

MINUTES

OF THE

HALDIMAND

Regular Baptist Association,

AT THEIR

FORTY-FOURTH ANNIVERSARY,

HELD WITH

THE PETERBORO' BAPTIST CHURCH,

On Friday and Saturday, 27th and 28th June, 1862.

REV. T. F. CALDICOTT, D. D., *Moderator.*

REV. H. LLOYD, A. M., *Clerk.*

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The Forty-fourth Anniversary of the Haldimand Regular Baptist Association, was held with the Baptist Church in Peterboro', on Friday and Saturday, the 27th and 28th June, 1862.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. T. F. Caldicott, D. D., from Jeremiah viii. 22.

The Association was then called to order by the preacher, when Rev. T. F. Caldicott, D. D., was unanimously chosen Moderator, and Rev. H. Lloyd, Clerk.

A Prudential Committee was appointed, consisting of Revs. J. Cameron, A. Anderson, S. C. Rice and W. Lacey, with Deacon D. McDonald.

The By-Laws were read by the Moderator.

The letter from the Peterboro' Church was then read; after which the Prudential Committee reported in part that the Association do now adjourn, to meet for business at 2½ P. M., and that Rev. W. Henry Jones preach this evening, at 7½ P. M.

After prayer by Rev. W. Lacey, adjourned to meet at 2½ P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Moderator in the chair. After singing, prayer was offered by Rev. Daniel Waite.

On motion, Bro. John Dryden was appointed Assistant Clerk. A Committee on Resolutions was appointed, consisting of Revs. W. Henry Jones and J. Cameron, with Deacons W. Craig and W. Smith. Revs. D. Waite and P. McDonald, with Bro. Joseph Holman, were then chosen a Committee on the circular letter.

The letters from the Churches were then read, for particulars of which see statistical table and abstract of letters.

On motion, the letter from the 1st Markham Church was read, and its delegates admitted to a seat.

Letters of application for admittance into the Association were presented from the Bobcaygeon and First King Baptist Churches, and the letter from the Woodville Church, which had been laid on the table at the last Annual Meeting, was taken up. All of which having been cordially and

unanimously received, the right hand of fellowship was extended to the representatives of the Churches by the Moderator.

By the recommendation of the Committee on Resolutions, it was

Resolved,—That a visitor be sent by this Association, to attend the examinations in the Canadian Literary Institute next month. On motion, Rev. P. McDonald, of Uxbridge, was appointed said visitor.

On motion, it was

Resolved,—That the Committee appointed at last Association, to investigate into the affairs of the Cobourg Chapel, be discharged, and that our thanks be extended to them for their diligence, and that especial mention be made of Rev. Joel Reddick, for his indefatigable and successful efforts in liquidating the debt.

Prudential Committee reported in part that a Prayer Meeting be held to-morrow, at 8 A. M. Business session to commence at 9 A. M. Rev. H. McLean preach at 10½ A. M., and Rev. P. McDonald preach at 4 P. M.

On motion, adjourned, prayer by Rev. H. McLean:

Rev. W. Henry Jones preached in the evening to an attentive congregation, from Hebrews iv. 16.

SATURDAY, 28th June.

The Prayer Meeting was held according to appointment, from 8 to 9 A. M. Rev. S. C. Rice conducting it.

FORENOON SESSION.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Moderator in the chair. Prayer by Rev. Joel Reddick. The Minutes of previous Sessions were read and approved.

A voluntary subscription was taken up by the delegates, with the understanding that their respective churches should be requested to assume the amounts subscribed, in order to re-imburse Bro. Reddick the balance of the amount paid by him to cancel the mortgage on Cobourg Chapel; accordingly, the amount \$35.50 was speedily subscribed.

On motion it was

Resolved,—That the Association be held with the Baptist Church in Claremont, next year; that Rev. W. Henry Jones preach the introductory sermon; Rev. S. C. Rice, alternate; that Rev. P. McDonald write the Circular Letter; Rev. H. McLean, alternate.

The Committee on Resolutions reported as follows—the resolutions being taken up seriatim and carried:

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No. 1.—THE CANADIAN BAPTIST.

Recognizing as we do the importance of our denominational organ, we view with great regret the fact that it is not sustained as it ought to be, therefore,

Resolved,—That we will for the future, endeavour to increase its subscription list, until it become well established on a firm basis.

No. 2.—REV. R. HAMILTON.

Whereas the Lord in his providence has removed our brother Hamilton from the scene of his earthly toil, we hereby tender to his bereaved wife and family, our warmest sympathy. It is our earnest prayer that they may be sustained under this heavy affliction, and that the God of the widow and the fatherless, may be ever present to sustain them.

No. 3.—BAPTIST MINISTERIAL EDUCATION SOCIETY OF CANADA.

Whereas the Education Society has for its object the aid of our young brethren in the Institute, who are prosecuting their studies with reference to the Gospel Ministry, and who are at the same time in indigent circumstances, therefore,

Resolved,—That we feel called upon to give it our warmest sympathies, and liberal contributions.

No. 4.—MISSIONARY CONVENTION.

Whereas the Baptist Missionary Convention is doing an important work in assisting weak churches, and supporting Missionaries in destitute places,

Resolved,—That we pledge ourselves to give liberally to its funds, in order that the object contemplated by it, may be more extensively realized.

No. 5.—INTOXICATING DRINKS.

In view of the evil effects of intoxicating liquors in raving households, and destroying both body and soul,

Resolved,—That we discountenance their use by the churches and the world.

No. 6.—PEACE AND PROSPERITY.

Resolved,—That we devoutly acknowledge the gracious goodness of our Heavenly Father, in perpetuating the blessings of peace and prosperity to our beloved land, and humbly pray that He may be pleased to grant a continuance of the same.

On motion it was

Resolved,—That the Clerk be instructed to make an abstract of the letters from the different churches, and insert it in the minutes.

The Committee on the Circular Letter, reported, that upon examining the letter, and with the free consent of the writer, they think it not best to read it before the Association. On motion it was

Resolved,—That the committee appointed last year to revise the constitution, consisting of Rev. Dr. Caldicott, and Brethren J. King and P. R. Randall, be re-appointed for the current year.

On motion, a vote of thanks was tendered to the Moderator for his services up to the time he had to leave us for Toronto.

On motion, business was suspended for Public Worship. Rev. H. McLean preached from Hebrews, 2nd Chap., 3rd verse.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Rev. Daniel Waite in the chair. Prayer by Rev. W. Lacey.

The Committee appointed last year to visit the Huntingdon Church reported. The report was accepted and the Committee discharged. On motion, the name of the Huntingdon Church was dropped from the minutes. On motion, the Clerk was instructed to superintend the printing of the minutes, and have the balance after paying for 500 copies, to remunerate him for his trouble.

The resolutions, Nos. 5 and 6, inserted above with the others, were now presented and carried.

On motion, the cordial thanks of the Association were extended to the brethren and sisters and friends in Peterboro', for their cheerful and generous hospitality to us during our pleasant sojourn amongst them.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet with the church in Claremont, on the fourth Friday of June, 1863, at 10½ A. M.

Rev. P. McDonald then preached from Romans, 1st Chap., 16 verse.

LORD'S DAY.

Met for prayer at 8 A. M. Rev. Joel Reddick preached at 10½ A. M., from Hosea, 6th Chap., 4th verse. Rev. Seth C. Rice, preached at 2¼ P. M., from John, 17th Chap., 17th verse. Collections were taken up in the morning and afternoon, on behalf of the Missionary Convention, amounting to \$9.00. Rev. A. Anderson preached at the Town Hall, Ashburnham, at 3 P. M., from the last three verses of 6th Chapter of Hebrews.

Rev. H. Lloyd preached in the Meeting House at 6½ P. M., from Hebrews, 3rd chap., 6th verse, after which a collection was taken up on behalf of the Ministerial Education Society, amounting to \$7.44.

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DIGEST OF LETTERS.

BOBCAYGEON.

This Church was organized on the 25th February last. Although few and feeble, they are united and encouraged. Elder S. C. Rice, preaches the word from time to time amongst them, and the meetings are well attended by attentive hearers.

BROCK, MARIPOSA AND ELDON.

This Church is enjoying internal peace, harmony, co-operation and prosperity. The meetings are well attended. Their children attend a Union Sabbath School, which is in a flourishing condition.

WEST LINE OF BROCK.

This feeble Church, numbering but eighteen members, aided by christians of other denominations, erected a substantial Meeting House, 33 x 45, at a cost of some \$900, during the past year.

Elders Wright and Torrance have preached to them on alternate Sabbaths during the year. They have in operation, with some intermissions, a weekly Prayer Meeting, likewise a small Bible Class every Lord's day.

1ST.—CRAMAHE.

This Church has reason to praise God for restoring union, so that they now enjoy peace in Zion, and they are looking for prosperity within her walls. Elder A. Anderson has recently commenced his labors amongst them, with much acceptance. The Sabbath School is not so prosperous as they could wish. They invite us to join them in earnest prayer for the rising generation.

2ND.—CRAMAHE.

This Church enjoys the blessings of peace and Christian fellowship. They are at present without a Pastor. They maintain stated Prayer Meetings and have a Sabbath School with fifty Scholars and ten Teachers.

CLAREMONT.

This Church enjoys internal peace, and death has not summoned away any of their number. Since the removal of their late Pastor, they have maintained the stated appointments, and God has blessed them in so doing. They have a flourishing Sabbath School, with an average attendance of eighty pupils, also, they have an interesting Bible Class.

FENELON.

The past year had its sorrows, especially in the removal, by death, of their Pastor, Rev. R. Hamilton, whose arduous labors were blessed amongst them. It has also had its joys. Elder S. C. Rice, has enjoyed a measure of success in his labors, and the Church feels encouraged. They have a Sabbath School and two weekly Prayer Meetings.

EAST GWILLIMBURY.

Rev. J. Hammett preaches to this Church at stated times; he has been useful amongst them; and, although they have reason to mourn over too much coldness and formality, still, many of them find a sweetness in communing with Christ at a throne of grace, and in the ordinances of his house.

HALDIMAND.

Peace and Union prevail amongst them. Their late Pastor, Rev. W. McKee, having resigned, they have recently called Rev. J. Reddick to become their Pastor. They have contributed, during the past year, to aid Missionary and Literary Institutions as well as general benevolent objects. Their Sabbath School numbers ninety pupils; the Bible Class thirty; number of Teachers twelve.

1st.—KING.

They have had their present Pastor, Rev. H. McLean, during only a part of last year. Previously various ministering brethren visited them. A Student from Rochester, Bro. A. Cameron, labored with signal success. The labors of their present Pastor have likewise been blessed. They have built a House of Worship during the past year, which they expect to open free of debt.

1st.—MARKHAM.

This Church has not been represented in the Association for several years, on account of division and strife. They now meet for reading the Scriptures, and prayer. Rev. S. Tapscott preaches in the meeting house once a month. They desire to hold to one another and to the truth.

2nd.—MARKHAM.

This Church is united. Their meetings for Divine Worship have, on most occasions, been refreshing, especially their prayer meetings have been seasons of enjoyment.

PETERBORO'

This Church gives the Association a most hearty and cordial welcome to their town and their homes. Considering their peculiar circumstances, they have reason to bless God for their present position, and relying upon his promises, they would go forward with undaunted courage, and indomitable perseverance in what appears to be the path of duty. They testify to the faithful preaching of the word by their Pastor. Their Sabbath School is in a flourishing condition.

PICKERING, 6th CON.

No letter from this Church this year. We trust we shall hear good tidings from them by next year.

PORT HOPE.

Rev. W. Henry Jones has become Pastor of this Church since last Association. His labors are faithful, acceptable and useful. The Church is well united. They are free from debt. The Sabbath School is prosperous—pupils 70—teachers 16.

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REACH.

This Church has nothing very cheering to report. They are in a scattered state. Of late they have kept up their meetings. They desire our prayers.

SIDNEY.

After a dreary season of spiritual declension, the church has been favored with a gracious outpouring of the spirit, under the ministry of their Pastor, Rev. W. Lacey. Sinners have been converted and saints edified. The Sabbath School has 60 scholars in attendance, and 8 teachers.

STERLING.

Through some mistake or misunderstanding, the letter of the Sterling Church did not come to hand. Their neat and commodious meeting house is nearly completed.

1st.—TORONTO, (Colored.)

This Church enjoys the stated preaching of the word, and the administration of the Lord's Supper. They are grateful to God for His merciful kindness to them as a church.

BOND STREET, TORONTO.

This Church has enjoyed perfect peace and harmony during the year. The accessions to the membership have exceeded the losses by 23. The Sabbath School has an average attendance of over 300 children. They have weekly Tract distribution, Monday Evening Bible Class, and regular Prayer Meetings, in addition to the Sabbath services.

THURLOW.

Was unrepresented by letter or messenger.

UXBRIDGE.

The Sabbath services are well attended, and God has blessed the labors of their Pastor. A weekly prayer meeting is conducted. The Sabbath School is flourishing.

WHITBY, 6th CONCESSION.

On looking back over the past year, this church finds abundant reason to bless God for His goodness. They enjoy peace, and have welcomed some valuable accessions to their membership. The Sabbath School is in a good state—scholars 35—teachers 10.

WHITBY TOWN.

The Meetings have been kept up regularly, with a variable attendance.

WOODVILLE.

Although this Church has had great difficulties to contend with, the Lord has helped them. The average attendance in Sabbath School is 30—teachers 4.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES, CLERKS AND POST OFFICES.	MESSENGERS.	Baptized.	Added by Lett'r.	Ad. by Exp'r'nce	Restored.	Died.	Dis. by Lett'er.	Excluded.	Dropped.	Total.
<i>Bobcaygeon</i> : Joseph Brown, Bobcaygeon.	Rev. S. C. Rice and Dea. Joseph Brown.									9
<i>Brock, Mariposa and Eldon</i> : Neil A. McLean, Manilla.	Deacons John McDonald and Neil A. McLean.	2				1				80
<i>Brock (West Line)</i> : David Reekie, Valentyne.	Rev. J. Torrance									18
1st.— <i>Cramahe</i> : David Reddick, Colborne.	Rev. A. Anderson ; Dea- cons. Vansielar & Sim.	2	2	6		1				73
2nd.— <i>Cramahe</i> : H. A. Phinn, Castleton.	Deacon George Brintnall & Breth. Asa Brintnall and George Pomeroy.		1				2	1		54
<i>Claremont</i> : Joseph Wixon, jr., Claremont.	Deacons W. H. Powell and Joseph Wixon, jr.	11	5	2			4	1		86
<i>Fenelon</i> : D. A. McDonald. Fenelon Falls.	Rev. S. C. Rice and Deas. Robert Graham and Wm. Ellis.	7					3	1	3	38
<i>East Gwillimbury</i> : H. D. Barber, Mount Albert.	Rev. Jas. Hammett and Deacon Terry.	1	1		1					33
<i>Haldimand</i> : Platt Hinman, Wicklow.	Revs. J. Reddick & Dan'l Waite ; Deas. A. H. Bradley & Jas. Holman. and Bro. Platt Hinman,	2				3	3	4		5132
1st.— <i>King</i> : Duncean Campbell, Linton.	Rev. H. McLean.	12								24
1st.— <i>Markham</i> : Elijah Miller, Markham.	Deacon James Hamilton.						6	8	1	31
2nd.— <i>Markham</i> : Wm. Radcliff, Almira.	Rev. James Hammett.				8				3	41
<i>Peterboro'</i> : D. McDonald, Pete-boro'.	Rev. J. Cameron ; Deas. D. McDonald and T. Hutchinson, and Bro. W. Graham.	1	1				2	1		51
<i>Pickering (5th Con.)</i> : Dea. T. Varden, Brougham.	No Letter.									

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