to go and preach the Gospel unto them: But this is all we can do, for some of us, at least, are worn out, and cannot support the needy Missionary, and he cannot live upon the wind. Ah! there is one thing we will try to do; we will devote a little of the good things of this Life to their use—we mean a little money; and we want some assistance from you. We beg a cordial co-operation in this all important undertaking. At the last Association, (to the praise of a generous Public be it spoken) 123 dollars were collected when the congregation was small. Brethren the "liberal soul deviseth liberal things, and shall be made fat, and he that waters shall be watered himself again;" "The poor ye have always with you, and ye can do them good when ever ye list," says the blessed Jesus. Dear Brethren! no doubt you feel much good will towards the World lying in wickedness. O yes, we think we hear many of you saying, and saying with tears too, we will not own a Dollar if duty calls, but shall be devoted to the service of the blessed Jesus, for the purpose of sending the Gospel to poor destitute sinners. Who that is any wise acquainted with the signs of the times, but sees that the present is a wonderful period. Great things have

transpired and are transpiring in the Kingdom of Providence. To say nothing of political matters, but confine ourselves entirely to the cause of Religion, may truly say: "what hath God wrought!" About 23 years ago a few minds in Old England projected the plan for sending Missionaries to the East Indies, and since that period what, (almost miracles) have the Missionaries achieved! in teaching the native children to read, &c. Preaching the Gospel to poor Heathen, and translating the Scriptures into such a variety of the Eastern languages, is matter of everlasting Thanksgiving to all the friends of Zion throughout the world. And when we take a serious view of the British and Foreign Bible Society, and its various auxiliary societies, Bible Associations, &c. &c. already established in Europe, Asia, Africa and America—The millions of copies procured and distributed—The numerous translations they have effected—The agents they have employed, and the success that has attended them already in various countries, and climes, and among all orders of society from the King to the beggar; we say we cannot contemplate these things without feeling a flame of sacred love to the God of all Grace for the rich display of his Grace and mercy to the children of Men. And we think it may be for your edification to mention a few instances of uncommon liberality from some recent Publications, which we think worthy of imitation.—1st. Massachusetts Baptist Missionary Magazine, No. 40, page 101, respecting the amazing liberality of a pious Mrs. STEVENS, and her amiable daughters in Madras, who sent a polite billet to Rev. Mr. JENSON and Lady on a Mission to the Burman Empire; accompanying which were two large trunks, &c. the contents might be estimated at fifty guineas—What does this donation say to persons in easy circumstances? most assuredly, O thou, and do likewise."

From the above mentioned Magazine, an Esquire CORNISH is said to have bequeathed his whole estate, estimated at 24,000 dollars, after the death of the wife, for the purpose of educating pious young men of the Baptist denomination in the Gospel Ministry, and to aid in Missionary exertions. Also, a Mr. DANIEL-STOCKER, a member of the Baptist Society in Boston, has willed 1400 dollars for different pious and benevolent purposes. The venerable Editor says "these are examples highly worthy of imitation," we can add our hearty Amen.

Magazine No. 41, a lady sends 50 dollars, but conceals her name, the money to be used as the Society shall think proper. We admire this instance of benevolence and humility. O that many females in those regions may follow such blessed examples.

With pleasure we transcribe a few instances of uncommon liberality from another valuable publication, of another pious denomination, viz. Panoplist, and Missionary Magazine united.—No. 10, page 407.—A country man in low circumstances gave five dollars; his wife desirous of doing something, and not having money, takes her gold Necklace from her neck and gave it. A hired girl in Boston gave 10 dollars without being solicited, she only asked if the money would certainly go to the Missionaries, being assured that it really would, she ordered her employer to pay it immediately. Many young hired girls in the country, gave three dollars, and some less as they were able.—In three weeks the Society collected 6000 dollars, which was entirely unexpected.—Who can contemplate such christian liberality, and not wish to share the pleasing satisfaction of contributing to send the bread and water of eternal life, to starving

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souls?—Massachusetts Baptist Missionary Magazine, No. 41, page 140—We learn that a General FORBES, of Windsor, state of Vermont, gave 100 dollars to the Mission to India, and likewise that “he loveth our nation, and hath built us a synagogue.” O that wealthy men would honor God with their substance.—The consort of the Rev. JOSHUA BRADLEY, of said place, feeling interested, and viewing the importance of the Missionary cause, wished to cast in her mite, but had no money; she prayed to God that some rich person might be inclined to give her the means of gratifying her wishes: accordingly a rich lady presented her with five dollars, which she gave to Mr. RICE for said purpose. A similar circumstance occurred at our last Association. O that we prayed more and were more liberal. One brother gives to said Society 100 dollars per annum, for four years.—O what a strong cord I love to the Heathen is! A lady gave to the Foreign Missionary Society formed at Philadelphia, May 1814, three shares of the Stock of the Bank of America, (300 dollars) praying at the same time that the Society, when convenient, would turn their attention to the Heathen on our own continent, &c. Dear Brethren it abundantly appears that the lovers of the blessed Jesus, in every period of life, feel an earnest solicitude for the welfare of their poor fellow men, even when coming to the closing scene of life. A SUSAN WHITE of Farmington, has willed all her property, after paying her just debts, to the Missionary cause, amounting to 500 dollars; we suppose she had no immediate relations, or she would not have given all. An unknown friend sends to the Society 70 dollars to be divided between foreign and domestic Missions. Another pious generous friend sends to the treasurer of the Education Society 700 dollars to be employed by him at his discretion. Brethren, these examples are very interesting, and deserve to be imitated. The calls for pecuniary aid are great and numerous. O let us come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty.

God forbid that we should recommend any measure that would injure you, or your dear families. No—but we think that people of property might retrench some of the luxuries and superfluities of life, and contribute towards sending the Gospel to the poor, and particularly the poor benighted Heathen; and we think that those of the lower orders of society might by economising their time and property, make a noble sacrifice of a small share of the good things of this life, and assist in sending the Gospel, through the means of the Missionaries, to their poor perishing fellow creatures. We also take the liberty to suggest the idea that it is the duty, not only of heads of families, but persons in single life, to be active in this good cause, and endeavor to forward it—Nay, that common labourers, both male and female, might do something handsome for the promotion of the Missionary interest.

And we do intreat our dear Brethren to pray much for the poor Heathens, that are destitute, that love not the Gospel; and that you would use all your influence in society both by precepts and precedent to promote it both at home and abroad. And we hope if your valuable lives are spared any considerable length of time, that the success attending Missionary exertions, will more than compensate any sacrifices that you have made, or may make for the good of the poor and destitute; but should this favour be denied you in this life, yet you will have the pleasing reflection that you have done your duty, and feel the approbation of God and a clear conscience.

And we can assure you that we believe there will be a harvest of glory in  
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Heavens at last, where millions converted to God through the instrumental-  
 y of Missionaries sent out by the friends of God and man, will meet with you  
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 ever put into the hearts of his children to form Missionary Societies, and to  
 contribute of their worldly substance to send Missionaries to preach the Gospel  
 of Jesus Christ to their immortal souls, when really perishing for lack of know-  
 ledge. O what a delightful meeting that will be! Then may it not be said  
 the blessings of these that were ready to perish will come upon thee." Who  
 will then regret their having given a shilling, a dollar, a guinea, a doubloon, or  
 even a hundred dollars annually, (if they were able) to wrest poor sinners from  
 eternal woe and misery? O dear Brethren we think we can say, that in this bles-  
 sed cause "God loves the cheerful giver," and if you cast your Bread upon the  
 waters you shall find it with an abundant increase, after many days, to the un-  
 speakable joy of your own souls and many others; but, we must not enlarge,  
 and it is, on some accounts hard to desist. We thought it our duty to call your  
 attention to the all important subject, our hearts are much interested therein;  
 we think yours cannot fail to be. We made the extracts above, as a stimulus.  
 Indeed they are noble examples of Christian benevolence! We hope many will  
 catch the Holy Fire, and do something to similar purpose, whether it be by  
 contribution, donation, or legacy, so that the faithful Missionary may not be  
 grieved with grief of soul for want of pecuniary aid. Dear Brethren, consider  
 what we have here written, "and the Lord give understanding in all things."—  
 And now may Grace, Mercy and Peace, from God the Father, and from the  
 Lord Jesus Christ be with you, and all the Israel of God, world without end."

Amen.

Signed

JOSEPH DIMOCK, *Moderator,*  
 JAMES MUNRO, *Clerk.*

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## CORRESPONDING LETTER,

*Sister Associations from the NOVA-SCOTIA and NEW-BRUNSWICK Baptist Associ-  
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DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN IN THE FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP

OF THE GLORIOUS GOSPEL OF THE SON OF GOD.

IT is to us matter of consolation that we find no distance as to local situati-  
 on, can prevent those happy souls that are united to Jesus, from uniting in  
 their Addresses to the throne of Grace, and drinking in divine consolation from  
 the same Heavenly Fountain of Redeeming love; and when we view what  
 great things our Lord is doing in the Church, we are filled with wonder and  
 desire to love and praise our Heavenly King. We were glad for the coming of  
 our Messengers and Minutes.

We rejoice in the accounts from different sources of the rapid advance of  
 the cause of our common Lord, and look forward with delightful anticipation to  
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Brethren, we rejoice to inform you that the Lord hath shewed us a Token for good by letting fall some mercy Drops on his weary heritage which causes us to rejoice, and encourages us to pray for the glorious season when the wilderness shall blossom as the rose.

The Lord has threatened us as a people with temporal judgments by cutting off the fruits of the earth last season, and by the unfavorable appearance of the present—whatever may be in the womb of Divine Providence, we are sure it will be well with the righteous, for all things shall work together for good to them that love God and are thus called according to his purpose.

We pray that the Gracious Lord may abundantly pour out of a spirit of grace and supplication upon us, and all the Israel of God. Brethren, we rejoice that our Sister Associations with friends of Jesus generally, are so assiduous in Missionary exertions, and many other ways for ameliorating the sufferings of the Human Family, and bringing souls home to God through a glorious Redeemer. We hope we feel a small desire to share with you the privilege of engaging in this blessed work. We rejoice that our present Meeting has been solemn and awful on account of the presence of God. We wish a continuance of your agreeable correspondence, and hope to meet with you in the Great Association above—till which, may we all be found faithful.—*Amen.*

JOSEPH DIMOCK, *Moderator.*  
JAMES MUNRO, *Clerk.*

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