MINUTES

OF THE

NOVA-SCOTIA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD AT

Horton, County of King's,

ON

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY, 24th & 25th JUNE,

1835.

TOGETHER WITH

Their Circular Letter, Missionary Notices, Remarks, &c. &c.

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MONDAY, June 24th. 1835.

THE introductory Sermon was preached by Elder INGRAM E. BILL, from Mark xvi. 15—"*Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature.*"

A Collection was taken in aid of Missions, in addition to one taken on the following day.

Elder MUNRO the former Moderator being absent, at the close of the present exercises Elder JOSEPH DIMOCK addressed the throne of grace for divine direction.

Elder CHARLES TUPPER was chosen Moderator of the present Session; WILLIAM CHIPMAN, Clerk; RICHARD MCLEARN, Assistant Clerk; and Brethren CRAWLEY and PRYOR, were chosen to read the Letters.

Elder AMERIAH KELLOCK, from Thomaston, U. S. a Messenger from the Lincoln Baptist Association, and Elder SAMUEL ROBINSON, from St. George, Messenger of the New-Brunswick Association, were requested to take a seat with us.

The Letters from the Churches were called for and read, the Ministers and Messengers were called over and the following Minutes were taken.

STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

[The names of Ordained Ministers are in SMALL CAPITALS ; Those of Licentiates in *Italics* ; Ministers not present marked with an Asterisk * ; Churches from which no information was received marked † ; and vacant Churches distinguished by a Dash ——]

CHURCHES.	MINISTERS AND MESSENGERS.	ADDED Restored	ADDED By Baptism	ADDED By Letter	Dismissed	Excluded	Died	Total
Annapolis and UpperGranville	R. CUNNINGHAM *Dea.* John Whitman " Silas Morse " George Troop	.	11	.	1	.	.	117
Lower Granville	J. B. COGSWELL James Delap	1	.	.	.	3	.	104
Wilmot	NATHANIEL VIDITOE Wentworth Sharp Caleb Marshall	5	2	2	3	2	1	146
1st. Cornwallis	EDWARD MANNING *Thomas Rand* *Dea.* H. Chipman " Walter Reed " W. A. Chipman	1	5	.	169	5	6	289
Newport	GEORGE DIMOCK James Mosher James Marsters G. B. Sandford	1	26	.	.	1	.	101
1st. Clements		.	3	.	3	21	.	153
Onslow	JAMES MUNRO G. McDONALD Doctor Lynds E. Blackmore	.	13	.	.	2	1	81
Lunenburg	MAYNARD PARKER *Dea.* Paulus Longille	1	.	.	6	5	1	85
Nictaux	INGRAM E. BILL *Thomas Delong* *Dea.* S. Taylor	.	1	2	4	1	1	257
Digby Neck	*PETER CRANDALL Jacob W. Cornwell	.	5	3	.	.	.	103
River Philip		.	1	.	2	2	.	31

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Horton	T. S. Harding John Pryor *Dea.* P. Strong " S. Witter " Vaughan " Reed	.	3	.	2	.	.	256
Windsor	Richard McLearn *Dea.* Josiah Fuller Doctor Harding	.	5	.	.	.	.	29
Rawdon	John Doyle James McLearn William Stephens	.	.	.	.	2	.	42
Upper Granville Mountain	*Dea.* Shippy Lent Thomas Bowie	.	1	1	53	8	1	73
Parrsborough	S. T. Rand	.	10	1	.	1	.	30
†Hammond's Plain		.	.	.	.	.	.	23
Chester	Joseph Dimock Peter Launce Daniel Dimock William Beckwith James Marriet Gaspel Eisnhour	2	4	.	7	5	4	230
Antigonish	*John Whidden A. V. Dimock Samuel McCulley Charles Tupper	.	.	.	1	1		35
Amherst		.	3	.	.	.		29
†Port Medway	Charles Randall	.	.	.	.	.		16
Sissaboo		.	2	2	10	5	4	117
2nd Halifax	George McDonald John Bigelow	.	1	2	12	.	3	54
Waterford	William Chipman *Dea.* Abel Parker J. J. Van Buren John White	.	.	.	.	.	.	52
2nd Cornwallis		.	5	6	.	.	.	181

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Yarmouth	*Harris Harding *William Burton *Dea.* Z. Chipman	4	21	3	28	2	4	441
1st Halifax	*John Burton Andrew Smith	.	.	.	.	.	5	115
Aylesford	E. Stronach *Welsly Keaton* *Dea.* Robert Walker " Zebina Roach	17	.	.	2	23	3	172
Brookfield	Ezekiel Marsters	.	3	5	4	.	1	72
Liverpool	Ingram E. Bill	.	2	1	1	1	1	86
New Albany	*Dea.* D. Whitman William Whitman	.	1	.	22	5	2	38
Tryon & Bedeque		.	.	.	1	.	.	59
†Sydney, C. B.		.	.	.	.	.	.	19
†2nd Clements		.	.	.	.	.	.	49
†Little Forks		.	.	.	.	.	.	21
†Ragged Island	Anthony V. Dimock	.	.	.	.	.	.	93
Bryer Island		.	.	.	30	.	.	36
Falmouth	David Harris *Ezra Church* Clark Young D. Shaw	.	3	2	2	1	.	82
Westchester	George McDonald	.	.	.	.	.	.	12
Guysborough	*Hezekiah Hull	.	6	1	1	4	3	43
Granville Street	E. A. Crawley *Dea.* J. W. Nutting *Bro.* Jenkins " Ferguson " McCallum " Sawers " Yates " Nott	.	35	20	.	.	2	109
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†Tracadie	———	.	.	.	.	.	.	27
Windsor Road	JOHN DOYLE	.	.	.	2	.	1	40
Sherbrook	——— *Skerry*	.	5	2	1	.	.	24
Baddeck	———	.	.	.	.	.	.	11
Stewiack	GEORGE RICHARDSON	.	6	.	.	.	.	24
St. Margaret's Bay	*Dea.* A. Newcomb, J. Newcomb							
Economy	——— *Collishaw*	.	.	.	.	.	.	18
†Jeddore	———	.	.	.	.	2	.	12
Three Rivers, P. E. Island	———	.	.	.	.	.	.	14
East Point, P. E. Island	*JOHN SHAW	.	5	4	.	.	.	31
Canso	———	1	12	.	.	.	.	39
3rd. Cornwallis	———	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
Wilmot Mountain	E. MANNING, T. H. PORTER, *John Chase*, *Dea.* Samuel B. Mills, " C. R. Bill	.	.	.	.	.	.	167
Tusket	*Dea.* T. Marshall	.	.	.	.	.	.	45
Wellington	*Dea.* Z. Chipman	.	.	.	.	.	.	21
Springfield	EZEKIEL MARSTERS	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
Dalhousie	*Thomas Delong*	.	.	.	.	.	.	12
	John Gilles	.	.	.	.	.	.	13
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Note. The last *Seven* Churches named were added at this session by vote of the Association, in compliance with requests contained in their letters; and received the right hand of fellowship.

Voted that a committee be appointed to consider and report on the questions submitted in several Letters, and that *Elders* Joseph and George Dimock, and E. A. Crawley, be appointed for that purpose.

A Letter directed to the Moderator from an individual in 2nd Clements was received, and given to said committee to read and remark thereon.

From Corresponding Associations,

Received as follows :

MESSENGERS.

Lincoln, - - - AMERIAH KELLOCK, Minutes.
New-Brunswick, SAMUEL ROBINSON, Minutes.

Voted,—That Brother John Pryor prepare the Circular Letter to be inserted in the Minutes the following year.

Voted,—That Brother J. W. Nutting superintend the printing of the Minutes ; and that Twelve Hundred copies thereof be printed. That each Church be requested in future to state in their letters the number of Minutes they require, and that they recommend to each member to contribute sixpence for the printing thereof ; and also that the number of Licentiates in each Church be specified in their Letters.

Voted,—That thanks be given to all the Missionary Societies, and benevolent individuals, for their liberal support afforded in aid of Foreign and Domestic Missions.

Voted,—To continue our Correspondance with Oxford, Cumberland, Bowdoinham, Kenebeck, Lincoln and Eastern Maine Associations.

Voted,—That Brother Edward Manning be our Messenger for this year to the above Associations ; and that he be allowed ten pounds.

Voted,—That Brother T. S. Harding be our Messenger to the New-Brunswick Association; and that four pounds be allowed him.

Voted,—That the Board of Domestic Missions, be continued as heretofore : viz. Brethren Manning, T. S. Harding, W. Chipman, D. Harris, James Munro, W. A. Chipman, Homes Chipman, Walter Reid, W. Cogswell, S. Fitch, Dr. Harding, and J. Pryor.—That W. A. Chipman remain Treasurer, and William Chipman, Secretary.

Voted,—That J. W. Nutting continue as Treasurer, and E. A. Crawley, Secretary, for Foreign Missions.

Voted,—That the officers ofthe Education Society be continued as heretofore.

Voted,—That J. W. Nutting, be requested to have printed 1000 Copies of the Articles of the Baptist Churches in Nova-Scotia, and distribute them with the Minutes, to all the Churches, (except those which are to be supplied by the Yarmouth Church) in proportion to the number of Members in the several churches.

Resolved,—That the Association highly appreciate the valuable production of Brother E. A. Crawley on Baptism, in reply to Mr. Elder, and that they will cordially sustain him in any future production on the same subject he may be induced to send forth.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at ten o'clock—meeting closed by prayer by Brother Joseph Dimock, preaching at nine o'clock by Brother Kelloch, from Ephs. xix. 20, 21.

Met according to adjournment, Wednesday morning, 25th June, at ten o'clock.

Elder Samuel Robinson, of N. B. preached from 1st Corint. 15, Chap. first clause of the 10th verse, "*by the grace of God I am what I am.*" A collection was then taken as heretofore.

Then proceeded to business. Brother Crawley in behalf of the Education Society, made a report with reference to the present state of the Horton Institution. After some observations on the advantages of Education and the importance to the denomination and the community at large of supporting the Establishment, he stated, that in consequence of the erection of the Boarding House, and apartments for the Principal, a heavy debt had been incurred, which unless funds were supplied to discharge it, must ultimately lead to its failure. An appeal was then made by several brethren interested in the cause urging the Association to adopt some means to raise the sum required. The deepest interest appeared to be felt by all present, and a number of individuals voluntarily came forward and subscribed upwards of £400 towards effecting the object in view, it was also resolved that Agents should be appointed to solicit further aid from the inhabitants of this Province and in the United States of America—and Elder M'Learn was appointed to go to the United States, and Elder I. E. Bill and N. Viditoe to be agents for this Province.

Voted,—That the Annual Meeting for the present year be held at Cornwallis, Pleasant Valley, in the Meeting House, belonging to the second Baptist Church, on the first Sabbath after the 20th of September next.

Voted,—That it be recommended that particular attention be paid to the encouragement of Sabbath Schools throughout the Churches connected with this Association.

Voted,—That a Prayer Meeting on the evening of the first Monday of every month, be recommended to be observed in the several Churches, for the spread of the Gospel at home and abroad.

Voted,—That the next Association be held at Halifax, with the

Church in Granville-street, and that in the present case, on the request of that church, the Association meet on the first Monday after the 20th June next, instead of Wednesday, as in the present year, and that Brother Manning preach the introductory Sermon, and in case of failure Brother T. S. Harding.

Brethren Jos. Dimock, Geo. Dimock, and E. A. Crawley, who had been appointed a Committee to report on several matters referred to them by the Association, made their report as follows :—

1st. With reference to the Letter received from the individual in second Clements' Church, the Committee recommend that the Missionary board should request the Ministers who travel in the direction of that Church, to visit and assist them in their present depressed state.

2nd. With respect to the request from the Church at Onslow, that several of the Ministers should visit them this Fall, for the purpose of holding a protracted Meeting ; the Committee recommend that their request be attended to by the Association, consequently said meeting is appointed to commence at Truro Meeting-House, on the third Sabbath in September next.

3rd. With respect to the request in the Letter from the Church at Sissaboo, viz.—" Would it be consistent when a member of a Church removes and becomes located within the limits of another Church, and does not take his dismission, to write to the Church near which he has become settled, sending his dismission, and requesting such Church to take him under their watch and care, and, if free, to extend the hand of fellowship to him, but if not to inform the Church of which he is a member ?" The Committee are of opinion, that the mode pointed out as above, where any of the members of the church remove into the neighbourhood of a church of the same faith and order, with which they are connected, is correct and proper.

The Circular Letter was then read and received.

Voted,—That remarks be made on all the Churches as heretofore by the Clerk.

Voted,—That the cordial thanks of this Association, be given to the Horton Church, and to all benevolent friends for their uniform hospitality and kindness, during the present Session.

The Meeting was then concluded by Prayer by the Moderator.

At six o'clock Brother R. M'Learn preached from Matthew ix. 37, 38.—"The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest &c" followed by several exhortations &c. &c.

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CIRCULAR LETTER.

BELOVED BRETHREN,

The cultivation of deep personal piety is the subject to which we beg leave to call your attention in our present Epistle.

We rejoice in the assured confidence, that you have been led under the influence of grace, to *receive the love of the truth*; and that you are disposed to retain it without wavering. It affords us, also, sincere pleasure to contemplate the manifest tokens, which you are enabled to exhibit, of the possession of vital godliness. We are persuaded, however, that you are aware of the necessity and importance of superior attainments in the divine life, and that you will readily *suffer the word of exhortation*.

By deep personal piety we mean, a fervent devotion of the heart to the service of God, disposing us to yield a cheerful obedience to all His commands, to delight in Him as the Supreme Good, to confide firmly in His providence and grace, to acquiesce in His will, to renounce the world, to depart from iniquity, and to endeavour to promote the best interest of our fellow men, under the influence of a lively faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

In adducing motives to enforce the cultivation of deep personal piety, it may be proper to notice particularly the following considerations, which evidently require it :—

1. *The command of God.* It is expressly enjoined on believers to *grow in grace* (2 Peter iii. 18,) and to *set* their *affection on things above*, (Col. iii. 2.) These and similar divine injunctions demand the most unqualified and constant obedience.

2. *The glory of God.* It is written, *Ye are not your own, for ye are bought with a price : therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.* (1 Cor. vi. 19, 20.) That it is incumbent, then, on the Lord's people to glorify Him, admits not of a question : but how can this be done without the cultivation of fervent piety ? Jesus says, *Therein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit*, (John xv. 8,) and we know that it is only being assimilated to the likeness of the dear Redeemer, under the transforming operation of living faith in Him, that we can bring forth *the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ unto the glory and praise of God.*

3. *The prosperity of Zion.* Christians are directed to *exhort one another daily* (Heb. iii. 13,) and to *edify one another*, (1 Thes. v. 11.) But these duties are not likely to be attempted, and they

cannot be performed profitably, without spiritual-mindedness. When professors of religion unhappily imbibe a worldly spirit, and become remiss in the exercises of devotion, instead of diffusing the sweet Savour of Grace around them, for the animation and encouragement of their Brethren, they produce a deadening influence, most injurious to the interests of vital godliness, and destructive to the spiritual comfort and welfare of the Disciples of Jesus. The indulgence of such a spirit tends to prepare the way for the introduction of discord, immorality, and every evil work. On the other hand, every heavenly-minded christian exerts a hallowed and purifying influence, adapted to animate, encourage, and strengthen his brethren, and to promote harmony and spiritual health.

4. *The salvation of sinners.* The Saviour says, *Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.* (Matth. v. 16.) In accordance with this, the apostle Peter enjoins upon the believing wives of unbelieving husbands, to cultivate piety in order to their conversion. (1 Peter iii. 1, 6.) It is an undeniable fact, that the prevalence of a worldly spirit among the professed disciples of Christ, has a direct tendency to embolden and harden the ungodly, while the manifestation of a spirit of undissembled piety, in a truly christian conversation and deportment, produces a salutary effect in aweing and restraining the impenitent, and has frequently been made the means of turning sinners to God.

5. *Our own happiness.* God has been graciously pleased to combine our duty and happiness, so *that godliness is profitable unto all things.* (1 Tim. iv. 8.) There is no way in which we can attain to a true spiritual enjoyment, and a well-founded assurance of eternal felicity, but by advancing in the divine life, and adding to our faith the various christian graces and virtues. (2 Peter v. 11.)

If, then, the command of God, his glory, the prosperity of Zion, the eternal welfare of sinners, and our own spiritual comfort, all urgently require the diligent cultivation of deep personal piety; it surely cannot be necessary to alledge further inducements in order to convince believers of the importance of the subject. But here the inquiry will naturally arise: How is this desirable object to be attained? of the various scriptural means, we will briefly notice a few.

1. *The diligent and devotional perusal of the Scriptures.* They are *profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,* (2 Tim. iii. 16,) and the apostle Paul bids us to take *the sword of the spirit, which is the word of God,* (Eph. vi. 17,) and to *let the word of Christ dwell in us richly in all wisdom.* (Col. iii. 16.) Though the passions may be strongly excited occasionally, by other means, independantly of this, yet permanent and uniform devotion cannot be reasonably expected, unless the flame be constantly fed by the incorruptible word of God, received by faith.

2. *Prayer.* In order that the sacred Oracles may profit us, and that we may truly *grow in grace,* we need the influence of the Holy Spirit, which is to be diligently sought by fervent prayer.—*Open thou mine eyes,* says the Psalmist, *that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.* (Ps. cxix. 18.) The Saviour likewise says, *If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children; how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him.* O Brethren, never, on any consideration, nor under any circumstances, neglect earnest secret prayer. Let those that have families, constantly pray with them; and let all that have opportunity to unite with others in social prayer, diligently avail themselves of that privilege.

3. *Watchfulness.* The reading of the Scriptures and prayer, though important means of cherishing devotion, will not profit without attention to the Saviour's command. *what I say unto you, I say unto all, Watch.* (Mark xiii. 37.) We have continual need to watch against the temptations of Satan, the allurements of the world, and especially against the evil propensities of our own depraved nature. *Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.* It is highly important that we should carefully watch against the first risings of anger, passion, levity, love of the world, spiritual sloth, unbelief, discontent, and every affection that would lead us from the *fountain of living waters.*

4. *Meditation on divine subjects* is very conducive to our spiritual health and comfort. *While I was musing,* says the Psalmist, *the fire burned.* (Ps xxxix: 3) It is by serious meditation that our spiritual food is digested, and rendered truly profitable to the nourishment, consolation, and strengthening of our souls.

5. *Religious conversation* tends greatly to cherish the flame of devotion. While the two disciples, on their way to Emmaus, were talking together respecting the Saviour, *Jesus himself drew near und went with them*; and they were constrained to say afterwards, *did not our heart burn within us?* (Luke xxiv. 13, 32) While worldly and trifling conversation produces darkness and death, truly spiritual discourse tends to enkindle and diffuse light and life.

6. *Diligent attendance on all the public means of grace,* is requisite for our spiritual welfare. The believer who would prosper in the divine life, must never, when it can be avoided, suffer his seat to be vacant at any of the public meetings for the worship of God, or at the Lord's table. He should carefully labour to strengthen the hands of his Minister, which will redound to his own spiritual advantage.

But, Dear Brethren, you are aware that no means will avail, without the exercise of a living and active faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. It is only by *beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord,* that we can be *changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.* (2 Col. iii. 18.)

And now, Brethren, having, from sincere love to you, and a fervent desire for the glory of God and the advancement of his kingdom in the salvation of souls, briefly recommended diligent attention to those means which are adapted to promote deep personal piety, *we commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.*

Interesting Facts and Observations,

CONTAINED IN SOME OF THE LETTERS FROM THE CHURCHES, &c.

ANNAPOLIS AND UPPER GRANVILLE.—This Church although left in peculiarly tried circumstances in seasons that are past, with reference to their former Pastor, yet were mercifully visited by their gracious Lord in the out pouring of his blessed Spirit, particularly on the labours of Elder R. McLearn, by which the Church was much refreshed and enlarged by willing converts, who believing, were baptized, and added to the Church ; since which, though long without a Pastor, yet were they blessed with peace and union, and were frequently visited by Ministering Brethren, until early last spring, when they trust the Lord directed the footsteps of Elder R. Cunningham to their assistance, who is now settled among them and is administering to them in holy things to general acceptance.

LOWER GRANVILLE.—This Church mourns the declension of some in the exercise of pure religion, and the backslidings of others, yet bless God, for a considerable number who united in prayer seem willing to bear the infirmities of the weak.

WILMOT.—This Church desire to bless the Lord for the faithful administration of his word in the midst of many causes of discouragement, and place their only trust in the merits of him who has loved them and given himself for them ; earnestly desiring the prayers of their brethren that God would be pleased to revive his work among them.

FIRST CORNWALLIS.—Notwithstanding this Church having been visited the past year with a shower of heavenly grace and her borders greatly enlarged, yet they have experienced heavy trials the present year, but the gracious Lord has wisely overruled them all, and they have now cause to bless the Lord that a good degree of harmony prevails among them, and as the Church has been so much

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enlarged of late and so widely extended, it was deemed advisable to dismiss from their body a considerable number, to be organized into another Church; consequently a third Baptist Church has been constituted in Cornwallis We may well exclaim what hath God wrought. It is but a few years since the first Baptist Church was organized, consisting of four members, they are now increased to three Bands, consisting altogether of Six Hundred and Thirty Seven Members, and since its first organization there has been including their first Pastor, Eleven Ministers ordained in the first Church, all of whom with two exceptions are natives of Cornwallis.

NEWPORT.—The Lord has visited this Church with a season of refreshing from his presence, and added twenty six to their number. The Lord as a sovereign dispenses his favors as he pleases—some parts of his vineyard may be parched with drought, while others are refreshed with showers of rich grace.

FIRST CLEMENTS.—This Church as well as some others has also been called to pass through deep trials, in endeavouring to suppress the evils of intemperance among their members, and to put away from among them the use of the inebriating poison contained in ardent spirits; and thereby to preserve peace and union in their body, and to keep up the exercise of discipline, in dealing with offenders; they have consequently been compelled to withdraw fellowship from several of their number. They are now so weak as to pecuniary means that they are unable to support their Pastor, and he has been by mutual consent released from his Pastoral charge. Although under such trying circumstances there are a number who are standing firmly united in the truth, and looking forward in humble dependance on God to the day of deliverance. They have adopted total abstinence from spirituous liquors as an article of Church discipline, and their prayer is that this evil may be put away from all Churches throughout the world.

ONSLOW.—Again we have to bless God for the enlargement of this Church. It has pleased him to preserve them in the unity of the spirit and in bonds of harmony, faint yet pursuing, often cast down but not destroyed. Thirteen have been added by Baptism, six of whom reside in Truro, where the Redeemer's cause is extending, and a Baptist Meeting House has been erected. For the further promotion of the kingdom of God, this Church has solicited the attendance of the Ministering Brethren in the autumn, to hold a protracted meeting—which will take place in Truro on the 3rd Sabbath in September next.

LUNENBURG.—Although this Church has been diminished by dismissing six of her members, with others to form another Church, and by excluding five more from their fellowship—yet the Church

appears to stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ has made them free, and although they have to mourn over the departure of some from the right ways of the Lord, yet they bless God for the moral reform in the rising generation, under the combined influence of the Temperance and Sabbath School Institutions.

NICTAUX.—Nothing special has transpired within the bounds of this Church the past year. Union and harmony prevails among them. The Temperance cause has taken a wide spread in the region of this Church, and a Sabbath School and Bible class promise much benefit to the rising generation.

DIGBY NECK.—Although the Pastor of this Church is aged and infirm, yet he lives in the esteem and affections of his Church, and the Lord is still blessing them with additions.

RIVER PHILIP.—Nothing particularly interesting has transpired in this Church the past year. We are glad to hear from them, and of their continued regard to the associated body and their union one to another.

HORTON.—Situate as this Church is near the Baptist Academy, they are indulged with a variety of public gifts, and hence the worship of God is maintained statedly in different parts of the district, but in this, as in all other cases, Paul may plant and Apollos water, but God alone gives the increase We know however, that God's word will not return to him void, the bread cast upon the waters will be seen after many days.

RAWDON.—In common with many others, this Church complains of trials, but appears to have confidence in God, and desires to be remembered by their brethren at the throne of grace.

WINDSOR.—This Church is extending its influence in the establishing and conducting a Sabbath School and Bible class—they exhibit much liberality in supplying the means of obtaining books for those purposes, and speak highly of their beneficial effects. This example is worthy of imitation. They have also raised the sum of Twelve pounds ten shillings in aid of the Horton Institution and pledged themselves in a further sum if necessary in order to the liquidation of the debt already accumulated, this strongly evinces the interest they feel in its support. May all our other Churches be disposed to do likewise. The Temperance cause also prevails in this Church and district.

UPPER GRANVILLE MOUNTAIN.—This Church has recently undergone a serious change ; their beloved Pastor R. Cunningham, by mutual consent and we trust for the glory of God, has removed

to Annapolis and Upper Granville Church, since which under existing circumstances, and by the advice of judicious ministering brethren, they have dismissed from their body forty five members to form another Church, now designated the Wilmot Mountain Church. They are desirous of obtaining a Pastor after God's own heart, and request an interest in the intercession of their brethren to this end.

PARRSBOROUGH.—This Church has been without a Pastor for several years, but has been enabled to keep up the public worship of God on the Sabbath, and their monthly conferences, and has been occasionally visited by ministering brethren—last autumn Elder S. T. Rand, after his ordination removed thither, and has laboured among them until now—his labours were blessed of the Lord and additions were made to the Church. They make particular mention of a deep impression being made on the minds of many at the first administration of the ordinance of Baptism; indeed all who have been lately added to the Church adverted to that season. They also manifest their anxiety for the support of the Horton Academy, by contributing to its aid.

CHESTER.—They have cause of thankfulness in this Church that a good degree of union and harmony prevails among them, although the spirit has not been poured out upon them as in the former year, and few additions have been made.

ANTIGONISH.—This Church complains much of darkness and trials, and the want of a stated Pastor, especially to aid them in the discipline of the Church, they express much gratitude for the missionary labours afforded them.

AMHERST.—Nothing of interest has occurred in this Church the past year, except the pleasing circumstance of the union of brethren to the Church, who had been separated by difficulties that had for some time existed.

SISSIBOO.—Among other Churches that were recently favoured with showers of divine grace this was one, but they are at present in a somewhat depressed state. It is through much tribulation the Lord's people enter into the kingdom of Heaven, and hence the necessity of watchfulness and diligence in the use of all the means of grace.

SECOND HALIFAX.—This Church has undergone many changes since its first organization, it is still without a Pastor; they however appear zealous in the stated observance of public worship and other means of grace.

YARMOUTH.—This extensive Church had considerable additions the past year, and although they complain of spiritual dearth prevailing in the former part of the present year, yet the Lord has visited them again, and twenty one baptized believers have been added to their numbers, and four restored ; the work is still progressing, which has revived and encouraged the Ministers and people of God. They have also dismissed twenty one of their number to form another Church in Tusket, and one of whom is a Licentiate and improves his gifts to the edification and comfort of the Church.

WATERFORD.—This Church is preserved through the goodness of God in union, and no essential change in its circumstances has taken place since the past year.

SECOND CORNWALLIS.—In common with others, trials have been the lot of this Church in some measure, notwithstanding the glorious revival the former year; but yet they have cause of much gratitude to God for the degree of union which has been experienced, and also for the additions made. There has been a uniform good attendance on the public means of grace in general, and an attention to the word of life, and some tokens indicative of an ingathering to Zion. There are three Sabbath Schools in operation, which we doubt not will prove a blessing to the rising generation, and the Temperance cause has been productive of universal good to this district.

FIRST HALIFAX.—This Church still exists though it has undergone serious changes and is much diminished, their venerable Pastor still survives though labouring under the infirmities of age and unable regularly to officiate in the ministerial office.

AYLESFORD.—This once united and flourishing Church has passed through scenes of peculiar trials. Much labour has been exercised by other Churches from time to time to remove difficulties and restore peace, and to a considerable extent they have been successful.

BROOKFIELD.—This Church has at length obtained a Pastor, and has received an addition of three members by Baptism, and in their letter speak with encouragement as to their future prospects, and their endeavours to afford a permanent support in aid of the Gospel. They purpose providing a residence for a minister, and gratefully acknowledge the kindness of the Missionary Board in sending Elder Viditoe to visit them, and speak of the universal adherence to the practice of Temperance throughout the region.

LIVERPOOL.—This Church has been very prosperous in the preceding year, and appears at present to be earnest for the cause

of God, and united to one another. They are beseeching the great Shepherd of Israel, that some one adapted to their situation may be directed to take the oversight of them, and administer to them in holy things. Until their prayers are answered we hope some of the Ministering Brethren may be enabled to pay them occasional visits, to refresh and comfort them.

New Albany.—God has been pleased to deliver this Church from a state of trials, and to give them peace and brotherly love, and they have been comforted and edified under the faithful administration of Brother Delong, a Licentiate from the Nictaux Church, once a month; they have recently had to mourn the removal from the sphere of their usefulness, to the Church triumphant, two of their leading members.

Tryon and Bedeque —Here is another field for Gospel labours. A Church in the wilderness earnestly desiring the Lord to send them a Pastor after his own heart, and who may be the means of gathering into his fold the sheep scattered abroad. They gratefully acknowledge the labours of Missionaries from time to time.

Bryer Island.—The meetings for public worship in this Church are regularly kept up, and a Brother Powel has been labouring among them ; the Church has been reduced by a branch of it being dismissed to form a Church at Long Island.

Falmouth.—This Church although without a Pastor for some time past, is now enjoying the labours of Elder D. Harris, and appear to appreciate their privileges. The Temperance cause has prospered greatly since Brother Harris has been with them ; one hundred and thirty have joined the society, and the result is, that much peace and harmony abounds throughout the district.

West Chester.—We were happy in receiving intelligence from this Church this year—and although they have been in a depressed state for some time past, yet the Lord appears to have favoured them with a restoration of union and peace in a good degree, and they are anticipating better days.

Guysborough.—The Scriptures assure us that the Lord's people are chosen in the furnace of affliction, and this Church has not been without its trials. Death has separated three of their members from them, and the sword of discipline has severed others from their communion, but the Lord has been pleased to add six to their number by Baptism, and one by letter, thus while they have been called to mourn, their sorrow has been mingled with joy.

Granville Street.—There is much cause of gratitude to God

in the accounts contained in the letter from this Church. He whose Sovereign right it is to manifest his displeasure against sin in sending forth his destructive sword, in the pestilence which raged here during the past season, has in his infinite wisdom and by the influence of his spirit sanctified this awful visitation, and made it instrumental in the salvation of many souls. This is gratefully acknowledged by the Church; various means were employed—union, prayer, and other meetings of a religious nature were multiplied—Ministers from the country and some of other denominations assisted, and the gospel was faithfully preached, and became the power of God in the salvation of immortal souls.

Windsor Road.—In this Church they enjoy much peace and harmony, but no enlargement the past year. May the dews of rich grace descend upon, and refresh them.

Sherbrooke.——Although the brethren of this branch have had a season of mourning, God has been pleased to revive and unite them again, and through the labours of Brethren from the Chester Church, and Missionaries sent by the Board, they have been much refreshed and their boarders enlarged. Temperance also prevails here, and every member of the Church is a member of the Temperance Societies.

Stewiack.—The union of this little Church has been preserved, and the Church increased by the addition of six baptized believers. May the Lord protect them, and appear for the vindication of his own honor, and cause the moral wilderness to blossom as the rose.

St. Margaret's Bay.—Pleasing intelligence has been received from this Church; much union and harmony prevails among them, and although they are not blessed with a pastor, they enjoy the labours of one of their members, Brother Collishaw, who is licensed to preach; and their prayer is, that the divine spirit may unite them more firmly in love, and remove worldly mindedness from every heart.

Economy —This little Church is yet without a Shepherd, yet thirsting for the Bread of life, desirous of some of the messengers of peace to visit them.

Three Rivers.—The Lord has enlarged the borders of this Church, five believers being added to them.

East Point.—We have reason to rejoice in the prosperity of this Church, for the additions of twelve converts by baptism and one restored to fellowship of the brethren, as well as for the union

that exists in the Church. May God pour forth abundantly of his holy spirit upon them.

CANSO.—Brother Anthony Dimock having been employed in the service of the Missionary Board to the Eastward, God has been pleased to bless his labours in Canso, where he has organized a little Church of ten members, and from their letter, in which they have requested admission to this Association, they appear to be well instructed and united in the doctrines and order of the Gospel.

THIRD CORNWALLIS.—This Church has been recently organized, being a part of the first Cornwallis Church, consisting of ten members, and by their letter, requesting admission, they express their union with us in the same faith and order; they have among their number two ordained Evangelists, and we trust by their united exertions they will glorify God.

WILMOT MOUNTAIN.—This was formerly a branch of the Upper Granville and Wilmot Mountain Church, but is now organized into a separate Church containing 45 members. From their letter requesting admission, they appear to be well established in the doctrines and order of God's house. Br. R. Cunningham, having removed, they are left without a pastor.

TUSKET.—This Church which was organized in October last, was a branch of the Yarmouth Church. They have among them a licentiate who preaches to them the word of life—they appear an intelligent and well established Church, and bid fair to be useful in the cause of the Redeemer.

WELLINGTON.—This newly constituted Church is composed of ten members principally dismissed from the Lunenburg and Brookfield Churches, and by their letters seeking admission to the Association, they appear united and encouraged to hope the Lord is operating on the hearts of sinners, and that their little number will soon be encreased.

SPRINGFIELD.—On the 17th of May last, this little church was organized consisting of twelve members, and being remote from any of the ministers of Christ, and seldom favoured with the preached gospel, they earnestly desire aid when practicable.

DALHOUSIE.—This Church was organized in February last, including 13 members, united in love and walking in peace; they are a feeble band and somewhat remote from each other, but they are struggling to keep up the worship of God, and their monthly conference; they acknowledge with gratitude the benefit derived from missionary labours, and solicit a continuance; all the members are advocates of temperance and the cause is prospering there.

REMARKS, &c.

The present Meeting of the Association at Horton was very numerously attended, from all parts of the adjoining country, and great interest was manifested in the various important matters connected with it. The meeting being held in the middle of the week instead of Monday as heretofore, interfered in some degree with the solemnity which is accustomed to attend and follow the continued services of the Sabbath on such occasions. The change however, seems to be generally considered as beneficial in other respects, as affording many of the ministering brethren an opportunity of returning to their respective flocks, without being absent on the Sabbath. The Brethren were cheered and edified by the sound and evangelical sermons and exhortations that were delivered during the session, and in the intermission of business. Most useful, practical discourses were preached by Brethren Kellock, from the U. States and Robinson from the New Brunswick Association, and were heard with much satisfaction. There appeared an increasing interest in the prosperity of the Seminary at Horton, and every year, we believe and trust will add to the feeling of importance attached to this most useful Institution. The large subscription made at the Association, by its friends to assist in liquidating the debt which at present is pressing on it, is a positive and unquestionable contradiction of an assertion that has gone abroad, that the denomination were lukewarm and indifferent to its interests. We feel deeply assured that the growing intelligence and independence of the Baptist Denomination, will shortly remove every surmise or report so injurious to their credit for a sense of what is truly praiseworthy and conducive to the public good, as the objects of the Baptist Education Society.

The letters from the various Churches were not so cheering and satisfactory as we have witnessed on some occasions, nor are the accessions in point of numbers so great as for the two previous years. It is however, highly gratifying to find, that although a just adherence to wholesome scriptural discipline, has on several occasions, cast a shade of depression over our Churches, yet this is but the natural consequence of the body suffering for the errors of even a single member, while the very demonstration of their grief denotes the general health and soundness. Little can be said for that Church, which does not grieve, when even one of the ninety and nine go astray. We trust the circumstances alluded to, will only lead our Churches to greater watchfulness and more earnest prayer for greater grace and a general revival in the outpouring of God's holy spirit.

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Dr. *The Baptist Association in Account with*

1834						£	s.	d.
Oct.	To Paid Mr. John Ferguson for the Printing the Minutes - - - -					13	0	0
	To paid Elder Geo. Richardson, his tour to Antigonish and other places to the Eastward, say 7 weeks and 3 days at 30s. - - - - -	£11	2	9				
	Expences - - - - - -	1	9	6				
		12	12	3				
	Received in aid - -	3	14	6				
		8	17	9				
	Paid him in June last charged in account - - -	2	0	0	Bal.	6	17	9
	To paid Elder Nath. Viditoe, tour to Brookfield and Liverpool 6 weeks - - - -	9	0	0				
	Received in aid - - -	2	10	0	Bal.	6	10	0
	To paid Elder Charles Tupper his balance in completing his tour to Prince Edw. Island, 2 weeks - - -	3	0	0				
	Received in aid - - -	1	3	0	Bal.	1	17	0
	To paid Elder Hez. Hull by his order to Elder Wm. Burton, due to him on a former tour - - - - - - -					1	0	0
	To paid Elder Anthony Dimock, his tour to the Eastward, 11 weeks - -	£16	10	6				
	Expences - - - -	3	2	0				
		19	12	0				
	Received in aid - -	6	0	0	Bal.	13	12	0
	To paid Elder James Munro, his tour to Prince Edw. Island, 4 weeks - - - -	6	0	0				
	Expences, Passage, &c.	2	10	0				
		8	10	0				
	Received in aid - -	2	10	0	Bal.	6	0	0
	To amount carried over, - -					£48	16	9

William Allen Chipman, Treasurer. Cr.

		£	s.	d.
1834 July 3	By Balance in hands of Treasurer, as per acct. rendered,	50	11	4½
Sept. 24 1835	By Cash received from the yearly meeting,	3	12	3½
Feb. 7	By do. from the Yarmouth Church, for Minutes and Missionary use,	3	3	2
June 15	By Cash received from the Sissiboo do. do. do	1	2	0
	do. 3d Cornwallis Church, do. do.	2	10	0
	do. Parrsboro' do. do. do.	0	7	6
	do. Falmouth do. do. do.	1	10	3
	do. Newport do. do. do.	0	17	6
	do. Sherbrook do. do. do.	0	9	4
	do. Bear River do. do. do.	1	19	4
	do. Lunenburg do. do. do.	2	10	3
	do. New Albany do. do. do.	0	7	0
	do. Springfield do. do. do.	0	2	0
	do. Margaret's Bay do. do do.	1	5	0
	do. Windsor do. do. do.	2	4	0
	do. Bryer Island do. do. do.	0	5	0
	do. Upper Granville Mountain do. do.	0	2	9
	do. Economy Church do. do.	0	9	3
	do. Aylesford do. do. do.	0	15	0
	do. Lower Granville do. do. do.	4	14	6
	do. Digby Neck do. do. do.	1	5	0
	do. Wilmot Mountain Church do. do.	0	8	9
	do. Pr. Ed. Island, East Point 16*s*. Three Rivers 10*s* 6*d*.	1	6	6
	do. Wilmot Church do. do.	2	4	0
	do. Annapolis & Upper Granville do.	2	17	2
	do. Stewiack Church do. do.	0	2	6
	do. Chester do. do. do.	2	2	5
	do. Upper Clements do. do. do.	0	12	10
	do. West Chester do. do. do.	1	3	9
	do. Onslow do. do. do.	1	15	0
	do. Yarmouth do. do. do.	2	3	0
	do. Tusket do. do. do.	0	11	0
	do. Liverpool do. do. do.	1	0	0
	do. Rawdon do. do. do.	0	6	0
	do. Windsor Road do. do. do.	0	2	6
	do. Nictaux do. do. do.	5	18	10
	do. Antigonish do. do. do.	1	6	6
	do. Canso do. do. do.	0	5	0
	Amount carried over,	104	8	3

Dr. *The Baptist Association in Account with*

		£	s.	d.
1834	To amount brought over, - - - -	48	16	9
Oct.	To paid Elder Maynard Parker, his tour to Sherbrook, Springfield, & other places, 4 weeks - - - - - - £6 0 0			
	Received in aid - - 1 0 0 Bal.	5	0	0
	To paid Elder The. Harding as Messenger to N. Brunswick Association	4	0	0
	To paid Elder Edward Manning, Messenger to the Lincoln and other Associations in the United States - -	10	0	0
	Paid postage of a package - - -	0	1	4
		67	18	1
	Balance in hands of Treasurer - -	74	19	1½
		£142	17	2½

RECEIVED FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

		£	s.	d.
From Onslow Female Mite Society by Miss H. Munro - - - - - -		7	19	6
At the Association—Sissiboo Church - -		1	14	2
Mr. Tympany - - - -		1	0	0
Clarke Young's annual contribution	£1 0 0			
A Female Friend - - -	0 5 0	1	16	3
John Knot, - - -	0 1 3			
William Glaney - - -	0 10 0			
Lunenburg Church - - -		1	5	0
East Point, P. E. Island -	1 14 8	6	9	8
Three Rivers, " - -	4 15 0			
Wilmot Church - - -		1	5	0
Chester Church - -	1 2 7	1	7	7
Mrs. Gildert - - - -	0 5 0			
Yarmouth Church - -		3	4	6
Amherst - - - - -	1 13 9			
Mr. James Atkinson - -	0 5 0	2	2	6
A Friend - - - - -	0 3 9			
1st Cornwallis Church Ladies Mite Soc.	6 1 9	7	1	9
Home Society - - - -	1 0 0			
		£35	5	11

J. W. NUTTING,
Treasurer for Foreign Missions.

Account with

	£	s.	d.
- -	48	16	9
Bal.	5	0	0
	4	0	0
	10	0	0
-	0	1	4
	67	18	1
-	74	19	1½
	£142	17	2½

ISSIONS.

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	3	4	6
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	£35	5	11

Foreign Missions.

William Allen Chipman, Treasurer. CR.

		£	s.	d.
1835 June 15	By amount brought over, - -	104	8	3
	By Cash received from Pugwash and River Phillip Church, for Minutes and Missionary use.	0	5	0
	do. Dalhousie do. do. do.	0	15	0
	do. Granville St. Church at Halifax, do. do.	8	0	0
	do. Amherst Church do. do.	1	12	9
	do. 2d Halifax do. do. do.	0	5	0
	do. Brookfield & Wellington Church do. do.	2	10	1
	do. Jeddore do. do. do.	0	10	0
	do. 1st Cornwallis Church for Minutes £0 16 6 / do. Home Miss. Society 0 10 0 / do. Lady's Mite Society 6 6 9	7	13	3
	do. 2d Cornwallis Church do. do.	3	17	1½
	do. Collected at the Association at Horton	13	0	9
		£142	17	2½

(Errors excepted.)

WILLIAM ALLEN CHIPMAN, *Treasurer.*

CORNWALLIS, N. S. July, 1835.

HINTS RESPECTING

A RELIGIOUS NEWSPAPER.

Every one admits that the Press is one of the most powerful engines that has ever appeared in the world for the promotion either of good or evil, according to the mind that wields it. It so vastly and so easily multiplies the copies of whatever matter it furnishes; and again these multiplied copies insinuate themselves so quietly and unobtrusively into notice in every village and family, and at the same time may plead so powerfully to the consciences or the passions, that the pen of the writer in this way often becomes the eloquent tongue of a thousand orators, or the poisonous fang of as many vipers.

The Baptists in the Provinces of Nova-Scotia and New Brunswick, have to some extent endeavoured to improve the means afforded by this powerful engine towards the promotion of the cause of "God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ," by the publication of their Missionary Magazine; of this however, there are not much more than 700 copies taken in the two Provinces, which at a dollar a year (the amount of the subscription) is barely sufficient to pay the expences of the publication. Now the number of Baptists in the two Provinces, including Prince Edward's Island, is perhaps upwards of 6000, the population in connection with these, must exceed 50,000. The Magazine, then, it is evident does not furnish one quarter of the families which compose this aggregate number. A friend who recently visited New Brunswick, and who was present at the Association in that Province, made the furtherance of the interests of the Baptist Magazine an object of his special regard. He was pleased to find in the Sister Province, the most kind and christian affection entertained, universally, so far as he could learn, by the churches there towards Nova-Scotia; together with the entire absence of any spirit of rivalship, and a hearty desire to be united with us in every good word and work; but at the same time there existed in the minds of all with whom he conversed, a conviction that the peculiar condition of these Provinces demand a *Religious Newspaper*; and so strong was the impression on the

minds of the members of that Association of the importance of such a publication, that a resolution was passed to the effect that the Association judged a Religious Newspaper to be better suited than a Magazine to the objects sought by such publication and pledged themselves to use their utmost efforts to maintain a Newspaper in case it should be undertaken. Several individuals were also ready to pledge themselves personally to take a considerable number of copies in the several districts where they reside; some were ready to take this pledge to the extent of fifty and possibly a hundred copies. It becomes therefore evidently the duty of the Baptist Churches in this Province seriously to consider the subject of a Religious Newspaper either in addition to, or in the place of the Magazine. If both could be sustained, it would be unquestionably better. If only one, then it is necessary seriously to consider which would be the most efficient means for the promotion of the good cause, a Magazine or a Newspaper; and in order to facilitate enquiry on this important subject the following remarks are here offered.

A *Magazine* is a graver publication, is more conveniently bound up and preserved, and generally is supposed to indicate a more advanced state of society: but on the other hand, a Newspaper, because it admits a greater variety of subjects, and, while still religious, may be of a livelier character, is more popular, and better suited to a young country.

The sort of Religious Paper that is needed and which would meet the wishes of the New-Brunswick Churches, and probably of the community in this Province also, is one which should combine Public News, Commercial and Scientific information, together with Religious and Missionary intelligence and instruction, information respecting the progress of the Temperance cause, &c. It should in short be really a *Newspaper*, calculated to answer *all the purposes of utility* for which every serious person requires such a publication, while all that sort of matter often inserted in newspapers which either belongs merely to the department of amusement, or else in the estimation of religious and soberer persons is of doubtful tendency, should be replaced by articles that *directly* tend in the pleasantest and most attractive manner possible to enforce moral and religious truth, and give information respecting the general advancement of the cause of our Lord Jesus Christ. It should also be remembered that a Newspaper though rather less convenient in form for preservation than a Magazine, may nevertheless be bound and preserved as well as the latter. The size of the paper which would probably best answer the end in view, is about the same as that of the Halifax Journal or Acadian Recorder, and of course would be published on the same terms as those papers, that is to say 3 dollars in town, and 3½ dollars in the country including postage.

In point of circulation a Newspaper possesses great advantages. The Magazine comes out only six times in the year, and as it can-

not, except at great expense, be transmitted by post, it frequently happens that a tedious interval occurs before each number reaches the hands of the Subscribers. In New-Brunswick, it has often happened in several districts, and these by no means the most remote, that *several* numbers, though published at intervals of two months have arrived together, and this was stated as a pointed objection to the increase of its circulation. Now a Newspaper on the contrary, would go by post every week, to the door of almost every Subscriber; in a multitude of instances, it would unquestionably answer every purpose both of a Magazine and a Newspaper, and would visit its Subscribers fifty-two times in the year, instead of only six, while the expense though annually more than that of the Magazine, would be far less in relation to the amount of matter obtained for the Subscription money.

Such a paper as has been described must prove a most important auxiliary to the labours of the Christian Minister, by keeping continually before the mind those truths which he often can only occasionally enforce, and as in several parts of the country, *Universalist* and other *erroneous* sentiments are industriously and extensively circulated, by means of Newspapers and other publications, the friends of genuine christianity are loudly called upon to oppose these insidious attacks of the enemy of souls, by throwing into the community the antidote which truth alone presents in every form which will best serve to augment its circulation.

The maintenance of a respectable Newspaper would require however, the utmost exertion on the part of all our friends, both in town and country, the pecuniary responsibility incurred must be considerably beyond that of the Magazine, and of course could not be attempted without good grounds on which to anticipate success ; All Ministers throughout the country and other persons friendly to such an undertaking, are respectfully requested, therefore, to ascertain, so far as they can, the number of persons who would be likely to become subscribers to such a Newspaper as is already suggested, and as the number would vary if the Newspaper should be published *instead* of the Magazine, (and the Associations of the two Provinces may possibly next year chuse to adopt the Paper and to discontinue the Magazine,) such friends as will kindly undertake the labour are also requested to ascertain what number of Subscribers might be anticipated in case of the Magazine being discontinued. It would be best as far as practicable to ascertain this by direct application to individuals, and it would be well if possible to send lists of their names. The information here requested may be addressed by post to the Editor of the Baptist Missionary Magazine, Halifax; and the least delay possible is particularly recommended.