

MINUTES

OF THE

Haldimand Regular Baptist Association

AT THEIR

FORTY-SIXTH ANNIVERSARY

HELD WITH THE

HALDIMAND BAPTIST CHURCH,

ON FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, JUNE 24, 25 & 26, 1864,

TOGETHER WITH THE

DIGEST OF LETTERS AND CIRCULAR LETTER.

REV. WILLIAM LACEY, MODERATOR.

REV. J. T. DOWLING AND BRO. W. WESBROOM, CLERKS.

TORONTO, C. W.

CANADIAN BAPTIST OFFICE, KING STREET EAST.

1864.

MINUTES.

FIRST DAY.—MORNING SESSION.

The Forty-sixth Anniversary of the Haldimand Regular Baptist Association was held with the Baptist Church in Haldimand township, county of Northumberland, on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, June 24th, 25th, and 26th, 1864.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. T. F. Caldicott, D. D., from the words, "*He must increase.*"

The preacher then called the Association to order, and Rev. Wm. Lacey being next on the list of seniority to the Moderator of last year, (Rev. D. Wait,) was called to the chair.

Rev. J. T. Dowling and Bro. W. Wesbroom, the clerks, of last Associational year, were re-appointed to that office for the ensuing year:

The Moderator proceeded to read, according to rule, the Constitution and By-Laws of the body.

The following named brethren were appointed a "Committee of Arrangements," viz.:—Rev. J. Reddick, Rev. J. King, Deacon P. Hinman, Deacon Wm. Smith, Deacon S. Holmån.

After a few minutes the above named committee handed in the following report, which was adopted, viz.:—

1st. That Rev. Dr. Caldicott present the claims of the Baptist immediately.

2nd. That we adjourn for an hour and a half for dinner.

3rd. That a platform missionary meeting be held at half-past six o'clock this evening.

Dr. Caldicott then accordingly addressed the assembly on behalf of the Baptist.

The 13th hymn was sung by the Assembly. Prayer by Rev. A. A. Cameron. Adjourned till half-past two o'clock, p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Moderator in the chair. After a few verses of a hymn, Rev. D. Wait led in prayer;

Farther partial report of Committee of Arrangements was received and adopted as follows, viz.:—That the speakers for this evening be Revd's. M'Intyre, Jackson, Cameron, King, and Dr. Caldicott, and that a collection in aid of the Missionary Convention's funds be taken up at the said meeting.

The letters of the various churches represented were then read by the Clerk, in their alphabetic order, and duly filed.

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The committee appointed at last annual meeting "to enquire into the cause of the neglect of First Pickering Church of communicating with us, by letter or delegate, for the past two annual meetings, reported as follows:—

"That they had acted upon the instructions received at last annual meeting, and learned, on inquiry, that the principal reason why the church has neglected to report itself for two successive years was to be found in the dissension which had so long existed in the body. They were further informed that the services of a pastor had recently been secured, and were lead to conclude that the omission would not be permitted to continue."

JOSEPH KING, *Chairman.*

The report, after some discussion, was received.

The following named brethren were appointed Committee on Resolutions, viz:—Rev. A. Anderson, Rev. Joseph King, Rev. A. A. Cameron.

A Committee to examine Circular Letter was appointed, consisting of Rev. D. Wait, Rev. J. King, Rev. S. C. Rice.

The Committee of Arrangements recommended an address immediately, on behalf of the "Ministerial Education Society," which was accordingly delivered forthwith by Rev. T. F. Caldicott, D. D.

A Committee of Arrangements farther partially report as follows, which was agreed to, viz:—

- 1st. Sermon to-morrow morning at 9½ o'clock, by Rev. J. T. Dowling.
 - 2nd. To proceed with remaining business immediately after service.
 - 3rd. To give brethren Wyckoff and Buckbee, who are expected to-morrow, a hearing on behalf of the American Bible Union, and that a collection be taken up in aid of their work.
- Doxology sung by the assembly.
Prayer by Rev. Wm. Jackson, of Hastings Mission.
Adjourned for an hour and a half.

EVENING MEETING.

At seven o'clock Deacon Wm. Smith was called to the chair by vote of meeting, and after prayer and singing, delivered a short speech on the object of the meeting, and proceeded to introduce the following brethren, viz:—Rev. A. McIntyre, of Fenelon; Rev. Wm. Jackson, of Hastings Mission; Rev. A. A. Cameron, of Rochester, N. Y.; Rev. Joseph King, of Whitby; Dr. T. F. Caldicott, of Toronto, by whom the claims of the Missionary Convention were advocated.

At the close of the meeting a collection amounting to \$10.55 was taken up in aid of the "Home Mission Funds."

Closed in usual form, and adjourned, to meet to-morrow at half-past nine, a. m.

SECOND DAY.—MORNING SESSION.

Pursuant to arrangement, Divine Service began by Rev. Wm. Jackson, reading hymns, Scripture lesson, and leading in prayer; Rev. J. T. Dowling then preached from Exodus xiv. : 15.

The Minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Brethren W. H. Wyckoff and C. A. Buckbee, of N. Y., were then duly admitted to a seat with us as visiting brethren.

The committee on resolutions presented the following, which, after being moved, seconded, and spoken to by a number of brethren, were each in turn duly adopted:

1st. *On Canadian Baptist:*

Resolved.—That having heard the statements made by Rev. Dr. Caldwell in relation to the present standing of the *Baptist*, and being fully convinced that Brother Lloyd should be generously sustained in his very arduous labors, we esteem it a duty which we cannot evade, to support in every possible way the only organ of the denomination in the Province.

2nd. *Missionary Convention:*

Resolved.—That the lost condition of multitudes of our fellow-men, the position of the cause of Christ, and our own indebtedness to the provisions of the gospel, require us to aid to the best of our ability, and even at some sacrifice, those enterprises which aim at the evangelization of the world; and that as this is the aim of our Home Missionary Convention, we do now pledge ourselves to attempt more in its behalf than we have hitherto accomplished, both by earnest advocacy and liberal contributions.

3rd. *Ministerial Education:*

Resolved.—That the results already achieved by the Ministerial Education Society encourage us to "expect great things" in the future, while at the same time, we are convinced that continued and increased beneficence on our part, in common with our brethren of other Associations, is an absolute necessity of the times.

4th. *Supply of Vacancies:*

Resolved.—That this Association take into consideration the desirability of having all the vacant churches belonging to the same regularly supplied at least once in two or three weeks, by the ministers of the Association, until such a time as each of them has a minister of its own, and that said churches regularly defray the necessary expenses of such supplies.

The Association then voted to defer the remainder of the resolutions till the afternoon session, in order to hear Rev. W. H. Wyckoff on behalf of the American Bible Union.

Rev. W. H. Wyckoff then, accordingly, delivered an address on "the faithful revision of the Scriptures."

The following recommendation of the Committee of Arrangements was adopted, viz:—"That Rev. W. H. Wyckoff preach to-morrow at 11 a. m., and that a collection at the close of the service be taken up to aid the Ministerial Education Society.

Prayer by Rev. C. A. Buckbee. Adjourned for an hour and a half.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

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After singing hymn 699, Rev. W. H. Wyckoff lead in prayer.

A Committee to arrange for the supply of vacant churches as contemplated in Resolution No. 4, was appointed, consisting of the following named brethren:—Rev. A. A. Cameron, Rev. A. McIntyre, Deacon Wm. Smith, Rev. Joseph King, Rev. J. T. Dowling.

The remaining resolutions on the report of committee on resolution were proceeded with. The two following were adopted:

5th. On Lay Preaching:

Resolved,—That we earnestly call upon the churches we represent to encourage lay brethren of acknowledged piety and talent, of whom there are many among us, to exercise their gifts in preaching the gospel, and thus assist the pastors in widening their fields of labor.

6th. Evangelical Exploration:

Resolved,—That this Association take into consideration the propriety of having the large tract of country thickly peopled, lying north of the district of the same, evangelically explored; and we recommend that the churches of this Association, for this purpose, give their respective pastors leave to form themselves into deputations of two each, and that each of said deputations go out in turn, and spend a period of not less than two weeks in said country, providing the Convention defray their necessary expenses.

The 7th resolution, as inserted below, was moved and seconded, but after discussion, it was resolved, in amendment, that it be laid on the table for one year. It reads as follows:—

That in view of the evils arising from Free Masonry, and in view of the steady increase of the said society, we feel obliged to denounce Free Masonry, as unholy in its nature and tendency, and as a system, that it is admirably adapted to destroy among christians the unity of the spirit and the bond of peace.

Resolved,—That Rev. J. King be appointed delegate from this Association to visit the Canadian Literary Institute at their approaching Anniversary, should an invitation to that effect be extended to the Associations by the Faculty; and that his expenses be paid upon presentation of his report at next annual meeting.

Resolved,—That the Association meet with the Church in Bond-street, Toronto, on the last Friday in June, 1865.

The "Committee on Circular Letter" recommended that it be read to the Association. It was accordingly read by the writer, duly adopted, and ordered to be printed in the minutes of present session.

The Committee of Arrangements presented their final report, which was adopted, as follows:—

Rev. A. McIntyre to preach to-morrow, at 3 o'clock p. m., Rev. C. A. Buckbee to preach to-morrow at 4¼ o'clock p. m.,

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Resolved,—That Rev. J. Dempsey preach the introductory sermon in Toronto next year, and that Rev. A. A. Cameron be his alternate; also, that Rev. S. C. Rice write the Circular Letter, and that Brother Sherman, licentiate, be his alternate.

A few verses were sung, after which Rev. C. A. Buckbee, of N. Y., delivered a very affecting address on the work of the American Bible Union among the soldiers of the Northern Army. Rev. W. H. Wyckoff followed with answers to a few enquiries in reference to the nature and workings of the "Union."

A collection on behalf of the above object was taken up, amounting to \$20, which was credited by above agents as equal to \$40 United States funds, and on their invitation, was voted to constitute Rev. Wm. Jackson, of Hastings Mission, "a life member."

A letter was then presented by Rev. A. A. Cameron, from Brother Dryer, of Hastings Road, in reference to the loss of a horse, sustained by Brother William Jackson, and urging the importance of rendering him immediate assistance. Brother Jackson answered a few enquiries, after which it was

Resolved,—That the delegates lay the matter before their respective churches, and communicate the amounts that can be raised, to the Deacons of the Sidney Church, as speedily as possible.

Resolved,—That the thanks of this Association are due to Brother W. H. Wyckoff and C. A. Buckbee, for their addresses and explanations on behalf of the American Bible Union; and that we recommend to the sympathies of the churches the work in which they are engaged.

Brother W. H. Wyckoff briefly responded, thanking the Association on behalf of the Bible Union.

Resolved,—That the thanks of this Association are due to the many friends in Wicklow for their hospitality during the sessions now closing.

Responded to by Rev. J. Reddick, the pastor of Haldimand Church.

Resolved,—That a vote of thanks be presented to the Rev. William Lacey for the able manner in which he has presided as Moderator, over our deliberations.

Resolved,—That a vote of thanks be tendered to the Clerks for the diligent discharge of their duties.

The minutes were then finally read and adopted.

Prayer by Brother J. Shaw, of Brock.

Adjourned to meet with the Church in Bond-street, Toronto, on the "last Friday in June," 1865.

LORD'S DAY.—MORNING.

At 9½ o'clock the Sunday School of Haldimand Church assembled, and at the close of its exercises, was addressed by Brother W. Wesbroom, and Revd's. W. H. Wyckoff, and C. A. Buckbee, much to the enjoyment of all present.

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After a short intermission, public worship commenced at 11 o'clock, by Rev. C. A. Buckbee and J. T. Dowling conducting the preliminary parts of the service. Then followed the sermon by Rev. W. H. Wyckoff, from the text "Love is the fulfilling of the law."

A few verses were sung, after which the claims of the Ministerial Education Society were presented by Rev. C. A. Buckbee, and a collection in aid of the same was taken up amounting to \$17.

- Prayer and benediction by Rev. J. Reddick.

AFTERNOON.

At 3 o'clock, after preliminary service by Rev. A. A. Cameron, Rev. A. McIntyre preached a sermon from the text "This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief."

Intermission of five minutes.

Preliminary services by A. Anderson, after which Rev. C. A. Buckbee preached on "Christian Union," from the text "That they may be one as we are one."

Brief exposition of a few difficult passages by Rev. W. H. Wyckoff.

Prayer and Benediction.

Thus closed a most interesting and profitable Anniversary.

The whole of the sessions were fully attended, and the devotional meetings of the Sabbath were more than crowded, one-half could not obtain admittance; there must have been present nearly 1000.

Just as the crowd were dispersing in the evening a copious shower fell upon the thirsty earth, and in the receding clouds we saw the ancient symbol of Jehovah's faithfulness. O may that shower and bow be blessed harbingers of the Spirit's descent upon the thirsty churches!

Saviour visit thy plantation;

Grant us Lord a gracious rain:

All will come to desolation,

Unless thou return again,

Lord revive us,

All our help must come from thee.

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1st. CRAMAHE.

Not visited by death. Many members very aged, and hence unable regularly to attend the meetings. Most of the brethren scattered over so wide a field as to render it difficult to support the various meetings. Eleven of their number removed and consequently unavailable.

2ND. CRAMAHE.

Has had preaching about three-fourths of the Sabbaths in the year, and been edified. Prayer meetings thinly attended. Laments want of brotherly love. Reports good conversions. Members much scattered. Have contributed "something to Convention."

CLAREMONT.

Records gratitude for past mercies.—Hopes at the beginning of the year not realized; but rejoices in having been permitted to visit the baptismal waters. Feels much the removal of five families of warm-hearted members. Mourns the death, but rejoice in the triumphant end of some. There are indications of a healthier state. Is about building a new Chapel, and has \$1300 subscribed already toward it.

FENELON.

No deaths. Believes the word preached greatly blessed. Attendance at meetings good.

HALDIMAND.

Grateful to welcome the Association. Mourns inactivity, and leaving of pastor "too much to work alone." Prayer meetings thinly attended, but increasing. Majority of members too much absorbed in business. Good attendance on the Sabbath. Most of the members scattered and poor, leaving support of means to but a few. Do what they can to support the various benevolent denominational objects.

1st. KING.

Hopes the fields are ripening for the harvest. Second King Church, a branch of the first, rejoices in prospect of the immediate baptism of two disciples.

MANILLA.

The dispute with Woodville Church settled; the two commune together. Expects Rev. J. Stewart to become pastor of Woodville and Manilla churches in September next, for which they are grateful.

1st. MARKHAM.

Has had to mourn a long time the want of an under shepherd, but now rejoices in the fact that the Head of the church has sent them a preacher in the person of Rev. R. McClelland, whom the church highly esteems. Feeling they have the witnesses of the Spirit in their hearts, they are encouraged to go forward.

2ND. MARKHAM.

Has "no special prosperity to report,"—has been part of the year without a pastor, but has united with the First Markham and Pickering churches in securing the services of Rev. R. McClelland, and hope brightens.

PICKERING.

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PORT HOPE.

Rev. W. H. Jones having removed to Woodstock, Rev. J. Dempsey, late of St. Andrew's, has accepted a call. In the meantime the various meetings have been kept up, and the prospects are hopeful.

STIRLING.

Has been visited with prosperity. Prospects brighter than retrospect. Pastor expects to baptize several more than reported, and soon to assist in organising a church in Seynour. Peace reigns. Laments the want of a suitable place of meeting.

SIDNEY.

The Lord still present to bless with prosperity. Is free from debt; but acknowledges a debt of gratitude to God.

THURLOW.

Having been visited by Rev. A. Anderson, who was appointed so to do at last anniversary, and reported extinct must now be dropped from the minutes, according to Article VIII. of Constitution.

1st.—TORONTO, (COLORED.)

Rejoices in, and praises the Lord for existence as a church. No additions. Difficulties have been settled by the separation of a number of brethren who have been organized into a church in another part of the city. Has no pastor.

BOND STREET, TORONTO.

Records gratitude for another associational season. Though under the necessity of exercising discipline, yet feels the presence of the Lord. Mourns the decease of brethren. The Sabbath School still progresses, and brings forth encouraging fruit. The Prayer Meetings are very largely attended. There is also a Bible Class and "Young Men's Christian Association" connected with the church, both doing a good work.

UXBRIDGE.

Cause gradually gaining ground, notwithstanding opposition, and the presence of five other denominations in a population of 1,000. The work of those recently baptized, encouraging. Field and pastoral labor extended. Total average attendance at all stations 425—at prayer meeting 20. The Pastor's Bible Class increases in interest, numbering 21.

WHITBY.

Cause progressing in spite of the difficulties of the field. The prospects of the cause at the new station of Port Perry are truly encouraging, the congregation averaging 300. The Sabbath School is as interesting as ever, and has a staff of faithful teachers.

WOODVILLE.

Neither letter nor representative.

It is desirable that the letters be short and comprehensive, and that the blank forms be filled as completely as possible.

CIRCULAR LETTER

To the Churches of the Haldimand Regular Baptist Association, 1864.

BRETHREN IN JESUS,—

The subject on which we would address you this year is "Christian Devotion." Let us consider it in its fountain and its streams.

Just as no pure water is expected from the stagnant forest swamp, so no real devotion can flow from impure and divided hearts. The heart is the fountain whence all our thoughts, words and actions flow. The Saviour saith out of the heart proceeds all evil, but in the light of his other words it is just as clear that from the heart must flow to men all the Scriptures dignify by the name of good, or that we can call devotion. Remember "it is written" "keep the heart, for out of it are the issues of life."

As we stand by the crystal fountain watching the waters in their joyous play, the unseen Teacher draws from thence a few illustrative thoughts. Do these waters here originate? We know they do not, there must be a hidden vein beneath; the fountain is but where first rush forth to light the cooling treasures of the everlasting rocks, otherwise unrevealed and useless to the thirsty pilgrim. Thus is it that from the deep recesses of the "Rock of Ages" the quickening waters of life and love manifest themselves first in the Christian heart, and, as he doeth not unto the world, chooses "to be glorified in all them that are his."

"Doth a fountain at the same place send forth sweet waters and bitter?" or do we find therein waters differing from those in its supplying pipe? No, the fountain is the index of the unseen. Many fountains contain salt or bitter waters, thus arguing salt and bitterness beneath. Must we be such? This were to be a false index of God, "in whom are all our springs." The Christian's heart and life are meant to testify of the sweet thirst quenching waters flowing from the "Throne of God and of the Lamb." "Ye are my witnesses," thundereth the voice of many waters from the sky. Brethren we are witnesses sworn to tell "the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth" about the Man of Sorrow and the God of Grace, as he stands for trial before the tribunals of earth. To tell the truth, we need to know it, and that experimentally; not only "the first principles of the doctrine of Christ," but "those that are before." Selfishness in heart will ever bring up a false report of God. It is useless to reason with a blind, infatuated world, "don't do as we do, but as we bid you;" their reasons are not enlightened to comprehend such logic; the world weighs men more than theories. A voice from heaven saith again to us, "Ye are our epistles, known and read of all men." How much need then, in this latitudinarian age to cry aloud—"Keep the heart, for out of it are the issues of life." "Awake to righteousness and sin not, for some have not the knowledge of God; we speak this to your shame"—How much need of "hearts purged from evil consciences," of spirits "cleansed from the old leaven"—and saturated, yea dissolved in the love of Jesus—the whole being permeated by his Spirit's life, and "in subjection to his will." How much need, we might well exclaim with tears, amid the general dryness of our land, of something like the consecration to God of our hearts and energies; that Christ might be to us really what we profess, our "Alpha and Omega," our ceaseless thought.

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Again the waters in the fountain rising upwards suggest that the supplies are higher than itself. Just so, if the heart's treasures are with Jesus in heaven, thither doeth it tend to draw the whole man. There must be something wrong about the fountain if its fulness is not proportioned to its supply. If our emotions are no higher than the rest of earth, and the life, as a consequence, not holier nor higher than that the merely moral means, what better are we than he? If God be our supply, then let us "rise from the dust;" let us "rise and shine, for our light hath come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon us." If heaven be our supply, shall we not live more heaven-like, and be far less fond of "earth's trifling toys?" It is written "be ye holy for your Father in heaven is holy."

The streams flowing from the fountain we notice next. Those waters fall, as well as rise, and then they overflow, both motions caused by an unalterable law; forced heavenwards by the constraining love of Christ, they descend again by the attraction of love for man, and this to us is the best of proof they ever rose at all. This two-fold motion of heaven born love is a deathless attribute thereof. What confidence can we have in the religion of any one who is always up so high in theory and talk, he never can come down to benefit his fellow-men, by kind thoughts, and words, and disinterested acts? Those waters may have risen, but they have been frozen to an iceberg by the cold breath of worldiness and sloth: and except that ice be melted by the beams of love, shining through the spirit and example of our Lord, let such be were the "day that burneth as an oven." Fellowship with the Father and the Son seeks and finds other vent than heavenwards, just as celestial wisdom saith, "I was with God as 'one brought up with him' but adus, and my delights were with the sons of men." Yes, blessed heavenly wisdom! Yes, blessed Christ! Thy sufferings self denying life, and ignominious death exhibit the truest Christian devotion. His heavenly delight in the will of the Father is most displayed in giving himself a sacrifice for men. Here we behold the fountain jet arising higher than the mountain top of guilt and wrath, and then descending like a mountain torrent, to earth's lowest, darkest vale and driest desert. Here is our model. There is much praise now of missionary and martyr self-sacrifice, but it is looked upon as a thing of distance, or the past. Burmah is thought a fit sphere for eminent piety and self-sacrifice; but, in Canada, by many, a few dollars a year and an attendance at the meetings seem thought all that is required. Devotion is not a thing of distance—or past centuries, but while sin rages, and holiness may be attained it is the genuine atmosphere of Christian life. "The disciple is not alone his Master, it is enough if he be as his Lord." Let us beware of boasted adherence to the Scripture, as our rule of faith and practice, which is not proved in life. We speak not of giving gold alone. Christian devotion saith to the suitor who comes with but such paltry stuff as this. "Thy money perish with thee." We shall have but little trouble about this "sordid dust" if we may find holy feet to tread upon it, holy hands to use it right, and holy hearts that truly feel above it.

"Ye are not your own, ye are bought with a price;" and surely it were absurd to talk of property owning anything. Hence, the Primitive disciples "said not that anything they possessed was their own." Would this were made a test question to every applicant for membership among us, "Art thou prepared to forsake all to follow Jesus?" Such was unquestionably the Saviour's test. The rich and moral pharisee of old, with all his professions, might not give a part, but all that he possessed, and for this he went sorrowful away. "Brethren, we beseech you by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service." Better sift by such a process, than boast a strength our ranks do not possess.

We know the worldly-minded will exclaim this standard is too high, just as

owls might cry the sun is too bright. But are men content with imperfect models in business and the arts? If any model less perfect than Christ's is to be held up before us, let us call things by their proper names, let us not call that Christian which has but a partial Christ in it. What ground of hope could we have in a partial Saviour? The very supposition would deny his last words, "It is finished." How, on the other hand, has Christ been "wounded in the house of his friends" by a partial, yea a scanty devotion to Him and His, thus contradicting and making light of the solemn baptismal vow—"I am dead, and my life is hid with Christ in God."

Thus that only which devotes all it is and has to Jesus and his cause is Christian devotion. The heart full, runs over soon to fertile and gladden other hearts. Impartial like the streams flowing through fertile plains, and over barren rocks alike, the evil and the good are blessed by it. Persevering, like the waters wearing down the great stones in their courses, pouring on and uncomplaining of wasted means or effort. Expanding, like the rill fast turning to a river, the more it gives and does, the more it can, by an eternal law of nature and of grace. The supply is exhaustless, so too the stream; none think to drink a river dry, "Christian Devotion" never can wear out, for "Charity never faileth."

A voice from the road to "Calvary" saith "He that will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me." Remember "what God hath wrought" for us. Look beyond our frontiers and witness the sacrifices of patriotism, look to pagan lands, and every abode of error, and then ask is our devotion true?—If the children of this world are wiser in their generation than the children of light, then their devotion excelleth ours. O! must the heirs of hell teach lessons to the heirs of heaven!

"God gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life," and O! for this love of God, and for perishing mankind, let us believe and imitate!

"Grace, mercy and peace, from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ, be on all the Churches evermore.—Amen."

List of Pastors according to Seniority.

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Rev. D. Wait,.....	1863.
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JOBABAYERS: Book (west line) P. Reekie, Pertham.	Letter sent, but did not reach us. J. Shaw.	Rev. D. Wright J. Reekie, son.	1	9	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	\$0.75	U.	100	64	2	2	360	360	360	\$34.00
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