

MINUTES

OF THE

NOVA-SCOTIA AND NEW-BRUNSWICK

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD, BY APPOINTMENT, IN

FREDERICTON, N. B.

JUNE 25th and 26th,

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MEMORIAL
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CONFERENCE OF THE
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
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UNITED STATES
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Held at
Roxbury, N. H.

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25.

1st.—Introductory Sermon, by Brother JOSEPH DIMOCK, from *Isaiah*, 11th chap. 10th verse.

2d.—Chose Brother JOSEPH DIMOCK, *Moderator*.

3d.—Chose Brother JAMES MUNRO, *Clerk*.

4th.—After an Address to the Throne of Grace, by the Moderator, proceeded and read the Letters from the several Churches, and took the following account of Members *added, dismissed, excluded, and deceased*, the year past, and the present number in each Church.

N.B.—The names of ordained Ministers, are in SMALL CAPITALS; licensed Preachers in *Italics*; those with a (*) mark were not present; from Churches marked thus (†) we received no intelligence; a dash — denotes no settled Minister.

Churches

<i>Churches.</i>	<i>Elders and Messengers.</i>	<i>Added.</i>	<i>Dismissed.</i>	<i>Excluded.</i>	<i>Deceased.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Lower Granville, (N. S.)	JAMES MANING, (*)					40
Upper Granville, do.	THOMAS ANSLEY,			9	3	80
Sissiboo, do.	_____					57
Cornwallis, do.	{ EDWARD MANING, (*) } Charles Tuper,	17			3	107
Newport, do.	JAMES MUNRO,	4		1		68
Onslow, do. (†)	NATHAN CLEAVELAND, (*)					30
Digby Neck, do. (†)	PETER CRANDAL, (*)					56
Amherst, do. (†)	_____					68
Clements, do. (†)	_____					68
Halifax, do.	JOHN BURTON, (*)	16			4	68
Nictau, do. (†)	THOMAS H. CHIPMAN, (*)					111
Chester, do.	{ JOSEPH DEMOCK, } Anthony Vaughan,	2		2	1	113
Lunenburg, do.	_____		1	2		23
St. John, (N. B.)	_____	6	5	3	3	42
Sackville, do.	DAVID HARRIS,	3				55
Salsbury, do.	{ JOSEPH CRANDAL, } William Sincton, Henry Steves,					82
Waterbury, do.	{ ELLIJ ESTERBROOKS, } Thomas Turney,					30
Prince William, do.	{ LUTHORP HAMMOND, } Solomon Parent, John Haggerman,		2		2	60
Wakefield, do. (†)	_____					
Springfield, do. (†)	_____					
Madamkiskey, do.	{ Benjamin Sloat, } James Boon,			3	1	21
Fredericton, do.	{ William Wilmot, } _____					13
St. Martin's, do. (†)	_____					
St. Mary's, do.	{ John Manzer, } _____				4	16
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5th.—Voted to adjourn till ten o'clock to-morrow morning.—
Preaching at six o'clock in the evening.—Prayer meeting at half-past
five in the morning.

THURSDAY, JUNE 26.

Met pursuant to adjournment.—An appropriate Missionary Sermon
was preached by Elder JOSEPH CRANDAL, from *Matthew*, 28th chap.
19th and 20th verses, and a collection made of twenty-six dollars.—
After an hour's intermission, met again for Business, and earnestly
supplanted the Throne of Grace for a Divine Blessing on the
Churches.

6th.—The Committee appointed last year to wait on the Horton
Church, report as follows, viz:—

“ That your Committee, in conference with our Brethren at Hor-
ton, discovered that the difficulty arose in their minds for want of
a more thorough knowledge of the constitution of the Association,
and perspicuity of understanding in a vote of the Association when
at Chester.”

7th.—Voted, that it be recommended to the Churches composing
this Association, to consider the propriety of dividing this Association
into two, as proposed by the Upper Granville Church, and make
known the result in their Letters at our next yearly meeting.

8th.—Read and accepted the Circular and Corresponding Letters.

9th.—Voted, that Brothers THOMAS ANSLEY and JOSEPH CRANDAL,
be our Messengers to Corresponding Associations, and that they
receive forty dollars from the Treasurer of this Association, to defray
their expences.

10th.—Read the Journals of Brothers JOSEPH CRANDAL and JAMES
MUNRO, our Missionaries appointed last year to visit the destitute
parts of New-Brunswick and Nova-Scotia.

11th.—Voted, that this Association is fully satisfied with the exer-
tions of the Missionaries last year; and that it be recommended to
the Churches, in future, to encourage all such Missionary exertions,
either by contributions, donations, or otherwise, as they may suggest.

12th.—Voted, that Brother DAVID HARRIS be our Missionary for
the present year, and that he receive five shillings per day from the
Treasurer of this Association, during his Missionary labours.

13th.—Voted, that our next Association be held at Newport, (N.S.)
on the first Wednesday after the 20th June, 1818.

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14th.—Voted, that Brother JOSEPH CRANDAL preach the Introductory Sermon, in case of failure Brother DAVID HARRIS.

15th.—Voted, that Brother JOSEPH DIMOCK prepare the Circular Letter, in case of failure Brother THOMAS ANSLEY.

16th.—Voted, that Brother JAMES MUNRO prepare the Corresponding Letter, in case of failure Brother DAVID HARRIS.

17th.—Voted, that Brother JONAH DYER, of Saint John, (N. B.) be appointed to superintend the printing of the Minutes, and that 600 Copies be printed.

18th.—Voted, that the Churches composing this Association, observe the *twenty fifth* day of *November* next, as a day of Thanksgiving; and the *first* day of *January* next, as a day of Fasting and Prayer.

19th.—Voted, that this Association feel a sense of gratitude to the Church and Friends in Fredericton, for their kind attention and hospitality.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

The ELDERS and BRETHREN, composing the Nova-Scotia and New-Brunswick Association, assembled at Fredericton, (N.B.) to the several Associated Churches send Christian salutation.

BELOVED BRETHREN,

Through the unbounded goodness of ALMIGHTY GOD, we have been spared to enjoy another anniversary Meeting, where the countenance of your Messengers, with your Epistles, gladdened our hearts.— Although some of the Churches appear, at present, under a cloud, yet we know, He who purchased them with his own blood, will bless them with the light of his countenance, and build up Zion in his own time.

Dear Brethren, we feel a desire at this time to communicate to you a few thoughts, on a subject which lies with weight on our minds. It is evident the LORD JESUS CHRIST gave his Apostles one general rule of faith and practice, and bid them teach Believers to observe all things whatsoever he had commanded them—*Matthew*, 28, 20. And we find the Apostles were not unmindful of the Heavenly instructions, but constantly exhorted the Saints every where, to obey the commands, and be of one mind. We trust God has put it into our

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our hearts, to meet in imitation of the Apostles, endeavouring for some years past, to follow them, as they followed CHRIST. Perhaps none of us have been engaged so much in this good work as we ought to have been; but when we cast our eyes over the professing Churches in these two Provinces, we feel our hearts pained at the extreme negligence of many. We believe that association of Churches are Apostolic practices, and was then, and is now, manifestly owned of God, and made a season of blessings—*Acts, 3d.*—Brethren, could you but have a view of the advantages arising from assembling in the above mentioned manner, instead of regarding trifling impediments, and omitting this duty, you would surmount almost every difficulty, especially when you consider that this Association is now also formed into a Missionary Society; and that while we are striving to increase the union and build up the Churches, we are also concerting measures to send the Gospel to the destitute. We frequently experience the manifestations of God's presence, not only when assembled, but in journeying to and from. We also find opportunities to visit destitute Churches, and preach the blessed Gospel to the dear children of God, and repentance to multitudes of poor sinners, who are in the broad road to death; and of pointing them to the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sin of the world. We have sufficient cause to conclude, while circumstances evince some of the happy effects of these seasons of labour, that they will never be fully known till that day when the great head of the Church shall make his appearance unto them that look for him, without sin, unto salvation. Dear Brethren, we feel a desire to invite you all, as one, to come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty. We hope to meet your Messengers and receive Letters from you, that our united strength may be faithfully and zealously employed in the cause of our Redeemer, and that we follow the Captain of our Salvation, by the way of the Cross, to Victory and a Crown. And now, dear Brethren, we commend you to God, and the word of his Grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among the sanctified.

JOSEPH DIMOCK, *Moderator.*
JAMES MUNRO, *Clerk.*

CORRESPONDING

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The Nova-Scotia and New-Brunswick Baptist Association, to the Sister Associations with whom we correspond, send Christian salutation.

Beloved Brethren, in the Faith and Fellowship of our Lord and Savior JESUS CHRIST—Grace be to you, and peace from God the Father, and from our Lord JESUS CHRIST.

Dear Brethren, we desire to give thanks to God for you, as it is mete. Beholding with joy how your faith growth, and charity aboundeth, not only among yourselves, but toward all Churches and Saints, and distant Heathen Lands. Although we expect not the privilege of seeing your faces in this vale of tears, yet feeling our cause to be one, our hearts glow with ardent desire for the spread of the growing empire of our Emanuel, and long for the happy day, when all Nations shall be blessed with the sceptre of his Kingdom, which is a right sceptre. We rejoice that his Banners are unfurled in the midst of his enemies, and that he ruleth in Righteousness.

Dear Brethren, you will see by our Minutes the small progress we have made the last year; and while you sympathize with us in our trials, you will bless God, on our behalf, that he hath not forsaken us, but that our Shepherd is with us, and hath given us a name among the thousands of Israel. We desire to thank God for all favors, among which we esteem your correspondence none of the least. We were comforted by the coming of your Messengers, and the contents of your Minutes were pleasing, and, we trust, profitable. We pray the gracious Lord, that we may be blessed with a continuance of your correspondence; and that we all possess a solidity of judgment, with such a union of sentiment, cordiality of affection, and fervency of spirit, as becomes the followers of the LAMB of God. And now, dearly beloved, anticipating the glorious day when all the Redeemed shall be set free from what now impedes their course, and eclipses their glory, we wish you abundant prosperity in the Faith of CHRIST and Fellowship of the Gospel, desiring ever to be remembered of you with a continuance of correspondence.

JOSEPH DIMOCK, *Moderator.*

JAMES MUNRO, *Clerk.*

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N.B.—*Those Churches, in this Province, belonging to the Association, that did not send their Quota to the Association, for defraying the Expence of Printing the Minutes, &c. are requested to forward their several sums to JONAH DYER, at Saint John; and those of Nova-Scotia, to H. CHIPMAN, Treasurer, in that Province.*