

MINUTES,
OF THE
NOVA-SCOTIA AND NEW-BRUNSWICK
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD AT THE

Meeting-house

IN

ONSLOW,
JUNE 24th & 25th,
1811;

TOGETHER WITH THEIR
CIRCULAR AND CORRESPONDING LETTERS.

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MONDAY, JUNE 24th, 1811.

1. **A**T half past ten o'clock, A. M. Revd. Brother *Edward Manning*, delivered the introductory Sermon, from Acts 19 Ch. v. 15.

2d. Introductory Prayer by Revd. *T. S. Harding*.

3d. Chose Revd. *T. S. Harding*, Moderator, and Revd. *E. Manning*, Clerk.

4th. Voted, that Baptist Ministers and Brethren, who are not Members of this Association, be invited to take a seat with us.

5th. Read the Letters from the several Churches, and took the following account of Members added, dismissed, excluded, and died the past year, and the present number in each Church.

N. B. Ministers names are in small capitals, and those marked thus * were not present.

CHURCHES	MINISTERS & MESSENGERS.	Added	Dismissed	Died	Excluded	Total
SISSIBOO - - - - -		4	6		2	60
GRANVILLE (lower District) Upper GRANVILLE	JAMES MANNING.	8			8	60
	THOMAS ANSLEY, Timothy Rice.	14		1	1	66
CORNWALLIS, - - -	EDWARD MANNING. THEODORE S. HARDING, Simon Fitch, E. J. REISE, Samuel Elder, Ezra Reid.			1		63
HORTON, - - - - -	George Dimock,	1			12	239
NEWPORT, - - - - -	John Sandford, John Matters, Jun. James Smith.					88
ONSLow, - - - - -	NATHAN CLEVELAND, Thomas Lynds, David Cutting.	2				38
DIGBY NECK, - - -	PETER CRANDALL.	4	13	1	1	56
AMHERST, - - - - -	Thomas Black, William Freeman.	2				17
SALSBURY, N. B.	JOSEPH CRANDALL, Henry Steeves. Joshua Reed, Volantine Easterbrook.	38		1		83
WATERBURY, N. B.	*EIJAH EASTERBROOK.					50
PRINCE WILLIAM, (N. B.)	*L. HAMMOND,	1				43
WAKEFIELD, N. B.	James York.					48
CLEMENTS, - - - - -		18	2			84
HALIFAX, (constituted 1795)	JOHN BURTON.					33
INGTAU & WILMOT,	*THOMAS H. CHIPMAN.					58
CHESTER, - - - - -	*JOSEPH DIMOCK.					43
SPRINGFIELD, N. B.						56
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6th. The Baptist Church of St. Mary's, N. B. requested by Letter, admission into our Body. Voted, the Clerk inform them by Letter, that they next year send to this Association a copy of their Articles of Faith and Practice, by a proper Messenger, either a Member of their own or a sister Church, to represent their State.

7th. The Baptized Church of Jesus, of Halifax, Nictaur, and Wilmot, Chester, and Spring Field, requested admission into our Association, which was cheerfully granted.

8th. Brethren *E. Manning*, *J. Cranfall*, and *J. Burton*, were appointed a Committee to examine the Circular Letter, which Brother *T. S. Harding* presented, and read to the Association, and they are to have it ready for the inspection of this Body to morrow morning at eleven o'clock; and also the Corresponding Letter written by Brother *Ansley*.

9th. The Brethren appointed by the Lincoln Association, being providentially prevented meeting with us, we received by Brother *Cafe*, the Minutes, Circular and Corresponding Letters, and a written Letter from our Revd. Brother *Nerrill*.

10th. By Brother *Cafe* we received the Minutes,

Circular and Corresponding Letters of Bowdinham Association; and a Letter written by the Revd. C. Blood, by which the Bowdinham, and the Cumberland Associations, request a correspondence with us. Voted cheerfully and freely to correspond with them.

11th. Adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock, to meet at this place for Divine Worship. The Moderator concluded by Prayer.

TUESDAY, JUNE 25th.

12th. Met according to adjournment. Our Revd. Brother *Coffe* preached this morning from Ps. 138, ver. 6.

13th. Read and accepted the Circular and Corresponding Letters.

14th. Voted, to advise the Churches to take into consideration the request contained in Brother *Merrill's* Letter.

15th. Received and read a Letter from the Brethren of Sheperdy or Hopewel, N. B. requested assistance from this Association to examine and ordain Brother *Newcomb* to be their Pastor. Brethren *Hale*, *E. Manning*, and *J. Crandall*, have freely

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consented to go to Shepherdy as a Council, and if on examination they find Br. N ripe for ordination, they will solemnly let him apart for the Ministry.

16th. The Church of Spring Field, having requested the ordination of Brother *Fairweather*; we finding him not to be a Member of their Church, have appointed Brethren *J. Crandall*, *T. S. Black*, and *V. Easterbrook*, to enquire into their standing.

17th. Voted, That our Revd. Brother *T. S. Harding* be our Messenger to our Corresponding Associations in the United States, in case of failure our Revd. Brother *J. Crandall*.

18th. Voted that our Messenger to the United States be allowed twenty dollars.

19th. Brethren *E. Manning*, *J. Crandall*, and *J. Burton*, appointed proportionally to divide the expence of the Minutes and Messengers, amongst the Churches composing this Body.

20th. Appointed Brother *Burton* to superintend printing of the Minutes; seven hundred Copies to be printed.

21st. Brother *Burton* appointed to write the Circular, and Brother *James Manning* the Corresponding Letter for the next year.

22d. Brother *Joseph Crandall* appointed to preach the introductory Sermon; in case of failure Brother *T. S. Harding*.

23d. In August, Brother *Burton* is to supply the Baptist Church of Sackville and Amherst: to be at Amherst the first Sabbath of that month. Brother *Cleveland* to supply them the second and third Sabbath in September.

24th. Voted, to advise our Churches to observe the first day of January next, and the first Wednesday in April as days of Fasting and Prayer; and to keep the first Thursday in November next as a Thanksgiving Day.

25th. After reading a number of requests from several Churches with respect to where the Association should be next year, it was voted to be in Upper Granville.

26th. Brother *Harding* preached a short and seasonable Discourse just before the close of the Association. The Moderator concluded by a solemn and suitable Prayer.

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CIRCULAR LETTER.

DEAR BRETHREN,

WE thank the LORD that he has spared our lives to enjoy another anniversary Meeting, and that there have been considerable additions to some of the Churches; likewise several Churches are added to this Association. We wish abundantly to praise the great JEHOVAH, for the unity of sentiment which prevails amongst us, and that GOD has refreshed us so greatly by the countenances of our Friends, the preaching of the Gospel of JESUS, the reading of the Letters, and the conversation of each other, the good news we have received from our sister Associations, by their Messengers, Minutes, and Corresponding Letters.

Dear Brethren, we wish to communicate a few thoughts to you respecting the qualifications and duty of Ministers. (First). They ought not to be novices, but men of good understanding, and experimentally acquainted with the LORD, and found in the doctrine and ordinances of the Gospel; they ought to be given to reading the Scriptures, and

meditating thereon, that they " may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works : " likewise they ought to be " apt to teach, to preach the word, and to be instant in season, out of season, to reprove, rebuke, exhort with long suffering and doctrine, serving the LORD with all humility of mind, " and much prayer, and ever " testifying to all men, repentance towards GOD, and faith towards our LORD JESUS CHRIST, " and ever teaching this publicly, and from house to house, always shewing themselves examples in all things, never shunning to declare all the counsel of GOD. Ministers ought not to be influenced by filthy lucre, or by the smiles or frowns of men, but ought to be temperate in all things, and be willing to spend and be spent for the glory of GOD, and the salvation of Souls. They should delight to feed the flock of God, with wholesome doctrine ; to visit them when sick, and strictly to maintain Gospel discipline ; and by all means to rule their own houses well.

(Secondly). We desire humbly to open our minds to the Churches of CHRIST, with respect to their duty to GOD, and their Ministers.

It is their privilege, as well as duty, diligently to attend the preaching of GOD's word, and never to neglect his ordinances, which is agreeable to the Apostle's advice and caution, " Not forsaking the assembling of yourselves together, as the manner of

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some is, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as ye see the day approaching; and to regulate their whole conduct by the Scriptures; and by all means to maintain private and family prayer, and watchfulness, with all perseverance therein."

Brethren, we trust you know that the Holy Scriptures inform us, "That it is ordained of the LORD, that they who preach the Gospel, should live of the Gospel." Our LORD JESUS hath said, "For the Labourer is worthy of his hire;" and the Apostle says, "Let the Elders that rule well, be counted worthy of double honor, especially they that labour in word and doctrine." It evidently appears that the Apostle means by double honor, a sufficient support, by the following verse which he quotes from Deuty. 25, ver. 4, "Thou shalt not muzzle the Ox that treadeth out the Corn." and following words, "The Labourer is worthy of his reward," 1st Tim. 5. Ch. ver. 18.

From the preceding Scriptures and many others, we are led to believe that it is the duty and hope, it is the delight of all God's people to afford their Ministers a liberal support, according to their ability, that they and their Families may live free from want, and be enabled to use hospitality, and thus live in a state of reputation, and that the Ministers as much as possible may live in a state disencumbered from the cares and concerns of this World;

that they may be wholly given to the work of the Lord, and that their profiting may appear unto all.

Now Brethren, we recommend you to God, and the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and establish you in every good word and work, and give you an inheritance among all them that are sanctified.

(Signed) in behalf of the Association,

THEODORE S. HARDING, Moderator.
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CORRESPONDING LETTER.

DEAR BRETHREN,

THE glorious and increasing Kingdom of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, greatly animates all the real Soldiers of the Cross, especially when they have clear views of the infinite perfections and doctrine of their Emmanuel JESUS, who is the unshaken foundation of all the followers of the Lamb, and under whose Banner they all cheerfully fight.

Brethren, we greatly rejoice in the unanimity of sentiment which prevails amongst us in this Session; we all see eye to eye in the doctrine and ordinances of JESUS; and we are bound by cords of divine love, too strong for death itself to break. Our joy is increased by an addition of regular baptised Churches of JESUS to our Association.

The LORD has done, and is doing great things amongst us, for which we desire to give ^{him} all the praise.

Your Letters and Minutes afforded us much satisfaction and consolation; and we were refreshed by the countenance of our Revd. Brother *Isaac Case*.

According to your desire, we hope we shall be

enabled sincerely and industriously to promote the same precious cause of CHRIST in which you are engaged.

We thank our gracious LORD, for disposing you to correspond with us, and heartily with a continuation of the same; and assure you of our's as long as Gospel union prevails, and opportunities are afforded us.

Dear Brethren, the grace of our LORD JESUS CHRIST be with you all, Amen.

(Signed) and sent by vote of the Association,

THEODORE S. HARDING, Moderator.
EDWARD MANNING, Clerk.

