

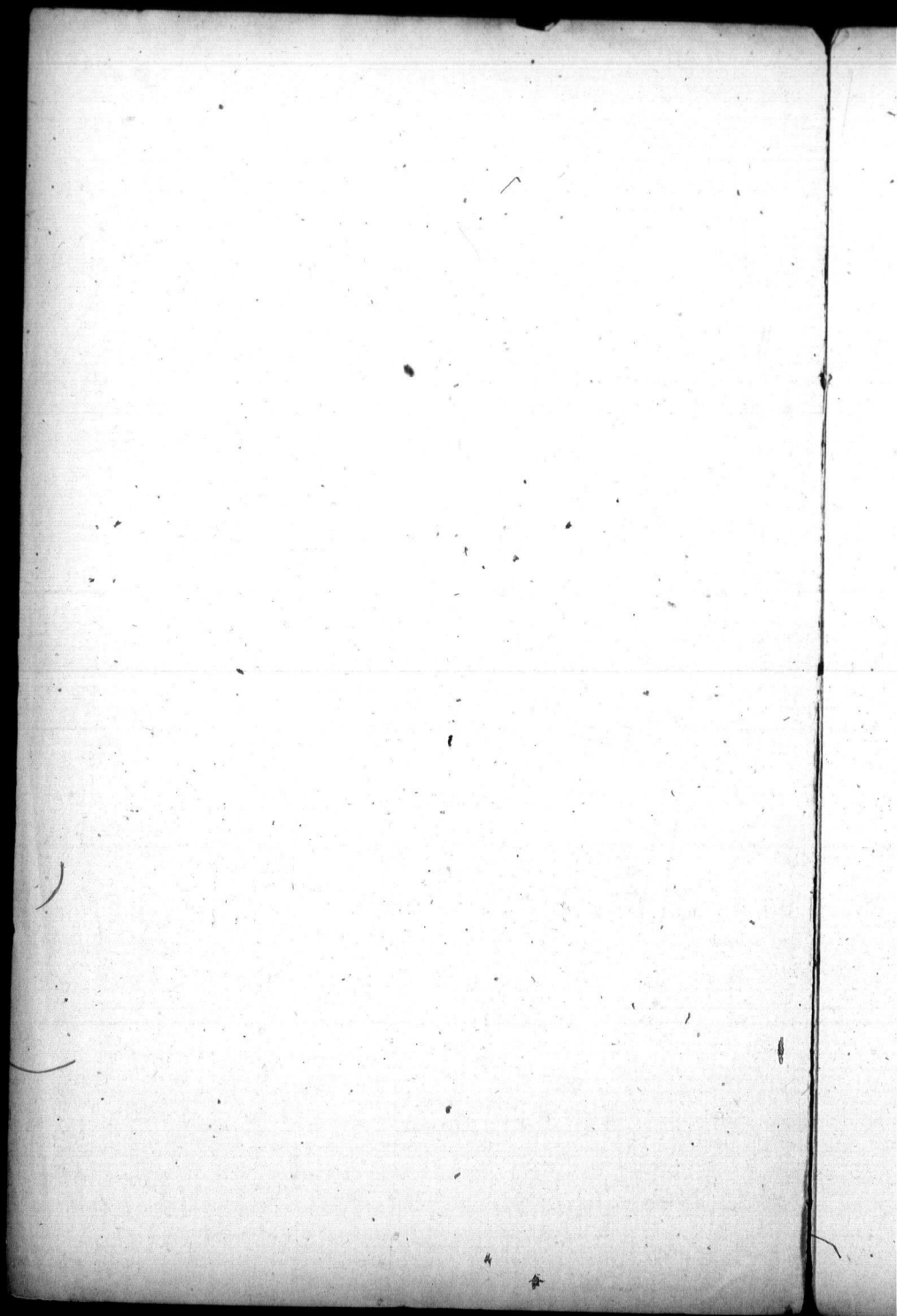
MINUTES
OF THE
THIRTEENTH SESSION
OF THE
African Baptist Association
OF
NOVA SCOTIA,
HELD WITH THE
Dartmouth Lake Baptist Church.

September 26th, 27th, & 28th, 1880.

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MINUTES.

Of the Thirteenth Session of the African Baptist Association of Nova Scotia held with the Dartmouth Lake Church, Halifax County, on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, Sept. 26th, 27th, and 28th, 1880.

Sunday, September 26th, 1880.

Met at 11 o'clock, A. M., with the Dartmouth Lake Church in the Thirteenth Session of the African Baptist Association of Nova Scotia. Preaching by Rev. J. E. Jackson from Romans i. 11, followed by Bro. Chas. Roan. Adjourned.

Met at 3 o'clock. Preaching by the Rev. F. R. Langford from Jude i. 3, followed by Bro. Wm. Thomas. Prayer by Brother Gates. Adjourned.

Met 7 o'clock, P. M. Preaching by Rev. J. E. Jackson from John iv. 14th, followed by Bro. C. Roan and Rev. B. Smithers. Truly we had a good and happy time. Adjourned.

Monday, September 27th.

Met at 9 o'clock. Chairman, Bishop Smithers, called the Council to order, and read Psalm i. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. E. Jackson.

Voted, That Rev. J. E. Jackson be Moderator for this year.

It was voted that Bro. J. Bowden be Secretary for this year and Bro. C. Smith be Assistant Secretary. Adjourned.

Met at 11 o'clock, A. M. The Rev. James E. Jackson preached the Introductory Sermon from 2 Kings v. 12, "Are not Abana and Pharpar, rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? May I not wash in them, and be clean? So he turned and went away in a rage." Exhortation by Bro. R. Smith. Adjourned.

Met 3 o'clock, P. M. Moderator called the Council to order and read James iii. Prayer by C. Roan.

It was voted that the minutes of last year be read. They were read and approved.

Voted that a List of Delegates be made out, which was done as follows:

Preston, South,—B. B. Smithers.

Dartmouth,—Deacon Thomas Tynes.

Campbell Road,—No Letter.

Inglewood,—Rev. J. E. Jackson.

Granville Ferry,—Dea. George Pomp.

Bear River,—No Letter.

Digby Joggins,—Rev. F. R. Langford.

Weymouth Falls,—Rev. F. R. Langford.

Yarmouth, Greenville,—Rev. R. F. Landford.

Voted that the Association be held with the Weymouth Falls Church next year, on the last Saturday in September, 1881.

Voted that Bishop B. Smithers preach the Introductory Sermon, and Rev. J. E. Jackson be his alternate. Adjourned.

Met at 7 o'clock. Preaching by Rev. F. R. Langford from St. Mark. vii. 37., followed by Bro. Chas. Roan, Rev. B. Smithers and J. E. Jackson. Truly the Lord was in our midst. Adjourned.

Tuesday, September 28th.

Met at 9 o'clock, A. M. Moderator called the Council to order and read Psalm xxxiii. Prayer by Dea. George Pomp.

It was moved by Rev. B. Smithers and seconded by Dea. Thos. Tynes, that a Committee be appointed to Examine the Letters from the various churches, and to read them.

It was voted that the Rev. J. E. Jackson, Bro. J. Tynes and Rev. F. R. Langford be the committee. The letters were read.

It was moved by Bishop Smithers and seconded by Dea. Thos. Tynes that the Branch Church of Granville Ferry be organized in a body by itself and be called the Fundy Section Church. Adjourned.

Met at 7 o'clock P. M. Preaching by Rev. J. E. Langford from Acts iii. 23, followed by Bishop B. Smithers and Bro. Jas. Bowden.

Then the Ministers, Deacons and Delegates formed into a ring, hand in hand. The Bishop delivered an affecting address, the doxology was sung, and prayer by Rev. F. R. Langford.

It was resolved that a vote of thanks be tendered to friends of Dartmouth Lake Church for their hospitality to the delegates and strangers.

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be tendered to the white friends in Dartmouth for their kindness and for their attention. We hope the Lord will bless them.

The Benediction was pronounced by Rev. J. E. Jackson. The brethren separated to meet with the Weymouth Falls Church on the last Saturday in September, 1881.

Oct. 3rd. That Rev. J. E. Jackson preach in Halifax in Zion Church at 3 and 7 o'clock, P. M. Rev. F. R. Langford preach in Preston South Church at 11, A. M. and 3 P. M., and Rev. B. Smithers at 7 o'clock, P. M.

5 STATISTICS.

State of the Churches—Increase and Decrease.

CHURCHES.	Baptized.	Received.	Excluded.	Removed.	Died.	Total.
Preston 2nd, South.....	4	7	.....	.....	.....	55
Dartmouth Lake.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	45
Campbell Road.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3
Inglewood.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18
Granville Ferry.....	9	9	.....	.....	.....	46
Bear River.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25
Digby Joggins.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	16
Weymouth Falls.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	37
Greenville, Yarmouth.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26
Funday Section.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	24
Total.....	15	17	.....	.....	.....	295

Names of Ordained Ministers and Licentiates and their Place of Residence.

Bishop Benson Smithers, Preston.

Rev. F. R. Langford, Evangelist, Weymouth Falls.

Rev. James E. Jackson, Evangelist, Greenville, Yarmouth.

Rev. Nathaniel Gough, Evangelist, Greenville, Yarmouth.

James Bowden, Licentiate, Dartmouth.

George Dise, Licentiate, Yarmouth.

Churches, Ministers, Licentiates, Deacons and Counsellors.

1. *Preston, South*.—Bishop B. Smithers ; Deacons Charles Glasgow, Samuel Clayton ; Counsellors George Thomas, James Johnston, William Sparks, John Sparks, Peter Williams, John Glasgow, William Riley, Fred. Riley, Joseph Glasgow.

2. *Dartmouth Lake*.—Bishop B. Smithers ; Deacons Thomas Tynes, Adam Green, Jacob Flint ; Counsellors Richard Tynes, John Tynes, George Tynes, James Bauld, James Tynes, Daniel Lee, Charles Smith.

3. *Campbell Road*.—Bishop B. Smithers.

4. *Inglewood*.—Bishop B. Smithers ; Deacons Edward Dixon, Isaac Middleton, Isaac Clemmens.

5. *Grainville Ferry*.—Bishop B. Smithers ; Deacons Isaac Cuff, Charles Pomp ; Counsellors Edward Butler, George Pomp, Junr. ; George Oynes, Clerk.

6. *Bear River*.—Bishop B. Smithers ; Deacons Isaac Johnston, Peter J. Hawkins, F. Ford ; Counsellor George Henry Wood.

7. *Digby Joggins*.—Bishop B. Smithers ; Deacon Aaron Butler ; Counsellors Charles Francis, George Barton.

8. *Weymouth Falls*.—Bishop B. Smithers ; Deacons James Smith, James Langford, Thomas Langford ; Counsellors Morse Barnes, Timothy Pleasant, George E. Langford ; Clerk, Rev. H. Francis ; Rev. F. R. Langford, Evangelist.

9. *Greenville, Yarmouth*.—Bishop B. Smithers ; Deacons Silas Chandler, Anthony Berry, James Thompson, William Crawford ; Clerk, Rev. J. E. Jackson, Rev. Nathaniel Gough, Evangelists.

10. *Fundy Section*.—Bishop B. Smithers ; Rev. F. R. Langford ; Deacon George Pomp ; Counsellors Jacob Sims, Stephen Pomp, James Brothers ; Herbert Shanks, Clerk.

JAMES BOWDEN, Clerk.

Circular Letter.

OF THE 13TH SESSION OF THE AFRICAN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
CONVENED AT DARTMOUTH LAKE CHURCH, SEPTEMBER 26TH, THIS
YEAR OF OUR LORD, 1880.

Dearly Beloved Brethren,—

God our Heavenly Father has spared our lives and permitted us to meet again this year at the Annual Association, a meeting which, we trust, will never be forgotten in this world. We had some powerful sermons preached to us there, which, we trust, will be as bread cast upon the waters, which will be seen after many days.

My brethren, I shall now try to recommend you a support in trouble, "The Lord will be a refuge for the oppressed; a refuge in times of trouble," Ps. ix. 9. "He hath not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, neither hath he hid his face from him; but when he cried unto him he heard," Psalm xxii. 24. "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble, therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof, Selah," Psalm xli. 1-3. "For thou hast been a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat, when the blast of the terrible ones is as a storm against the wall." Isaiah xxv. 4. "Hear the words of the Lord, He that endureth to the end shall be saved," Matt. x. 22. "If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed, and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free," John viii. 31, 32. "My beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord," 1 Cor. xv. 59.

What dangers are the pilgrims in,
How many are their foes.
How many ways there are to sin,
No living mortal knows.

Our brother, Rev. Henry Francis has gone to his eternal home. He died on the 30th of September, 1880. He hath fought a good fight, finished his course and kept the faith. God hath laid up in heaven for us a crown that cannot fade. The Righteous Judge at that great day shall place it on our heads. And now my brethren try to have strong faith, for faith assures us that though we die that heavenly building stands.

The grace of the Lord be with you all. Amen.

REV. F. RANDOLPH LANGFORD.