

MINUTES
OF THE
NOVA-SCOTIA
Baptist Association,

HELD AT CORNWALLIS,

On the 24th, 25th, and 26th of June, 1844.

TOGETHER WITH

The Circular Letter, Missionary Notices, &c.

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MONDAY, June 24th, 1844.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. William Burton, from Heb. 13, 1.

A collection was then taken in aid of Foreign Missions, one having been taken on the preceding Sabbath in aid of Domestic Missions.

Rev. John Pryor was appointed Moderator; Rev. Wm. Chipman, Clerk; and brother I. L. Chipman, Assist. Clerk; Rev. Robert I. Dickie, and Rev. I. E. Bill, were appointed to read the Letters, and Rev. S. T. Rand, N. Viditoe, and J. Chase, to examine the same.

The following brethren were appointed a Committee to examine into and report on any subjects referred to in the Letters from the Churches, for the consideration of the Association, viz.—Rev. Messrs. Joseph Dimock, Charles Tupper, and Wm. Burton; and Rev. Messrs. J. Chase, N. Viditoe, and bro. J. Ferguson, were appointed to examine the Circular Letter.

Resolved, That the Rev. Austin Smith, and Rev. Edwd. J. Harris, of N. Brunswick, be invited to take a seat with us in Association.

Resolved, That all Ordained Ministers and Licentiates in regular standing with their several Churches, who are present, be also invited to take a seat with us.—Also, that brethren Peter Starrat, of Wilmot Mountain Church, William Raymond, of 2nd Yarmouth Church, and Abel Chute, of 1st Clements Church, be invited to take a seat with us.

The Letters from the Churches were then read.

In the following Table, the names of ordained Ministers are in SMALL CAPITALS; those of Licentiates in *Italics*; Ministers not present are marked with an asterisk *; Churches from which no information was received marked thus †; and vacant Churches distinguished by a dash —.

N. B.—Churches from which no information was received, are returned as they stood last year.

STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	MINISTERS AND MESSENGERS.	ADDED			Removed	Dismissed	Excluded	Died	Total
		Restored	By Baptism	By Letter					
Annapolis and Upper Granville.	JOHN CHASE, Deas. S Morse } B.Feilows, bro. J. Messenger }	17	1		4	3	1	216	
†Lower Granville								172	
Wilmot	NATHANIEL VIDITOE, Caleb Marshall, Asaph Marshall, Joseph Rumsey				4	2	1	326	
Newport	GEO. DIMOCK, Abra. Marsters, Enoch Porter, Daniel Mosher, Joseph Marsters, Wm. Bailey, Jas. Marsters.	1				3	2	141	
Onslow	DAVID W. C. DIMOCK } John King }	2	17			2	2	173	
1st Clements	*ISRAEL POTTER, Sen. *ISRAEL POTTER, jr. <i>A. Chute</i>	1	3	3	4	5	3	272	
Lunenburg	BENNET TAYLOR, Geo. Hubly.	1	10	3			2	67	
Nictaux	L. E. BILL, Deas. Cal. Shafner, S. Taylor, brethn. D. C. Landers, S. Viditoe,		4	2	9	3	1	488	
1st Digby Neck	JOHN C. MORSE, } *JOHN E. COGSWELL }	1	11			1	1	120	
†River Philip	T. S. HARDING, Jno. PRYOR							42	
Horton	E. A. CRAWLEY, <i>R.E. Burpe</i> <i>I. L. Chipman</i> , Deas. S Witter, — Randall, S Kinsman, breth. S. Fitch, W. Johnson			2	4		4	419	
First Cornwallis	Dr. Johnston, } EDW. MANNING, <i>J. W. Rand</i> , } Mayhew Beckwith }	3	2		2	2	1	232	
Windsor	SILAS T. RAND, } Deacon Josiah Fuller }	7	2					65	
Rawdon	T. H. PORTER } Deas. F. Parker, W.C. Casey }	1	9					94	
U. Granville Mountain	<i>Aaron Cogswell</i>	1	21		4	2	2	126	
Parrsborough			4					41	
Chester	DAVID HARRIS } Jos. DIMOCK, Dea. Jas. Mosher, brn. D. Hume, N. Baker }	2	33			1	2	265	
Amherst	CHARLES TUPPER, } Deacon E. Cutten }	4			1	1	1	52	
Port Medway	JAMES STUBEARD, } Winkworth Cogswell }	1	1				2	62	
2nd Cornwallis	WM. CHIPMAN, Dea. Abel Parker, bre. Dvd. Lyons, Th. White, S. Elder, <i>D. Pineo</i>	2	12	12	2	3	2	1	263
Sissiboo	*SAMUEL BANCROFT, Dea. R. Hankinson, <i>W. Hobbs</i>						172	2	77
First Yarmouth	*HARRIS HARDING, WM. BURTON, Dea. A. Baker, bre. R. Brown, E. Huestis, H. Goudy, Wm. Churchill.	1	8	5		1	6	550	

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- †Tryon & Bede
- Sydney, CB
- First Hillsburg
- †Brier Island
- Falmouth
- Ragged Islands
- Westchester
- Guysborough
- Granville-St. Ha
- Windsor Road
- †Mabou
- †Tracadie
- Sherbrooke
- Stewiacke
- Jeddore
- Margaret's Bay.
- †Economy
- Three Rivers.
- East Point.
- Canso
- 2nd Cornwallis
- Wilmot Mountain
- Tusket and Argyle
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- Springfield
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172	Waterford or Pugwash	*MAYNARD PARKER							1
4 2 1 326	New Albany	WILLARD J PARKER							45
	Liverpool	George S. Parker		7	1	2	3		1
	Brookfield	ROBERT J. DICKIE, Wm J. Jacobs, Js Ford, Js Dewolf	2	8				1	219
3 2 141	Tryon & Bedeque, PEI	JAMES PARKER, Perez S. Murray, T. Waterman		6	5				1
2 2 2 173	Sydney, CB	*ALEXANDER McDONALD							142
	First Hillsburg	*GEORGE RICHARDSON							141
4 5 3 272	Brier Island	Jacob S. Ingraham		76					100
2 2 67	Falmouth	*HENRY SAUNDERS			1		2	10	95
9 3 1 488	Ragged Islands.	*BENJ. VAUGHAN.							101
1 1 1 120	Westchester	Ezra Churchill, W. Davison		6		20	9	2	179
42	Guysborough	THOMAS DELONG		1					1
	Granville-St. Halifax	S. Webb							78
4 4 419		*HEZEKIAH HULL.							36
	Windsor Road	Deas. J W Nutting, J W Johnston, breth. J Ferguson, Dr Sawers, J W Barss, S Harrington							196
2 2 1 232	Mabou	T H PORTER, C Baker		4			1	1	45
65	Tracadie								10
2 2 126	Sherbrooke								36
41	Stewiacke								30
1 2 2 265	Jeddore	Noah Bentley		2	2			1	72
1 1 1 52	Margaret's Bay.	Wm Hobbs		2					68
2 62	Economy	*JOHN SHAW		4		2	3	1	84
3 2 1 263	Three Rivers.	*JOHN SHAW						5	1
172 2 2 77	East Point								142
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	3rd Cornwallis	AB. STRONACH, Deacs. C R Bill, T Kinsman, breth. A. Strong, N. Hsley, Gideon Cogswell, W North, jr.		3					1
	Wilmot Mountain	*R W CUNNINGHAM		1	10	3			145
	Tusket and Argyle	*JAMES LENT		14		1	1	3	112
	Wellington & Chelsea	Wm Annis		13			2	1	90
	Springfield	Rfs. Marshall, *O. Saunders		1		2	2		7
	Balhouseie	W C RIDEOUT		3	12	1			39

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Margaree	<i>Hugh Ross</i>		4			1	2	36	
2nd Yarmouth	<i>ANTHONY DIMOCK</i>			1				203	
Long Island	<i>WELLINGTON JACKSON</i>			1				82	
Charlottetown, P E I			4	3				26	
2nd Aylesford	<i>Cled. Parker, Tho Tupper,</i> <i>Edw. Parker, Elisha Harris.</i>		11			4	1	127	
2nd Digby Neck	<i>JOHN CHIPMAN MORSE</i>						3	54	
†Bay of Islands								17	
†Indian Harbor East								14	
†Advocate Harbour								17	
†Barrington								8	
Digby	<i>* SAMUEL BANCROFT</i>							5	
2nd Hammond Plains	<i>William Henry</i>	1	6				1	43	
Preston	<i>J Crawley</i>	4	1			2	2	160	
Wallace River								22	
Antigonish	<i>JOHN WHIDDEN</i>							20	
†Lct 49, PEI	<i>*BENJAMIN SCOTT</i>							37	
2nd Horton	<i>JAMES STEVENS</i>	1	6	1				153	
New Germany	<i>BENNET TAYLOR, W Morton</i>			2	2			34	
2nd Hillsburg								41	
Petite Passage	<i>WELLINGTON JACKSON</i>					2	1	22	
Kempt	<i>HENRY EAGLES, W Francis</i>		9	3		1	4	88	
Portipique	<i>Deacon Tho. Fulton</i>	1	6	1	1		1	64	
3rd Yarmouth	<i>WM BURTON</i>			10				39	
Sable River			5	3				53	
Indian Harbour West	<i>William Hobbs</i>						1	31	
Amherst Shore	<i>CHARLES TUPPER</i>		1	1				9	
First Hammond Plains	<i>William Hobbs</i>		8					47	
Cavendish, P E I.								7	
Dartmouth	<i>William Hobbs</i>							18	
Little Forks	<i>DAVID HARRIS</i>							16	
York & Elliot Riv. PEI	<i>MALCOLM ROSS, Dea. McPhail</i>							117	
2nd Falmouth	<i>David Shaw, L I Evans</i>							20	
Digby Joggins	<i>CHARLES RANDALL</i>							49	
New Tusket	<i>S I Baker, Homes Chipman</i>							37	
St. Mary's Bay	<i>CHARLES RANDALL, Deas. C</i> <i>Sabean, S Sabean, P Nowlin</i> <i>CHARLES RANDALL</i>							65	

[As several Letters from the former Ministers of Churches were ordered that the members of each Church be notified. The seven last session, and in the was presented and appointed as the No information which was under That bro. David such aid as circu On motion of ley, it was Resolved—That Charles Tupper hold on the subject to the Churches the author in his deemed desirable in addition to the pies for sale and Voted—To receive of this Association Prayer and preaching from New Brunswick Preaching by the Education Society W. Cunningham, a The Report of the then read by the S conded by Rev. E. dressed the Meeting Having met according it was Resolved—That be Minutes.

[As several discrepancies in the returns of numbers, appear in the Letters from the Churches, some giving more and some less than in the former Minutes, it is again particularly requested that the Officers of Churches would be particular in forwarding exact statements, in order that the Minutes may exhibit an accurate account of the numbers of each Church.]

The seven last named Churches were received during the present session, and in behalf of the Association, the right hand of fellowship was presented by the Moderator to the brethren present, who were appointed as their representatives for such purpose.

No information being received by letter from River Philip Church, which was understood to be in a state of depression, it was voted, That bro. David Harris be requested to visit them, and afford them such aid as circumstances may require.

On motion of bro. J. W. Johnston, seconded by Rev. E. A. Crawley, it was

Resolved—That the thanks of the Association be given to the Rev. Charles Tupper, for his able Work in vindication of the principles we hold on the subject of Christian Baptism. That it be recommended to the Churches to encourage its sale and circulation; and to sustain the author in his worthy advocacy of the truth, it is now particularly deemed desirable that some members in each church should purchase in addition to the copies required for their own use, a number of copies for sale and distribution.

Voted—To receive the monies connected with the various objects of this Association, at 8 o'clock to-morrow morning. [Adjourned.

Prayer and preaching at half-past six by bro. Harris, Messenger from New Brunswick.

Tuesday Morning, 10 O'Clock.

Preaching by Rev. Charles Tupper, introductory to business of Education Society, when a collection was taken up for the Rev. R. W. Cunningham, amounting to Eight Pounds.

The Report of the Nova Scotia Baptist Education Society was then read by the Secretary, which on motion of Rev. I. E. Bill, seconded by Rev. E. Manning, was adopted; and several brethren addressed the Meeting relative to the interests of the Society.

[Adjourned to half-past four. Prayer.

Having met according to adjournment, and opened with prayer, it was

Resolved—That bro. J. W. Nutting superintend the printing of the Minutes.

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Resolved—That bro. Charles Tupper be our Messenger to New Brunswick, and receive the sum of two pounds, (10s. of which he stated should go to the Foreign Mission fund.)

Resolved—That bro. Rand write the Circular Letter.

Resolved—That the observance of the monthly Missionary Concert as heretofore, be most earnestly recommended by this Association, together with an accompanying collection in aid of the F. M. Fund.

Resolved—That the present Foreign and Domestic Missionary Board be continued.

Resolved—That a delegation of two be appointed to visit Free-will Baptist Churches in the Counties of Queens and Shelburne, for the purpose of soliciting a friendly conference, and whatever union in prominent benevolent enterprises may seem mutually desirable.

Resolved, also—That brethren Joseph Dimock, and N. Viditoe, be requested to act as such delegation in the employ of the Missionary Board, the time being at their discretion.

The Committee appointed to examine questions in letters, presented their Report, which was amended and adopted as follows :—

1. In answer to the Westchester church, we would recommend great tenderness and faithful labour, taking into consideration the local situation and other circumstances of the individuals referred to, which might impede their attendance on the means of grace. But when such labour proves ineffectual, and the person himself obstinately persists in his neglect, we know of no alternative but to exclude for breach of covenant engagements and neglect of christian duty.

2. In answer to the Amherst Shore Church, it was *Resolved*, That information received with reference to Mr. Edmund McInnis, renders it needful to insert in the printed Minutes of this Association, that the said Mr. McInnis has not been and is not recognized by this Body as a licenced preacher.

3. In answer to the Church at Pugwash :—As it appears that the difficulties existing in the church at Pugwash or Waterford, have not been finally adjusted, we recommend in compliance with their request, that the same council which met with them last year, be requested to meet with them again, and to make a definite report at the next Association.

4. On considering the proposals for a division of this Body, which are now communicated by many of the Churches, it is recommended that an expression of opinion on this subject be afforded by all the churches, in their next annual letter, and that the Messenger to New Brunswick be instructed to confer with the Association there, as to the desirableness of a general Baptist Union or Convention, embracing, in the event of a division in Nova Scotia, such several Associations as can be combined in such Union in these Provinces, and P. E. Island.

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It was then voted to hold the Association next year with the Baptist church at Amherst, on the 2nd Monday after the 20th June, at the hour of 10, A. M. and not as usual on the 1st Monday, on account of local circumstances.

Rev. R. B. Dickie was appointed to preach the introductory Sermon, and bro. J. C. Morse was chosen his alternate.

Resolved, That the Missionary Board have authority to send out Licentiates in company with, and under the direction of ordained Ministers, as their Missionaries.

Resolved, That the Domestic Missionary Meeting appointed for this evening, be postponed until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning, to continue one hour, after which the subject of Sabbath Schools shall be taken up.

Voted, To advise the continuance of Quarterly Meetings as during the past year.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning, and closed with prayer; previous to which several brethren received leave of absence.

Wednesday Morning, 10 O'Clock.

Met according to adjournment. After singing and prayer, as before arranged the first hour was occupied with communicating intelligence from Missionaries employed in these Provinces, for the purpose of exciting a deeper interest in Home Missions. Brethren Joseph Dimock, Stephens, Whidden, Ross, and Jackson, addressed the meeting, and as might be expected on such an occasion, were heard with deep interest and attention; after which business was resumed.

Whereas, there are many destitute and feeble Churches connected with this Association, which suffer under great disadvantages and depression on account of their being so far removed from the preaching of the blessed Gospel, and other means of grace—

Resolved, That it be earnestly recommended to every Minister of the Denomination employed by the Missionary Board on their several Missionary tours, to have especial reference to the wants of such destitute churches, and that the churches in different parts of the Province, which are favoured with the unspeakable blessings of a permanent gospel ministry, be willing to the utmost possible extent, to dispense with the services of their Pastors, in order to enable them to minister to the spiritual wants of any such feeble churches as may be situated in their vicinity.

Resolved, That this Association still regard Sabbath School instruction as holding a very high rank in the system of means which God has established for the conversion of the world, and earnestly desire

that it may receive the most faithful and devoted attention of all our Churches.

Resolved further, That brethren Ferguson, Nutting, and I. Chipman, be a Committee to find a Depository for the N. S. S. S. Union, which shall more fully meet the convenience of all parts of the country which are likely to make application thereto for the purchase of S. S. books.

Resolved, That this Association highly appreciate the onerous and persevering labours of Professor Chipman, in the promotion of the objects of the S. S. Union, the erection of the College Building, &c. and take this opportunity to express their thanks to him for his exertions, and request him to continue the same, praying that he may by Divine grace receive an abundant reward.

Resolved, That it is deemed very desirable by this Association, that a friendly and Christian intercourse be opened between ourselves and the Baptist Denomination in the Mother Country; and that for effecting such purpose, an Address be prepared from this Association to the English Baptist Union, who represent the great body of the Denomination in Great Britain, setting forth the present position and statistics of the Baptist churches in this Province, the nature and extent of our great denominational efforts, and whatever other circumstances may be necessary to interest our English brethren in our behalf, to enlist their sympathies in our favour, and obtain their assistance in furtherance of our present efforts in our Educational struggle; and that brethren J. W. Nutting and J. W. Johnston, be a Committee to prepare such Address, and that it be signed by the Moderator and Clerks of the Association, and entrusted to the Agent employed by the Education Society about to proceed to England, to present to the English Baptist Union.

Whereas, it has been determined by the N. S. Baptist Education Society, to send an agent to the United States of America to solicit aid in support of our great Educational efforts at the present time—

Resolved, That an Address be prepared from this Association to the Baptist Associations, churches, and other friends of Education in the United States, requesting their favourable reception of the Agent who shall be employed on such occasion—that brethren J. W. Johnston and J. W. Nutting be a Committee to prepare such Address, to be signed in behalf of the Association by the Moderator and Clerk.

Whereas, this Association feel that it is an occasion of sincere rejoicing to witness the rapid and increasing triumphs of the cause of Temperance in almost every part of the world, and fully sensible that no effort should be wanting to promote the universal prevalence and success of this great moral reformation, which they are deeply assured stands intimately connected with the general spread of the Gospel, and the final consummation of the glorious scheme of redemption—

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Resolved, That it be earnestly recommended to the Churches composing this Association, as well as to every member of our Denomination, to use their most strenuous efforts to further the cause of abstinence from all intoxicating drinks to its fullest extent.

Resolved, That this Association feel themselves again called on to express their deep conviction of the value of the Christian Messenger, and of its importance to the diffusion of truth and the general interests of the churches; and do earnestly recommend to all friends of religion to increase its circulation as widely as possible.

Resolved, That the Editors of the Christian Messenger do forthwith furnish the Pastors or other acting officers of the respective churches throughout this Province, with correct lists of such members of their churches as subscribe to the Christian Messenger, and who are in arrears for the same previous to the year 1843, and that the several churches be requested to pursue the most effective means which, in their judgment, shall be requisite to obtain the large amounts still remaining due for the publication, and which, unless speedily paid, threaten very shortly the discontinuance of the paper.

Resolved, That missionaries be instructed to call on Agents and incite them to exertion in its behalf.

Resolved, That the Messenger to N. Brunswick also communicate the foregoing to the N. B. Association, and urge similar action in that Body.

It having been recommended at the last session of this Association to have a sermon preached and to take up a collection in support of the funds of the Am. & For. Bible Society, but which in many instances from various causes has been overlooked, and this Association continuing most highly to approve of the objects, and rejoicing in the success of this excellent Institution—

Resolved, That it be recommended to all such churches as have not already done so, to make such collection without delay, and remit the same in the course of the ensuing months of July and August, to the Treasurer, bro. J. W. Barss.

Resolved also, That the following Resolutions of last year be again published, viz:—*Resolved* therefore, That a Committee be formed in this Association, consisting of a chairman, Treasurer, and Secretary, for the purpose of conducting such necessary business as may be connected with the raising of funds for the support of the Am. & For. Bible Society; and that collections be recommended to be taken in all our churches throughout the Province, on the first Sabbath of every year, in aid of the translation of the Scriptures, and that the funds raised be transmitted to the Treasurer of the Am. & For. Bible Society.

Resolved, That bro. Pryor at Acadia College, be Chairman; bro. J. W. Barss, Treasurer; and bro. Ferguson, of Halifax, Secretary, and form the Committee for the purposes above contemplated.

Resolved, That bro. A. V. Dimock be furnished with a correct statement of what is due on the various Pledges made for the payment of the old C. M. debt, and that he endeavour to collect the same.

Resolved, That the Education Society meet at Chester at the latter end of August—the particular day of such meeting to be notified by the Secretary in the C. Messenger.

Resolved, That it is recommended to the Messenger who is appointed to visit the N. B. Association, to express to that Body the earnest desire of this Association for increased intercourse and union between the churches of the two Provinces, and that they would beg to suggest the inquiry, whether the two Associations might not usefully unite their efforts in the cause of Education; and to state the conviction of this body that the interests of both Associations would be greatly advanced by such a measure.

Resolved, That bro. David C. Landers, of Nietaux Church, be Treasurer to take charge of monies contributed in aid of aged and infirm ministers.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association to the Baptist church and congregation of this place, and other friends, be hereby unanimously expressed for their unwearied assiduity in providing for the comfort of the strangers who have been assembled on this public and interesting occasion.

Resolved, That the Association feel an increasing interest in the subject of Foreign Missions, that its warmest thanks be given to the Union and Mite Societies, for their active co-operation during the past year, and they urgently recommend renewed exertion and increased benevolence in supporting this cause, which has for its object the moral regeneration of a ruined world.

Resolved, That bro. Sawers, Cutten, Jacobs, and Burton, be a committee to take into consideration the N. S. Baptist Union Societies, to recommend whatever improvements may be deemed necessary for their systematic adoption in all our churches, and to report thereon to the next Association.

This very harmonious and interesting session was now closed, and after singing the Union Hymn, "When I can read my title clear," &c. and addressing a throne of grace, the vote of adjournment was taken.

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EDUCATIONAL PROCEEDINGS.

On Tuesday the 25th June, being the day for some years past devoted to the business of the Education Society, an excellent sermon, pertinent to the occasion, was preached by the Rev. Charles Tupper. The business was then opened by a brief Report of the proceedings of the Executive Committee, and of the state of the Society's affairs during the past year, read by J. W. Nutting, Esq. the Secretary, and the Meeting was addressed by a number of the Society. Among them were all the aged and most influential Ministers of the Denomination present, as also the Hon. Attorney General, and others, and the zeal and interest which were evinced on the occasion, afforded the most undoubted evidence of the greatly increased feeling in behalf of the efforts made by the Society.

As the Report shewed a large and considerably increased debt due by the Society, owing to the severe pressure of the times, the diminution of general funds arising from the efforts towards the College Building, and other causes, Resolutions were passed for establishing an active and extensive system of Agencies at home and abroad, in order to meet the exigency. In accordance with this resolve, Professor Pryor was requested to undertake an agency to England, the Rev. Ingram Bill to the United States, and the Rev. Anthony Dimock in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, P. E. Island, &c.

The Denomination and the Society thus evinced their determination to make an instant and vigorous effort to cast off their embarrassments, and place their Institutions on a footing which would relieve them from the recurrence of similar necessities. A plan was proposed, upon the advice of the Executive Committee, after the most mature consideration, as follows:—That £1000 be raised by a subscription of £100 each, provided ten shares can be procured to that amount, and that £1500 be raised by subscriptions and contributions at home and abroad, £400 of it to be contributed by Annual Subscribers of 20s. each, who, as regular members of the Baptist Education Society under the Act of Incorporation, shall thus supply and ensure a permanent income to that amount to the Society. Of these, upwards of 160 Annual Subscribers are already on the Books of the Society.

The Society, fully aware of the present pecuniary necessities which are pressing on the public, determined as regarded this Province, that contributions in whatever productions of the Country could be most easily obtained, should be taken for the object, by the Agent. This pecuniary pressure was known to be heavy, but the crisis is heavier still, and it was believed that the undying zeal and indomitable spirit of the Baptists of Nova Scotia, would never shrink from their responsibilities, however great; That they would never, at the imperative call of duty, suffer indifference or sluggishness, or a moment's relaxation of any effort within their ability, to disgrace them in the eyes of the world, and afford an occasion for their enemies who are seeking their ruin, to say, "Aha! so would we have it."

In deciding upon these means for relieving the Institutions from their burdens, it was confidently expected by the Association that every individual firmly attached to the interests of the Denomination would manifest as much zeal and determination of purpose as the Delegates now assembled in Association, and would never consent to compromise their own reputation, or the respect due to the whole body of the Ministers present, by coming short of the fulfilment of the present engagements; since in the question now at issue as respects the great business of Education is involved to a large extent the moral and religious, as well as the temporal interests of themselves and their children.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The business of Foreign Missions was next taken up and acted on. A number of those present spoke warmly on this subject, so deeply calculated to awaken every pious and generous emotion of christian sympathy. The following Resolutions were then unanimously passed:

Whereas, immediately on sending abroad a Missionary, the Board will be called upon to enter into strict business engagements, and they feel it, therefore, highly necessary to form, if possible, some system which may, with the Divine blessing, ensure a regular income—

Resolved, That this Board do affectionately request the New Brunswick Association to concur with this Board in forming either Union Societies, or some other species of organized effort for accomplishing this object, and in employing Brother Burpe in first visiting the

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CIRCULAR LETTER.

The Ministers and Messengers of the several regular Baptist Churches in Nova Scotia, P. E. Island, and Cape Breton, in Association assembled at Cornwallis, N. S. June 24th, 25th, 26th, 1844—to the several Churches they represent, sendeth Christian salutation.

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN,

Being again permitted to address you through the mercy of a covenant God, by this our usual epistle, we would most earnestly and affectionately invite you to unite with us in offering to Almighty God the glowing tribute of unfeigned thanks for all the mercies vouchsafed to us during the year that is passed; to enumerate which, though vastly beyond our power, yet we cannot forego the delight which recollections of past blessings afford us. Our dearly beloved Fathers in the Ministry are yet left with us, to aid us by their counsel, their example, and their prayers. Our middle aged and younger brethren are usefully labouring in the field, and the gracious Head of Zion is still raising up and "sending forth labourers into the harvest." The Spirit of God, in producing and carrying onward revivals of religion, is still with us,—our Missionary operations are becoming more widely extended, and notwithstanding the general pressure of trade and consequent scarcity of money, the funds of our benevolent institutions, though small, are not decreasing; nor would we forget the late threatening aspect of our civil liberties, bearing very directly as they do upon our religious rights and privileges as a denomination. These and numerous considerations of a kindred character, call upon us to awake from our past lethargy, and "come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty," that we might under God wield that moral power which He has put into our hands for the purpose of aiding the advancement of that cause for which the glorious Redeemer died and lives to intercede. Auguring from the past, as we justly may do, what, we enquire, might not be done? If the limited amount of means, (so faithlessly employed by us as they have been by so many and so powerful obstacles as our unfaithfulness, inconsistency, and

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unsteadiness of effort) have through divine mercy produced such cheering results—were we henceforth to put on the “whole armour of God,” “the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left,” and acting under the influence of the inspired declaration, “Ye are not your own, for ye are bought with a price,” enter every opening—seize with avidity each opportunity to “pull sinners out of the fire,” while we gave power and force irresistible to each effort by a life of faith, sobriety, watchfulness, and prayer, what might not be the blessed result? Yes, beloved brethren, we are fully convinced that in such a course of life, under God, lies the secret of christian usefulness, and that all the efforts to do good which might possibly be made, can accomplish little or nothing without the accompaniments we have named above. We do utterly despair of seeing the more glorious developements of the power of the Cross, until a general—an almost individual reformation takes place amongst us, beginning at the pulpit, and extending to the door keeper of the house of God. Yes, until we witness it in the man of grey hairs and in the youthful stripling—the venerable matron and the young maiden—until each brother and each sister become an active missionary, and each church a Missionary Society.

To bring about a state of things so devoutly to be desired, we are confident that a far higher standard of piety must be raised than some may think requisite. The mere formal relation of what is deemed a christian experience—union with the christian church—occasional attendance at prayer and other religious meetings, and freedom from what are popularly considered scandalous vices, can have no right to be deemed satisfactory evidences of a change of heart and a christian character, while the individual may be living without communion with God—possesses little or no zeal for Christ's cause, and instead of growing in grace, may be cold and dead, and alike insensible of his own state or that of others, encrusted in covetousness, and intoxicated with the love of the world. The standard for which we plead, must stop at no point short of primitive christianity—the piety of apostolic days—the piety of the Bible. Why should it? Why should ours be a piety lower than was theirs? Has the King of Zion relaxed his laws? Has he ceased to be as pure and holy as he was in those days? Are we less depraved? Does the bible require less holiness as a preparation for heaven in a subsequent age than it did in a former one? No, no, we want the same religion as those who “took

joyfully the spoiling of their goods," "who walked as strangers and pilgrims" here below. We should surely be afraid to die without it or with any other. For the want of this how many are "weak and sickly amongst us"—having no bright evidences of their acceptance in 'the beloved'—no nearness to God in prayer—no sweet visits of grace—knowing nothing of "the secret of God" which is "with them that fear him"—no agonizing intercession at mercy's throne for the salvation of the perishing. No wonder such professors *stand by* having nothing to do in revivals, unless it be to stand in the way of sinners coming into the kingdom of God, or find fault with those who are more engaged than themselves in sustaining or devising means for the promotion of the glory of God and the good of men. Hence, instead of Zion being radiant with the glories of her risen Lord, shedding forth on every hand floods of light to illumine the path of the benighted, and lead them back to God—lookers on become hardened in their ruinous course, by judging of the religion of the bible from such specimens of practical christianity. Wherever a state of things such as we have described exists, it cannot be saying too much, if we declare the blood of souls will be required at our hands, if thus we continue to live, and do not repent and reform.

In order that we may fully realize such a revival of "pure religion and undefiled," we are confident, dear brethren, that a strict and thorough course of scriptural discipline must be revived in our churches. This we think might be hailed as a first step in the direction of primitive christianity. The custom of continuing persons as church members, whose conduct is not strictly pious, is certainly productive of many evils. It is not enough that no one is dealt with as a subject of discipline, unless his conduct is scandalously immoral; for it surely cannot deserve even the name of a christian church, where persons are retained as communicants whose whole life may be considered as little better than a burlesque on religion; whose character is included in the Apostolic catalogue: "Covetous, brawlers, heady, highminded, truce-breakers, disobedient to parents, extortioners, sabbath-breakers," and those respecting whom the word of God declares, "they shall not inherit the kingdom of heaven." The retaining of such individuals within the pale of christian society is an open violation of the plain rule of Scripture, which commands us in language too plain to be misunderstood: "With such, no, not to eat." "Put away from among you that wicked person." Continuing to walk

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with the wicked in the church cannot fail to injure the better disposed. "Their word will eat as doth a canker." "Evil communications corrupt good manners." The young of the flock are often more inclined to look at older professors for an example, than they are to look into the Bible. We do think that the time has come when it should call the church to the action of discipline to know that a member is not decidedly pious. It is not enough for the church that her members are doing no particular harm; she must know that they are all doing particular good; unless this is the case, they are necessarily doing much harm as "no man liveth to himself."

The influence of inconsistent professors tends to *paralyze the efforts of the pastor*. The conduct of such persons tends to undo through the week that which costs the pastor hard study and labour on the Lord's day—they pull down as fast as he builds up—they say to the world that religion is not of that importance which his sermons declare it to be—they cause the way of truth to be evil spoken of—and in too many instances stand between the souls of their neighbours and of their children and God's salvation. We do sincerely pity that faithful minister who is compelled to endure such painful drawbacks on his usefulness as the inconsistent impose; but witness them he must until they are removed out of the way.

The retaining of members of the above stamp in the church, *gives an incorrect view of our strength*. Statistical returns are annually made to the Association, of members in *regular standing*. Now we say that if members that are returned in this manner ought to be included in the column for the excluded, then is such return an incorrect one. For persons of the character here described, are not our strength. They are our weakness—our shame—and not the 'glory of Christ.' Such lifeless, fruitless branches, can only be considered as incumbrances—destructive both of the vigor and beauty of the tree. Whenever a church holds in its connection, and returns such a class of professors as regular members, *it must operate to the injury of the individuals themselves*. May not such say, "I am considered as a christian by the pastor and the church, who know how I live; my life cannot be at variance with christianity, or surely they would call me to account for my conduct. Or he may at length come to view religion with contempt, and infer that neither pastor nor people believe what they profess, or they would certainly notice his delinquencies, and punish him accordingly. Thus one chief end of scriptural

discipline (the good of the offender) is lost on the disobedient. And lastly,

How many poor sinners may in the day of judgment be lost in consequence of such stumbling blocks being left in the way, that awful day must declare, but we "exceedingly fear and quake"—"ye are our epistles known and read of all men." In the days of the Apostles one powerful means of producing conviction of the reality and importance of the doctrines which they promulgated so successfully upon the minds of the ungodly, was the zealous and holy lives of such as believed—"They took knowledge of them that they had been with Jesus." What may we reasonably suppose the effect to be on the mind of a community when meetings for the special purpose, with God's blessing, of promoting a revival of religion are held, and not one-fourth of the members can be induced to give their attendance. O, dear brethren, it is time, high time to awake and cleanse the sanctuary. If Jesus should personally address us now, we are afraid he would not say, "I have a *few* things against you," but many. As we love him let us awaken to this important duty. Our condition as churches, the good of our perishing fellow beings whom we must soon meet in judgment, imperatively demand it. Ministering brethren, act for God! You may lose popularity in so doing, it is true, but you will enjoy a treasure which gold cannot purchase—the answer of a good conscience; and in addition, you may soon see that delightful spectacle, so desirable to the heart of every christian pastor—the Church walking in the truth. Brethren beloved, our joy and our crown,—Ye to whom we look as helpers in the great work of winning souls—we entreat you to aid and support your pastors in the execution of a duty so painful, yet so necessary to the advancement of God's "declarative glory." Leave them not to stand alone in this work. Share with them its weighty responsibilities, and ye too will reap your appropriate reward.

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	Elder J. Whidden, tour from Antigonish to Jeddore, 13w.	19 10 0	
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	Pd. order to Mr. Stephens, £2 10s.	8 13 4½	
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	Elder Wm. Rideout, tour to Dalhousie, 3w.	4 10 0	
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June 25	Elder C. Tupper, tour to P. E. Island, Oct. & Nov. 1843,		
	5 weeks, £7 10, Expenses, 12s 6d.	8 2 6	
	Also to Musquodoboit, 3½ weeks	5 5 0	
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	New Annan, 27s 6½d, Miss Blair, 5s 7½d.	4 16 1	
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	Elder Joseph Dimock, tour to Lunenburg and other places in		
	1842-'43, 12 weeks 2 days, £18 10		
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	do	New Germany for Minutes		0 1 10½
	do	Little Forks		0 4 0
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July 5	By Cash from Second Church Cornwallis,			1 10 0
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WILLIAM ALLEN CHIPMAN, Treasurer.

July 10, 1844.