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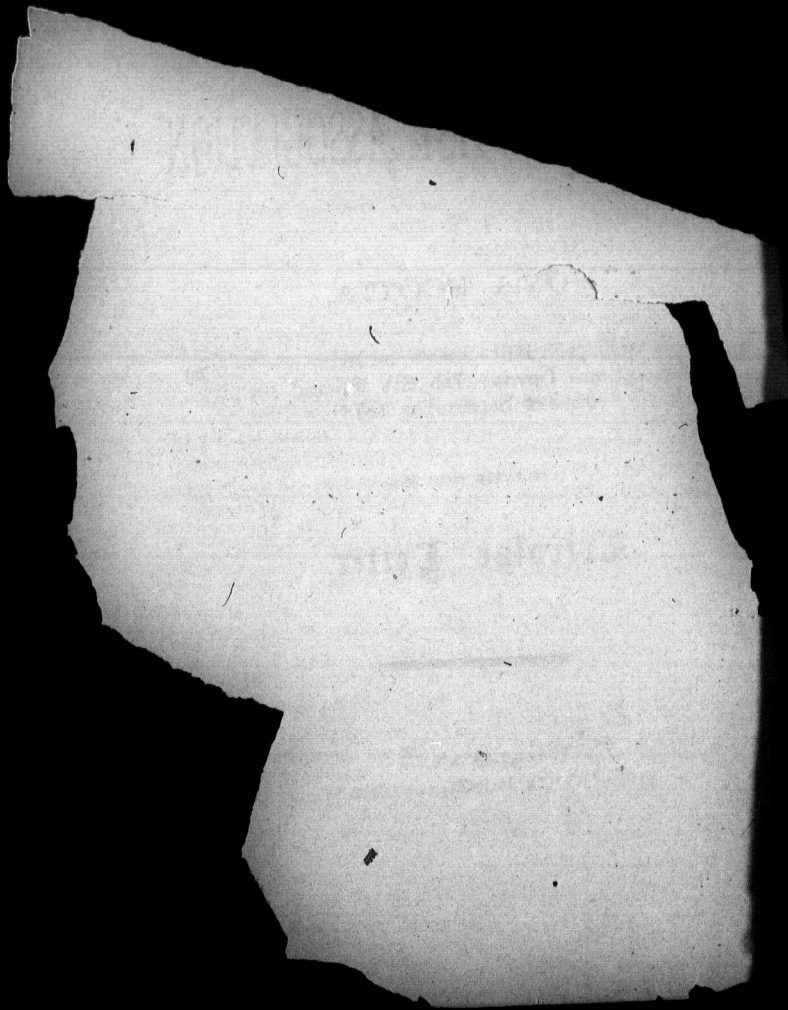
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MINUTES.

FIRST SESSION.

*Beech Hill, N. S.,
September 7th, 1878.* }

THE AFRICAN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION assembled on Sept. 7th, 1878, at 3 o'clock, P. M., in the 25th Annual Session.

The Council having assembled it was resolved that the Rev. James Thomas take the Chair.

After a few brief preliminary remarks from the Chairman, the meeting being opened, Bro. W. A. Jordan was elected Secretary, *pro tem.*, owing to the absence of Bro. P. E. McKerrow.

Religious Services were conducted by the Chairman; Rev. George Carvery participating in the same. The Chairman commenced the services by singing the 852nd Hymn. Rev. George Carvery read Chap. xiv. of 1st Corinthians, and exhorted from the same freely. At the close of this meeting the list of Delegates was prepared and read as follows:

CHURCHES—AND LIST OF DELEGATES.

Halifax—Revs. James Thomas, and A. Bailey, Deacons C. F. Biddle, R. Simons, and Jos. Flint, Bros. Wm. Johnson, E. Flint, R. Smith, E. Jacobs, D. Gross, and P. E. McKerrow.

Preston, 1st—Rev. G. Carvery, and Deacon John Brooks.

Preston, 2nd—(New Road) Bro. James Downey.

Hammond Plains, 1st—Licentiate, Bros. D. Goffigan, A. Emmerson, and D. Anderson.

Beech Hill—Rev. A. Bailey, Deacon R. Hamilton, and Bro. Jos. Hamilton.

Campbell Road—Deacon James Brown, Bro. William Howe.

Dartmouth—Bro. James Cassidy.

Cornwallis—Bro. T. Powell.

Horton—Rev. James Thomas.

Falmouth—Bro. John Smith, Licen.

Digby Joggings—Not represented.

Bridgetown—“ “

Bear River—“ “

After the list of Delegates was announced the following Officers were elected:—

CHAIRMAN.....	REV. JAMES THOMAS, (re-elected.)
“ — ASSISTANT	REV. GEO. CARVERY,
SECRETARY.....	BRO. P. E. MCKERROW, “
TREASURER.....	DEA. CHAS. F. BIDDLE, “

The following were appointed a Committee of Arrangements: Revs. James Thomas and George Carvery; Bros. D. Anderson and W. B. Thomas.

The Committee after a short deliberation fully approved of carrying out the resolution, passed last Annual Session, that there be a collection taken up for mission purposes at the close of every meeting.

Moved by Bro. W. B. Thomas, seconded by Bro. D. Anderson, that any delegate absenting himself at the opening of the first meeting, on Monday next, a fine of twenty-five cents be imposed on him. (Passed.)

The following appointments were made for the Sunday: Bro. A. W. Jordan, at 11 a. m., followed by Rev. George Carvery, Bro. Thomas Jones; at 3 p. m. Bro. John A. Smith and others, and at 7 p. m.

After the following appointments were made, the Chairman of the Association informed the Committee of his willingness to Baptize the Candidate on Sabbath Morning, after the close of Services; the same being approved of by the Committee, they adjourned to meet on Monday Morning, Sept. 9th, at 9.30 a. m. Prayer was offered up by Rev. George Carvery.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Preaching at 11 a. m. by Bro. A. W. Jordan, from 1st Kings, iv chap., 26 verse, followed by Rev. Geo. Carvery, Bro. Thomas Jones, and Rev. Haynes. Closing prayer Rev. James Thomas.

Preaching at 3 p. m. by Bro. J. A. Smith, from John ix., 25 verse, followed by Rev. G. Carvery, Bro. D. Goffigan, and Rev. Haynes. Closing prayer by Rev. Bailey. At the close of the Sermon the Baptismal Waters was disturbed by the Rev. James Thomas, and a convert for immersion accompanied by the Deacons.

Preaching at 7 p. m. by Rev. James Thomas, Funeral Sermon of Rev. James Wilmot, and Mr. Nathaniel Sawyer's, "*I have done as Thou hast commanded me;*" followed by Revs. G. Carvery and Bailey, Bro. John Smith, Jas. Downey, and Rev. Haines. At the close of Sermon Devotional Singing commenced, and continued the remaining portion of the evening.

SECOND SESSION.

Monday Morning, Sept., 9.30 a. m.

Opened by Prayer and Singing, by Rev. A. Bailey, after which the minutes of the previous meeting was read and approved without discussion.

The Roll of Delegates was made out by the Secretary; the various names were called when the Delegates present answered to them.

Committee to Examine Letters, Bros. (Dea.) C. F. Biddle, and Simons; Bros. Wm, Johnson, Emmerson, and P. E. McKerrow.

Voted that Bro. A. Emmerson assist in reading the letters.

Voted that the letters be produced the first thing in the afternoon Session. At this juncture of the meeting a slight discussion arose in consideration of the long and arduous services of our Chairman, accompanied with his unfeigned piety to his Maker, and his unflinching fidelity to his trust.

A vote was taken and the honour of President of the African Baptist Association of Nova Scotia, was conferred on him un-animously.

At the close of the business portion of this meeting, Religious Services was resumed by singing and reading part of the 107th Psalm. Prayer by Bro. Thos. Jones. Preaching by Rev. A. Bailey, from 133rd Psalm, 1st verse; "*Behold how good and how pleasant it is for Brethren to dwell together in Unity.*"

After the Sermon a Spiritual Hymn was sung with one accord, in which it seemed as though the Heavenly Arches rang in response to the appeals made.

At the close of the singing the President informed the Brethren, that in accordance with a request from the Halifax Church, that

a Letter of License be granted to Bro. A. W. Jordan, he deemed it expedient that this Association should give him the right hand of fellowship, which was done with a feeling address by the President. Adjourned with prayer by Rev. Bro. Haynes, of the B. M. E. Church.

Afternoon Session.

Meeting opened at 2 p. m. with prayer by Bro. J. Jones. The Roll of Delegates were called, all being present; the minutes of the previous Session was read and approved, in which time the President, Rev. James Thomas, informed the audience that by the request of the Falmouth Church, the ordination of Bro. John A. Smith would take place at 7½ o'clock, p. m.

Letters from the various Churches were then read and adopted as a whole.

An invitation came by letter from the 1st Church at Preston, of which Rev. Carvery is Pastor, to hold the Association with them next year; the same was accepted. A call from the Cornwallis Church for Rev. A. Bailey to be their Pastor was accepted by him. Also, from the Falmouth Church, that Rev. John A. Smith become their Pastor was also accepted by him.

Resolved, That the President, Rev. James Thomas, preach the introductory Sermon, and Rev. Carvery be his alternate.

Moved by Bro. Jas. Downey, seconded by Bro. D. Anderson, that two hundred and fifty copies of the minutes be printed, and that Bro. P. E. McKerrow superintend the same, and write the Circular Letter.

Resolved, That a memorial page be set apart for the Rev. James Wilmot, as a mark of our high esteem toward him.

Report on Missions were called for by the President, when the Ministering and Lay Brethren who had fields of labour assigned them at the last Association. The Brethren in turn made verbal statements in which the President felt quite satisfied that the Brethren had done their work well, and further recommend the young men from the various Churches to encourage an appetite for the ministry, so as to enable us to fill the gaps that are made in our ranks from year to year; one old Warrior who was blowing the Gospel Trumpet at the last Association having passed away.

At the close of the business of the Association, the President called on the various Brethren to report on their Mission that was apportioned to each one at the last Association. All of which had more or less being attended to, but famous among them all were those of the Rev. John A. Smith, who during the year had made to the Cornwallis Church, 49 visits; Gibson Woods, 16; Falmouth, 7; Horton, 5; Bishop Settlement, 7. This Mission was certainly the largest of any that had been made during the year, and was very interesting in detail.

The Chairman said in accordance with the request from the Falmouth Church, it became his duty to perform the ordination ceremonies on Bro. Jno. A. Smith, who had been chosen as their Pastor. The council of Ministering Brethren and Deacons were then called together, and the questions relative to the duties appertaining to the office of a minister being asked, and properly answered. The solemn services, according to the Baptist Ritual, was performed by the laying on of hands by the Presbytery, when an earnest prayer was offered up by the Chairman.

The President there and then in a few well chosen words thanked the Brethren for their assiduity, and told them before we separated it was his intention to make similar appointments, when he trusted that the whole of the appointments would be adhered to.

The President proceeded with his appointments as follows:—

Rev. A. Bailey, to visit Digby Joggings once, Pine Woods twice, also retain the charge of Beech Hill Church.

Rev. G. Carvery, to visit Tracadie and Guysborough, Pine Woods and Falmouth, Campbell Road and Halifax.

Bro. D. Goffigan, Beech Hill twice, Campbell Road twice, and Marroon Hill.

Rev. John A. Smith, Horton, Cornwallis, Gibson Woods, Digby and Bridgetown.

Bro. R. Simons, Beech Hill once, Campbell Road twice, Hammond Plains once.

Bro. J. Flint, Dartmouth twice, Campbell Road, Beech Hill once.

Bro. Jas. Jones, Campbell Road once, Marroon Hill twice, Beech Hill twice.

Bro. D. Anderson, Halifax once, Campbell Road once, Beech Hill once.

W. B. Thomas, Preston twice, Hammond Plains, and Beech Hill once.

Henry Bailey, Preston, Beech Hill, Hammond Plains once.

Bro. Jordon, Guysboro', Tracadie, Cornwallis, Windsor once.

Bro. James Downey, to visit Bro. Carvery's twice, Campbell Road once, Beech Hill once.

Subsequent to the appointments, Bro. D. Anderson moved, and Bro. A. Emmerson seconded, that this Association for the kindness and hospitality, extended to the Delegates and friends generally, have a vote of thanks, which was well received by all present.

Rev. G. Carvery extended an invitation to the Association to meet with his Church in Preston, in 1879, when he hoped we would have a good time.

In accordance with our usual practice, the Brethren all formed the ring of friendship, the links of which had been broken, and one missing, by the death of our much lamented Father Wilmot. Religious services continued during the evening until 10 p. m., and resumed religious exercises on Tuesday morning and evening, in which Rev. John A. Smith, Bro. Jas. Downie, and Bro. W. A. Jordan were engaged.

The remaining portion of the Delegates returned to the City on Wednesday evening, when the finale close was made in a real happy meeting, in the Cornwallis Street Church, when the Ministers and Lay Brethren had a good religious feast, which terminated one of the happiest seasons that we have had the good pleasure to witness.

CHURCHES OF THE AFRICAN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

PRESIDENTREV. JAMES THOMAS.
 SECRETARYPETER E. MCKERROW.
 TREASURERC. F. BIDDLE.

Ministers, Licentiates, Deacons, Councillors, &c.:

Halifax—Rev. James Thomas, Pastor; Deacons, C. F. Biddle, R. Simons, and Joseph Flint; Councillors, D. Gross, W. Johnson, R. White and P. E. McKerrow; Clerk, E. Jacobs; Doorkeeper, Elijah Flint.

Hammond Plains—Rev. Jas. Thomas, Pastor; D. Goffigan, Licentiate; G. David and W. Wilson, Deacons; D. Anderson, F. David and J. Manigo, Councillors; A. Emmerson, Clerk; J. Giggy, Doorkeeper.

Preston, 1st—Rev. George Carvery, Pastor; J. Brooks, G. Tyler and W. Carvery, Deacons; R. Kempt, Councillor; Joseph Evans, Clerk.

Preston, 3rd—(*New Road Settlement*) James Downey, Licen.; James Smith, Deacon; James Smith, Senr., Councillor.

Dartmouth—Rev. Jas. Thomas, Pastor; James Cassidy, Councillor.

Digby Joggings—Without Pastor; P. Butler, Deacon; W. Harris, Councillor.

Beech Hill—Rev. A. Bailey, Pastor; Jos. Hamilton, Deacon; R. Hamilton, Councillor.

Campbell Road—James Brown, Deacon; William Hows, Councillor.

Horton—Dennis Doleman, Deacon.

Cornwallis—Rev. A. Bailey, Pastor; D. Taylor and J. Landsay, Deacons T. Powell, Councillor.

Falmouth—Rev. John A. Smith, Pastor; Benjamin Gray, Deacon.

Bear River—Not heard from.

Bridgetown—“ “ “

Yarmouth—“ “ “

Liverpool—“ “ “

Rev. J. R. Walls, Missionary.

Sabbath School in Connection with Churches.:

HALIFAX.—*Superintendent*—Charles F. Biddle; *Assistant, and Bible Class Teacher*—P. E. McKerrow; *Female Teachers*—Margaret Thomson, Annie Joseph, Louisa Bailey, R. C. Thomas; *Secretary and Librarian*—Thomas McDonald.

HAMMOND PLAINS.—*Superintendent*—J. W. Skerrett; *Male Teacher*—A. Emmerson; *Female Teachers*—

PRESTON (FIRST).—*Superintendent*—Rev. Geo. Carvery; *Male Teacher*—Jos. Evans; *Female Teachers*—Emelia Turner, Susan Murphy, Mary Evans.

PRESTON (THIRD).—*Superintendent*—James Downey; *Male Teacher*—
Female Teacher—Eliza Downey.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

The Bible and its social influence in the family.

TO THE CHURCHES OF THE AFRICAN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION :

Dear Brethren,—

Through the guidance of an allwise Providence, we have chosen this compass of religions law for our consideration, it being the great source of life, light and liberty, which enables the weary traveller to surmount difficulties and dangers, seen and unseen, and affords comfort and consolation to the weak and down-trodden when in a state of despondency, and fogs of prejudice arises like pyramids in the desert, and surrounded with clouds of unbelief and fear, the Bible is the Engineer that doth the road to heaven steer. The merchant, farmer, laborer and mariner are all in search of temporal gain ; all of whom seeks the easiest source for remuneration, and if fortunate, are often handsomely rewarded, but the Church of Jesus Christ is in quest of eternal gain ; she seeks a city which is out of sight, the New Jerusalem.

The passage through the desert may be considered as an allegorical representation of the passage of the Church of Christ through the moral desert of this world ; the way therein is destitute of every heavenly plant. No living stream flows through the midst thereof, no food for the soul is there, no balm of Gilead can be got ; the elements are in themselves considered unfriendly to spiritual progress. Without the assistance of the compass or law book of Jehovah, we are all lost. Then let us cling to the Bible, which is the old, old story of Jesus and His love.

The Bible and its uses.

When we procure one for our own use are we merely to keep it as a memento on the shelves of the book-case, the pages of which are never unfolded only when some kind hand goes to wipe off the dust, or is it to be read merely as an idle tale without the slightest meditation? No! Peruse those precious pages from Genesis to Revelation, leaf by leaf, book by book, chapter by chapter, verse by verse; let the leaves be worn thin by the fingers searching after the knowledge of Jesus Christ,—for it is far better for them to be worn out than to rust out. Just here a question arises: What if I cannot read the Bible? Man without the gift of reading, God has provided Bible morality written on His spiritual nature, which is said to be written on His heart. Thus heathens who have no Bible can work out the moral principles of their nature, and often do, to an extent that what may well put to blush the conduct of those who possess a written Revelation. For illustration:—In a Chinese family, a little boy on asking his father to allow him to be baptized, was told that he was too young, that he might fall back if he made a profession when he was only a little boy. To this he made the touching reply, "Jesus has promised to carry the lambs in His arms, I am only a little boy, it will be easier for Jesus to carry me." This logic of the heart was too much for the father, the boy's wishes were promptly attended to. Then we who are parents, a great duty is incumbent upon us to instil in the hearts of the little ones the value and importance of the Bible, with its immense moral as well as religious influence.

I was quite amused some few years ago in perusing an English religious periodical, shortly after the siege of Magdala, an African Prince who was sent as an embassy, with costly presents for Queen Victoria, from an Ethiopian Court, preferred a modest request that our Beloved Sovereign would tell him the secret of England's greatness and glory. Her Majesty did not like

Hezekiah show the Ambassador her diamonds and precious jewels, and her rich ornaments, but handed him a beautifully bound copy of the Holy Bible, saying, "Tell the Prince that this weapon is the success of England's greatness." And we are safe in saying to them that carries the contents of that Blessed Book about them always on the troubled waters of affliction, they will be borne along in perfect safety on the waves into the harbour of salvation. Let us for example contrast the condition of the various nations which uphold the Bible, and those who do not. Biblical statistics inform us that in England and Scotland Bible teachings prevail in the free schools. Cross the British Channel and you will find Prussia, for three hundred years her people have had access to its pages, and only four per cent. of its population cannot read. Cross the Rhine now and enter France, you are in a land where for centuries it was a forbidden book, and where even at the present day in some districts it is little known. Cross the Alps and enter Italy, a similar state of things exists as in France. Going southward into Tuscany and Spain, wherever it is absent, it matters not from what cause, their popular intelligence disappears. Spain, with its 15,000,000 of a population, it is a fact almost incredible, 12,000,000 do not know their letters. See its evil effects, violence and bloodshed take the place of quietude and peace.

Let us now return home to our own Continent, name the lands of the Bible, and you name the lands of constitutional freedom. England, Scotland, Switzerland, Holland and America, received their liberties from God's word.

France, largely destitute of the Bible for so many long years, has had upwards of a dozen different Governments, all directly or indirectly of a revolutionary origin, in less than one hundred years. Prussia, at her side, although beneath a Government harsh, and with features of severity, has known how to avoid the desperate remedy of constant and bloody revolutions. She

has advanced her liberties by calmer methods, and has maintained stability, prosperity and strength. Mexico ignored the Bible, and but a few months ago a Bible was seen by a Missionary, stained by a Martyr's blood, and that country has had upwards of fifty revolutions in this present century. Then, in conclusion, Brethren of this Association, both Lay and Clerical, impart all the instruction you can from that good Book, for it is the necessary condition of a nations prosperity, the slighting of which our race has suffered, and will continue to suffer until we put more value on it than we do. Our greatest need in life, and in death, is the certainty of a knowledge of that good Book. When I was rolling down an embankment of a winter's night on a Railway accident, said a good Warrior of the Cross, I wanted that good Book which seemed to me the Rock of Ages. Biblical promise, biblical exhortation and biblical inculcation, and the tried and tested certainties of the revelation of God. We must have that Book for a pillow, for on it rests the nature of things. It is the *only* honest Book in the world that tells us what we are, and how to get into the mood of peace with God; that is what we want, and by it we become one with God, which is a majority, and if God is with us who can be against us.

Who has this Book, and reads it not
Doth God himself despise;
Who reads, but understandeth not
His soul in darkness lies.

P. E. MCKERROW,

1878—Financial Account of the African Baptist Association—1878.

Sept. 1877.—Cash Balance to date.....	\$ 4 40
Halifax Church Letter with Cash.....	11 53
" " " Home Mission.....	5 04
Hammond Plains Home Mission.....	1 80
" " " Church Letter.....	5 00
Preston (1st) Church Letter.....	3 72
" " " Home Mission.....	2 00
" " " (2nd) New Road, Home Mission.....	0 00
" " " " " Church Letter.....	1 10
" " " " " Digby Joggings unheard from.....	0 00
Horton Church Letter.....	1 00
Falmouth.....	1 00
Cornwallis.....	1 00
Beech Hill.....	3 57
" " " Home Mission.....	1 50
Dartmouth Church Letter.....	2 00
Campbell Road.....	1 05
" " " Home Mission.....	0 70
Fines from Delegates.....	0 60
Collection from the various Services...	6 48
	\$52 99

CONTRA ACCOUNT.	
Sept. 1878.—President's Travelling Expenses.....	\$ 6 00
" " " Rev. A. Bailey's.....	3 00
" " " " " Jno. A. Smith's Travelling Expen.....	3 00
" " " " " George Carvery's.....	4 00
Secretary's Travelling Expenses.....	6 00
Bro. Thos. Jones' Travelling Expenses.....	1 00
" " " " " A. Emmerson's.....	1 00
" " " " " C. F. Eiddie's.....	1 00
" " " " " E. Jacobs'.....	0 68
Printing Minutes, Stat'y, Postage, &c.....	20 00
Balance in hand.....	7 31

\$52 99

In Memory

OF

REV. JAMES WILMOT,

OF DIGBY, N. S.

Who departed this life ————— and
was for upwards of forty years a
Soldier of the Cross of Christ.

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