

MINUTES

OF THE

NOVA SCOTIA

Baptist Association,

HELD AT AMHERST,

From the 30th of June 1845, to July 2nd, inclusive.

TOGETHER WITH

The Circular Letter, Missionary Notices, &c.

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MONDAY, 10 A. M. June 30th, 1845.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. R. B. Dickie from I Cor. x: 31, after which a collection was taken in aid of Home Missions, in addition to those taken on the preceding day.

The Association being then called to order, Rev. J. Pryor was appointed Moderator, Rev. Wm. Chipman Clerk, and Bro. I. Chipman Assistant Clerk.

Revs. J. Chase and W. Hall were chosen to read the letters from the churches, and Rev's T. Delong, David Dimock, and J. Parker, to examine the same previously to their being read.

The following brethren were appointed a Committee to examine and report on any subjects referred by the churches in their letters to the decision of the Association, viz: W. Burton, E. A. Crawley, W. Chipman, S. T. Rand, C. Randall, T. Tupper, and D. Cutten.

Various other Committees were appointed, as subsequently recorded.

The letters from the churches were read, from which was obtained 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 is received are 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.

New Albany
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STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

Total	CHURCHES.	MINISTERS AND MESSENGERS.	ADDED			Died	Total
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4 315	Sydney, CB	G RICHARDSON*					100
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	1st Falmouth	B VAUGHAN*					102
		J Miller		1	3	3	1
2 268	Ragged Islands						178
2 67	Westchester						78
2 48	Guysboro' now Man- chester & Guysboro						36
120	Granville St. Halifax	J WHIDDEN J BELCHER		10			26
39		J W Nutting J W Johnston J Ferguson S H Harrington T H PORTER		6	18	6	5
3 410	Windsor Road						209
	Mabou					1	1
	Tracadie					1	1
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233	Sherbrooke	J WHIDDEN W G PARKER					65
	Bewiacke			4		1	33
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	Margaret's Bay	D B PINEO	5	1		2	1
122	Economy	W HOBBS	4			2	1
43		J Soley					
273	Three Rivers	Thompson	1	6	1		38
61	East Point	J SHAW*					142
	Canso	J SHAW*					101
	St Cornwallis						12
64	Wilmot Mountain	A STRONACH* J V Bent	4	1	5	2	3
5 253		R W CUNNINGHAM					1
69		T Marshall					144
0 536	Fusket & Argyle	P Starratt					
2 333	Wellington & Chel- sea	J LENT* W BURTON	1			2	2
	Springfield						90
	Dalhousie						7
1 52	Margaree		1			2	38
	2nd Yarmouth						36
55	Long Island						293
1 213	Charlottetown, PEI.	W JACKSON*	2				82
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STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	MINISTERS AND MESSENGERS.	ADDED			Removed	Dismissed	Excluded	Died	Total
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2nd Aylesford	O. PARKER*						1	126	
	T Tupper							54	
† 2nd Digby Neck	J C MORSE							17	
† Bay of Islands	_____							14	
† Indian Harbour East	_____							15	
Advocate Harbour	_____							8	
	John Spicer					1	1	5	
† Barrington	_____							42	
† Digby	S BANCROFT							160	
2nd Hammond Plains	_____		1				1	18	
Preston	_____		7				2	20	
Wallace River	_____						5	37	
	J Higgins		1		3	1		153	
	A Higgins							34	
Antigonish	J WHIDDEN							42	
† Lot 49 PEI	B SCOTT*							22	
2nd Horton	J STEVENS		1				1	85	
	D HARRIS							63	
New Germany	B TAYLOR							48	
2nd Hillsburgh	S BANCROFT			1				53	
Petite Passage	W JACKSON*							32	
Kempt	_____						3	11	
Portapique	D W C DIMOCK		6				1	48	
	G Davison					4	1	7	
	T Fulton							29	
	S M RANDALL*							20	
3rd Yarmouth	_____		8	1				117	
† Sable River	_____							18	
Indian Harbour West	W HOBBS							43	
Amherst Shore	C TUPPER		1					36	
	J Rockwell			1				66	
	J Crandall			1				7	
	W Rockwell						2	29	
1st Hammond Plains	W HOBBS		3					20	
† Cavendish, PEI	_____							117	
Dartmouth	A S HUNT*		11					18	
Little Forks	_____							43	
	Hance Mills							36	
	J Hoeg		5					66	
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2nd Falmouth	_____							14	
Digby Joggins	C RANDALL						2	56	
New Tusket	C RANDALL						4	18	
St Mary's Bay	C RANDALL			3			1	36	
Port Piswick & Mus- quedoboit Harbours	D B PINEO							7	
Lawrencetown	D B PINEO							14	
Tryon	A McDONALD		6	1		1	6	56	
	R Dawson						4	13	
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The four Churches last named were received during the present session, the right hand of fellowship being presented by the Moderator, in behalf of the Association, to the brethren who were appointed and are named above as their representatives for such purpose.

It was then *Resolved*, that the Rev. Archd. Maclay, D. D. of New York, and Rev. A. V. Dimock, together with any ordained ministers or licentiates in regular standing with the Churches composing the Association who may be present and are not delegates, be invited to take a seat in council with us. No names however were understood to be reported.

Revs. J. Crandall and W. Hall, as messengers from the N. Brunswick Association, being entitled to take part in the deliberations of the session, took their seats accordingly.

The Committees previously referred to are as follows:

To examine the Circular Letter—Breth. E. A. Crawley, A. Maclay, J. Belcher, and C. Tupper.

To Report on the Bible Translation Cause—R. B. Dickie, J. Belcher, N. Viditoe, E. A. Crawley, and W. Burton.

To Report on the expediency of dividing the Association—E. A. Crawley, W. Chipman, S. T. Rand, W. Burton, J. Pryor, J. Belcher, R. B. Dickie, D. Harris, C. Randall, T. Delong, B. Taylor, A. McDonald, N. Viditoe, A. V. Dimock, T. S. Harding, E. Manning, D. Pineo, W. Hobbs, T. Wetherbe, C. Tupper, T. Tupper, J. Leighton, — Davison, N. Bentley, D. Cutten, P. Murray, J. W. Johnston, O. Chute, and J. Bent.

To confer with the Messengers from the N. Brunswick Association, with reference to the formation of a Union now in agitation, and also to nominate delegates to meet a delegation from the N. B. Association, should one be appointed, with reference to the same question, —C. Tupper, E. A. Crawley, and W. Burton.

To mature some improved plan of Home Missionary Operations—E. A. Crawley, S. T. Rand, J. Chase, J. W. Johnston, W. Burton, J. Whidden, J. Higgins, J. King, F. Parker, J. Soley, H. Hull, J. Stevens, W. Hobbs, D. Pineo, A. McDonald.

To devise a suitable plan of sustaining the Foreign Mission Fund—E. A. Crawley, J. W. Nutting, R. B. Dickie, N. Viditoe, J. Belcher, and C. Randall.

On Temperance—J. Pryor, N. Viditoe, T. H. Porter, J. Chase, J. Stevens, R. W. Cunningham, E. Cutten, J. King, — Dawson, A. V.

Dimock, J. E. Cogswell, J. Rockwell, G. Dimock, and S. McCully.

On the subject of the Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages—J. Belcher, J. W. Nutting, S. McCully, J. Chase, N. Viditoe, W. Burton, E. Cutten.

Voted that monies be paid in to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock, for Foreign Missions and Education, to J. W. Nutting, Treasurer for these objects; for Home Missions, to Isaac Chipman, acting for Treasurer; for College Buildings and S. S. Union, to the same; and for superannuated and infirm ministers, to S. Viditoe, in absence of the Treasurer for this fund, D. C. Landers.

Adjourned, to meet at 4 o'clock, when the Rev. Dr. Maclay, as Agent for the Am. & For. Bible Society, was to occupy the time in making an exposition of its history and principles. Closed with Prayer.

Monday afternoon. Met pursuant to adjournment, when the Association was favoured with a very circumstantial and satisfactory account of the proceedings which have been had with reference to the faithful translation of the Bible into foreign tongues, as pursued by the Am. & For. Bible Society, and the English Translation Society. They and the numerous audience present were appealed to also in a very able and eloquent manner, on the importance of communicating the word of God entire and unmixed to the nations of the earth.

The times of meeting of the several Committees having been arranged, the Association adjourned to meet on Tuesday morning, at 10 o'clock, when the business of the Education Society would be in order.

Tuesday morning. Met according to adjournment, when the business was preceded by a sermon from Rev. J. Pryor.

The Report of the N. S. Baptist Education Society was then read by the Secretary and Treasurer, J. W. Nutting, which, on its being moved and seconded, was unanimously adopted.

The following Resolutions were then read in a body, to be spoken to promiscuously by the gentlemen who should address the society and meeting, and were subsequently adopted.

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1. *Resolved*—That the Report be adopted, and the thanks of the Society be presented to the Treasurer and Secretary, for his valuable labours through the past year.

2. *Resolved*—That Collegiate Institutions are essential to the promotion and advancement of Education in general: and that Common School instruction can never be extended beyond the lowest scale—nor can any country be elevated above a very inferior condition, unless means shall exist for the higher branches of Education.

3. *Resolved*—That the principle of supporting Education through the instrumentality of denominational establishments is in itself sound, and has the sanction of experience and example in its favour, and is the only means of securing the union of religious with intellectual improvement,—and of imparting vigorous and efficient action to Seminaries of learning in countries, where, as in Nova Scotia, and in the other North American Colonies, the population is divided into many different religious denominations, and freedom and equality are the right of all.

4. *Resolved*, That the Nova Scotia Baptist Education Society gratefully acknowledges its obligations to the kind friends in Great Britain and the United States who lately assisted its agencies with great and most seasonable liberality;

And that the warmest thanks are due, and are now offered, to the Rev. John Pryor, and the Rev. I. E. Bill, who, for promoting the interests of the Society, separated themselves from their families and friends, to sustain the fatigues, risks, and anxieties, of the painful duty of collecting contributions in its aid, and by their zealous and persevering efforts brought effectual relief to the Society when in circumstances of great pecuniary necessity.

5. *Resolved*, That the Society receives with peculiar gratitude and pleasure the donation of £100 sterling, granted by the Baptist Missionary Society of England towards the support of a Theological Professor at Acadia College—valuing the gift, not more for its munificent amount, than as a token of the sympathy and kindness of our transatlantic brethren, and hailing it as the pledge of a union which, it is hoped, may be continually more firmly cemented;

And that Rev. J. Pryor, Dr. Belcher, with Brethren J. W. Johnston, and J. W. Nutting, be a Committee for preparing and forwarding to the Baptist Missionary Society in London a letter of thanks, expressive of the sentiments of this meeting, and for improving as far as possible the opportunity thus afforded, of promoting and continuing a correspondence with the denomination in the parent state.

6. *Resolved*, That the meeting accepts and pledges itself to fulfil the condition on which the donation of the British Missionary Society has been conferred, and recommends that subscriptions be commenced forthwith for raising the sum of £125 for this specific object.

7. *Resolved*, That while this Society recognizes the sound and judicious education of the young in all branches of useful knowledge

as entirely within the scope of their efforts, and deserving of most especial consideration, they at the same time regard the raising up of a pious and educated ministry as by far the most important branch of their labours: and they are of opinion that the time has now arrived, in which the Baptist community ought to be aroused to the duty of seeking in their various churches for pious young men of promising talents, who, it may be hoped, are called to the work of the ministry, and of aiding them in obtaining a suitable education, and that to this end, this Society beg leave to suggest to their brethren the plan of several neighbouring churches uniting for the purpose of defraying the expense of educating some individuals who may be known to them respectively as possessed of good character and adequate talents.

8. Whereas many appropriations have been made for the Horton Institutions since their origin, which must be regarded rather as laying a foundation for future operations than as realizing present results, and

Whereas the current annual expenses are so very considerable as to require without delay some permanent provision to meet them,

Therefore *Resolved*, That the enlargement of the sphere of our Collegiate Institutions has become now a question of first and vital importance, as ensuring a greater number of friends, a larger influx of youth, to seek instruction, and a wider field of action for educated young men;—

That in order to this, immediate steps should be taken to secure, if possible among the Baptist population of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward's Island, and others friendly to our interests, an efficient combination of effort in sustaining one place of higher Education, and providing at the same time as many subordinate and tributary schools as possible.

In fulfilment of Resolution No. 6, which recommends the gathering of contributions to the amount of £125 among the churches, as a response to the paternal provision of our friends in England, a subscription was forthwith entered into by individuals present, chiefly in behalf of the churches which they represented.

JULY 1st, 1845.

PLEDGES FOR THEOLOGICAL PROFESSOR.

Halifax Church	£20	0	0	Windsor Church	2	0	0
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Liverpool do	10	0	0	Bedeque & St Eleanor do	2	0	0
1st Cornwallis do	10	0	0	2nd Aylesford do	2	0	0
1st Yarmouth do	5	0	0	Brookfield do	3	0	0
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The speeches which preceded this substantial token of the unfading attachment which is felt to the interests of the Baptist Education Society, were for the most part of a highly animated and gratifying character.

[Adjourned to half-past four. Prayer.]

Tuesday afternoon. Met pursuant to adjournment, and opened with prayer, when J. W. Nutting was appointed to superintend the printing of the Minutes, and Rev. C. Randall to write the Circular Letter for the next year.

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 Bro. W. Burton be our Messenger to the N. B. Association, and receive the sum of £6 towards defraying his expenses.

Whereas certain obstacles were understood to have prevented the visitation to the Free Will and Free Christian Baptist Churches of Shelburne and Queen's Counties, for which a delegation was appointed at the last Association, it was

Resolved, That Brethren J. Dimock and R. B. Dickie be now requested to go in the employ of the Missionary Board, with time at their discretion, for the purpose of soliciting, as before contemplated, a friendly conference with such churches, and whatever union in prominent benevolent enterprises may seem mutually desirable.

The Committee on Questions and Letters, report

1. That they recommend the Association next to meet with the Baptist church at Bridgtown, in agreement with their request.

2. In reply to the same church recommending some action with reference to the licensing and ordaining of ministers, the Committee

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beg to report with reference to Licentiates. They are of opinion that no church has a right to expect that their license to a brother to preach shall extend beyond their own church, as otherwise their brethren of other churches would be deprived of the right of judgment; a license being in fact nothing more than a certificate that the church conferring it are of the opinion that the brother receiving it possesses gifts that may be usefully improved; but while no other church can be *bound* to receive such licensed brother, and no offence ought to be taken if they refuse to do so, yet a license is justly considered as a recommendation of a brother by his immediate brethren as possessing gifts for public teaching, which is advantageous as a recommendation, though it ought not to be regarded as binding on other churches. Nothing herein is intended to lessen the importance of licenses; on the contrary, this Committee are of opinion, that no brother from another church ought to be rashly invited to preach without a license, or other satisfactory credentials respecting his character and gifts. In order to guard against the granting of licenses unadvisedly, this Committee would recommend to churches never to grant them unless a council of ministers and delegates of other churches shall first have been called, and shall have sanctioned such a measure.

The Committee further report in reply to the letter before named, that with respect to the subject of ordination, this Committee are of opinion, that this subject is gone into so fully in the Circular Letter now presented to the Association, that it is not necessary further to notice it on the present occasion.

3. On the Westbrook Letter the Committee report, that they recommend the Association to nominate a Council to inquire into the matters in difference, and to endeavour to remain with the church a sufficient length of time to bring the brethren if possible together, and to make their decisive report at the next Association.

4. On the Question referred by the 2nd Cornwallis Church, the Committee report, that, in their judgment, no brother can sue at law another brother in the church without a violation of the law of Christ, except in some very extraordinary case in which it is evident that there is some imperative necessity.

5. On the letter from the Kempt Church, the Committee report, that they advise a Council to be recommended by the Association to inquire into the matters in question, and that the parties concerned be recommended to acquiesce in such nomination, and in the decision of such council.

Which Report was adopted without amendment—when it was

Resolved, That the time of meeting of the Association should be the first Monday after the 20th June, as heretofore—

Whereupon the following brethren were appointed to carry out the foregoing recommendations.

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J. Stevens, J. Rand, T. H. Porter & B. Taylor, to advise the church at Westbrook.

S. T. Rand, G. Dimock, L. Lockhart, and S. Dimock, to advise the church at Kempt.

Bro. Abraham Stronach was chosen to preach the Introductory Sermon, and Bro. Anthony Dimock was appointed his Alternate.

Resolved, That brethren D. Harris, S. T. Rand, R. B. Dickie, and D. W. C. Dimock, be a Committee to inquire into the expediency of continuing the Quarterly meetings, or to suggest any alterations that they may deem adviseable.

Resolved, That the Pastor of the church with which the Association is held, seasonably appoint, and notify, the person who is to preach on the Saturday preceding the meeting of the Association.

Resolved, That the Missionary Board shall meet at one o'clock, p. m. on the Saturday preceding the meeting of the Association, of which due notice shall be given by the Secretary.

Resolved, That this Association is highly gratified to learn that our beloved brethren in England have formed a Society for the re-publication of the best productions of the venerated fathers and founders of the Baptist churches in the father land; and as the payment of about 14s. currency per annum paid strictly in advance will ensure the possession of two or three volumes in each year, strongly recommend the members of the churches, as generally as possible, to become subscribers, and especially would they urge every church to supply their pastor with the works thus published. The body now assembled farther request Bro. Belcher to collect the subscriptions, and forward them to the Rev. Dr. Davies of Stepney College, London, one of the Secretaries of the Society.

The Committee appointed to recommend the best mode of sustaining and extending the Bible cause presented their report, in agreement with which it was resolved as follows:

I. That this Association cordially approve the principle on which the American and Foreign Bible Society, in New York, and the Bible Translation Society in London, are founded, viz: "*that all engaged in translating the Scriptures shall endeavour, by ardent prayer and diligent study, to ascertain the exact meaning of the original text, to express that meaning as exactly as the languages into which they shall translate the Bible will permit, and to transfer no words which are capable of being literally translated;*" that they review their proceedings with pleasure, and rejoice in the success with which it has pleased the God of the Bible to honor their labours.

II. That this Association desire to record its high gratification with the visit to this Province of the Rev. A. Maclay, D. D. and pray that his life and labours may be long continued to the valuable Society he so ably represents.

III. That this Body is gratified to learn that many of the churches have already contributed to this holy cause, and cordially recommend that such of the churches as have not yet done so should make an effort as soon as possible, and remit the proceeds to the Treasurer.

IV. That the Committee for the ensuing year be the Rev. J. Pryor, M. A. of Acadia College, Chairman, Bro. J. W. Barss, Halifax, Treasurer, and the Rev. A. S. Hunt, A. B. Dartmouth, Secretary.

[Adjourned to 9, a. m. to-morrow. Prayer.

Wednesday morning. Met pursuant to adjournment. After prayer, the Committee appointed to consider the subject of Registration of births, marriages, and deaths, presented their report, in accordance with which, it was resolved as follows :

I. That each congregation belonging to this Association be recommended to provide books with printed forms, as hereunto annexed, to be kept by the minister for the time being, and properly filled up and signed by him.

II. That the Petition to the House of Assembly now read, requesting them to make the said Registers, or attested copies thereof, evidence in all courts of law and equity, be signed by the Moderator and Clerk on behalf of this Body, and that the Hon. the Attorney General be respectfully requested to present it.

Resolved, That the state of religion in the Baptist Denomination throughout the world, especially in this Province, viewed in connection with the present aspects of society, calls for increased wisdom and piety in the ministers and members of our churches; that this Association, therefore, affectionately entreat the churches they represent by prayer, humiliation and holy activity, to seek the increase of personal devotedness to God, and the advancement of the body at large. The Association would farther recommend a growing regard to the highest interests of the young among us in a more diligent attention to domestic religion, and in the devotional prosecution of the important duties they owe to the rising ministry. Nor can they refrain from exhorting their brethren to cultivate, in the midst of their important secular duties, the spirit of the Great Example of all that is holy.

In conformity with the spirit of these suggestions, the associated brethren would further recommend the churches to observe the 25th day of September next, as a season of humiliation before the Great Author of our mercies, and of earnest supplication for the revival and universal extension of pure and undefiled religion.

Whereas, this Association continue deeply sensible of the value of the Christian Messenger to the Baptist denomination, of which, although sustained upon private responsibility, it is the recognized organ, and is exerting an extensive influence among our churches in

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promoting the great Educational, Missionary, and other objects which the Baptists of these Provinces are labouring to advance, and is also exerting the most beneficial influence over the youth of the country in enlarging their minds, and increasing their knowledge—

It is therefore *Resolved*, That this Association urge upon their churches the duty of extending the circulation and promoting the interests of the Christian Messenger in every way possible; and that they also urge upon their Missionaries who are sent out by the Board the duty of recommending the paper to the churches, increasing its circulation, and also of urging on subscribers the necessity of punctual payment, as well as rendering to the Editors all the assistance in their power for the collection of outstanding Subscriptions.

The committee on Temperance reported by recommending the Preamble and Resolution on this subject, found in the Minutes of '43 and '44 to be renewed, which was accordingly done, as follows.

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,

Resolved, That it be earnestly recommended to the churches composing this Association, as well as 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, by frequent meetings, and the dissemination of Temperance tracts, and by whatever other suitable means the friends of Temperance may have in their power.

The Committee appointed at the last Association to take into consideration the Nova Scotia Baptist Union Societies, and recommend any improvements necessary for their systematic adoption, not being prepared to report thereon at the present Association, it was there-

Resolved, That a new Committee be appointed, to consist of the following brethren, viz: A. F. Sawers, J. W. Barss, A. S. Hunt, S. Rand, and J. Belcher,—and that they report at the next annual meeting of the body.

Resolved, That this Association do earnestly recommend to all our churches and people, a speedy organization of the Union Society where it does not yet exist; and, that it be urged on those churches

where Societies are formed, that immediate and energetic measures be adopted to increase their members, so as thereby to insure a regular annual income to the various objects of the Union.

And, as there are already Boards of Managers for all the objects embraced by the Union, except that of the support of superannuated Ministers, the Committee would recommend the appointment of a Board of three persons, who, with the Treasurer, should have the power to apply the funds whenever suitable applications are made—And in order to guard against any improper applications, they would suggest that the application should always be made by the Church to which the minister or his family respectively belong, and should in all cases be signed by the deacons and clerk of the church,—

Resolved, That D. Landers, Esq. be continued Treasurer, and that brethren W. Randall, Taylor, and W. Troop, be appointed with him to be a Board of Managers for the distribution of said fund for the present year.

The committee on Home Missions, by their chairman, presented their report, which was received and adopted; in accordance with which, as a general means for obtaining funds, it was

Resolved that the following plan of measures promotive of the object in view, prepared by bro. Isaac Chipman, be recommended for adoption.

PROVISIONS FOR OBTAINING HOME MISSIONARY FUNDS.

Sources—1. Female Miss. Mite Societies

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2. Collections from churches and congregations.

3. Find individuals to pledge annual sums of 20s. or upwards—and if possible find a limited number to join in sustaining one or more missionaries.

Plan of exciting interest—

1. Quarterly meeting of ministers in each County.

1—Being a private meeting in part for mutual improvement.

2—Also a public meeting—

1st, For gathering information from the county on benevolent operations—

2d, For imparting instruction, and exciting interest with regard to these, and taking collections for Home Missions.

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3. Annual Report of proceedings of Home Missionary Board, giving accounts in full and interesting particulars from Home Missionary field.

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1. Two and two, and to hold combined meetings.

2. But primarily, when funds justify, have men wholly devoted to Missionary life—fixing some at important posts and gradually diminishing allowance till the interest sustains itself.

3. Missionaries properly instructed to give intelligent and effective information from mission ground.

Further action of Board—

Meet Quarterly without failure.

Whereas the important subject of Home Missions seems to have been overlooked by several of our churches who have sent no contributions to the funds; and whereas so far from diminishing our efforts in regard to home missions, there is an imperative necessity for enlargement, inasmuch as new fields of labour are continually opening, and stations invite our exertions which demand a system of more continuous exertion than we have heretofore ordinarily attempted:

Resolved, that for the purpose of arousing the churches to a sense of the exigency of the case, and their duties herein, brethren Jas. Parker, Randall, Chase, D. Dimock, Stevens, and Rand, be requested to visit every church in the Province in the course of the ensuing six months, dividing to this end the churches so that an equal number may be visited by each; and that in discharge of this duty the above brethren be requested to lay before the churches the urgent need for suitable men as well as pecuniary means in order to fulfil the just demands made upon us by a dying world in the regions which claim our labours within the boundaries of our own Province alone, and to set before the people the important fact that there is a growing need for men of improved minds as well as of prudence and devoted piety, and the incumbent duty of the churches to aid such pious young men as possess promising talents in so improving their minds, that in case the Lord shall call them to the work of the ministry they may not be deterred by a sense of extreme unfitness, nor

detained by the necessity of seeking the mere elements of knowledge—and further that it be recommended to the above brethren to endeavour to raise within the coming year, £150 in addition to the ordinary contributions of the churches, to be divided into three portions for the maintenance of three missionaries to be designated to as many important stations, there to labour statedly a sufficient time under the direction of the missionary Board until the fruits of their labour shall appear, or they shall be withdrawn by the direction of the Board, with the understanding that collections shall be taken by such missionaries if the same can be prudently done, out of which their salaries may be increased to the extent of £75 in the whole or further if the Board judge it to be necessary.

Resolved, That deeply impressed with the importance of securing materials for the history of the denomination in Nova Scotia, the Association affectionately requests brethren S. T. Rand, and Isaac Chipman, to collect whatever they can obtain relating to this subject; and farther that all publications which can be obtained bearing on this and kindred topics be deposited as the property of the denomination in the College buildings at Horton.

The Committee appointed to nominate delegates to meet delegates (if appointed by the N. B. Association) to discuss the subject of union with N. B. presented their report, in accordance with which it was

Resolved, That the following brethren be such delegates—J. Pryor or E. A. Crawley, or I. Chipman,—J. Chase, J. W. Johnston, J. W. Nutting, W. Burton, C. Tupper, R. B. Dickie.

It was further Resolved that the expenses of such delegation be defrayed from the funds of the Home and Foreign Missionary and Education Societies, and that the delegates of both Provinces (if appointed) be empowered to form a constitution for such Union, and report at the next meeting of the Association, and in the mean time have power to act as an Executive Committee in regard to all matters that it may be agreed on by them to adopt as objects of united action.

The Committee appointed to consider the expediency of dividing the Association, presented their report, in agreement with which it was unanimously

Resolved, That a division of the N. S. Baptist Association is at present unadvisable.

A Report of the operations of the Foreign Missionary Society from its first formation, was then read by Bro. E. A. Crawley, which was adopted, and 1500 copies ordered to be printed.

The Treasurer's Report, in like manner, was presented; abstracts from which having been read, and a letter from the Hon. Heman

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Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be offered to the American Board of Foreign Missions, and the many kind friends in Boston, for the great kindness with which they have received our missionaries, Brother and Sister Burpe, and helped them forward to their destined mission.

The special Committee appointed to devise means of permanently sustaining the F. M. Fund, not being ready to report, it was

Resolved, That the Board of Foreign Missions be desired to mature, with as little delay as possible, such plans as shall, with the divine blessing, effect an end so desirable.

Resolved, That the members of this Association deeply sympathize with our beloved and respected brother R. W. Cunningham, in his sufferings from severe and continued illness, and that they earnestly recommend to the churches connected with the Association, to remember our afflicted brother in communicating such assistance as his circumstances require and the Lord may enable them to afford; and they also recommend his case to the consideration of the Committee just appointed for the management and distribution of funds received for aged and infirm ministers.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be offered to the Ministers and Congregations of the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches at Amherst, for their kind and liberal offer of their respective places of worship for the use of this Association, by which great benefit and accommodation have been received, not only by the Association, but by the public in general.

The Committee appointed to examine the Circular Letter, drawn up by the Rev. S. T. Rand, having presented their report, it was

Resolved, That the same be adopted as the Circular Letter of this Association, and published as usual in the Minutes.

The Committee appointed to make arrangements with respect to a Depository of the Sabbath School Union which shall better meet the convenience of our Sabbath Schools generally, presented their report—in agreement with which the same Committee was continued, and desired to effect the objects referred to in the report with as little delay as possible, and otherwise aid in promoting the interests of the Union.

Resolved, That it be recommended to any of the churches composing this Association, when it may be found practicable and desirable, to establish in connection with their Sabbath Schools, Juvenile Societies for the purpose of aiding in organizing and sustaining Sabbath Schools in destitute parts of the Province.

Resolved, That this Association, being deeply humiliated in view of the fact that the gracious revivals of religious influence which have in past times been enjoyed in our churches, are now to a lamentable extent unknown amongst us, recommend to the churches to make this subject a matter of special prayer.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Baptist Education Society be given to their Agent, the Rev. A. V. Dimock, for his laborious and persevering efforts in the service of the Society.

Resolved, That all persons who have not yet paid in their pledges to the Domestic Missionary Board be desired to do so immediately.

Resolved, That the usual annual meeting of the Education Society be held at Yarmouth during the present year, of which public notice shall be given, at such time as the Executive Committee shall arrange; which meeting the ministering brethren and friends of the cause generally are affectionately invited to attend.

The Committee on Quarterly meetings presented their report, in agreement with which it was

Resolved, That no material improvement of the present system of conducting these meetings is now suggested; but it is earnestly recommended that all the ministers seriously consider their importance, and endeavour as far as possible to attend every such meeting within their respective districts.

Resolved, That the sincere thanks of this Association be given to the members of the Baptist church and congregation, and the community of every denomination at Amherst, for the great kindness and hospitality which they have shown to the ministers and messengers of the churches during the present session of the Association.

Resolved, That the following brethren, J. Chase, N. Viditoe, I. E. Bill, S. Taylor, A. Marshall, B. Fellows, be a Committee of arrangements for the next meeting of the Association, having in view the following objects:—

1. Direction in reference to preaching.
2. Nomination of committees.
3. The order of business.

Having adjourned to meet in the Baptist Meeting House at Bridge-town, on the first Monday after the 20th of June, 1846, at 10 o'clock a. m., this very harmonious and important session was closed with prayer by the Moderator.

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CIRCULAR LETTER.

The Elders and Messengers composing the Nova Scotia Baptist Association, assembled at Amherst, to the several Churches which they represent,—wish grace, mercy and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHERN,

The subject upon which we wish to address you this year, is, the "Christian Ministry," a subject, as you will readily admit, of vast importance. According to that form of Church Government which we have adopted as most scriptural, every Church is an independent body, and possesses the privilege of regulating its own affairs, being, as a Church, responsible to no power except that of the Supreme Head. You possess the right of choosing your own pastors. No earthly power can compel you to sit under or support a ministry which is distasteful or unprofitable to you. Along with this privilege, however, there rests upon you, as growing immediately out of it, a fearful responsibility—for, by it you are rendered accountable for the character of your ministers. Upon yourselves rests the duty of choosing such only as are sound in the faith, duly qualified for the work, and adapted to your circumstances.

Taking this view of the subject, you will be prepared to appreciate the instructions and admonitions which it is our privilege to address to you. Our object is, simply to refer you to what the scriptures plainly dictate respecting the part which you have to perform in the appointment of ministers.

I. *And first, you should prize the gospel ministry as the peculiar gift of heaven.* "When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive and gave gifts unto men. And he gave some apostles, and some, prophets, and some, evangelists, and some, pastors and teachers, for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ." Eph. iv : 8—12.

II. *It is the prerogative of the Great Head of the Church to call men into the ministry.* He only can fit them for this sacred office ; He only can sustain them in it, and render them successful. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth labourers

into his harvest." Mat. ix. 38. "Take heed therefore unto all the flock over which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers." Acts xx: 28. See also verse 24, and Gal. i: 15, 16. Luke vi: 13. Mark iii: 13. Rev. i: 20.

III. *This prerogative by no means forbids the employment of secondary agency.* As in our "Effectual calling," which is the work of the Holy Spirit, there is also a call addressed to the outward ear through the instrumentality of duly appointed means; so may it be in the special call of an individual to the work of the ministry. In either case the outward call may precede, and be the means used by the Holy Spirit in order to effect by his own mighty working the inward call. In this manner was Matthias called "to take part of this ministry and apostleship from which Judas by transgression fell." Acts i: 15—26. Paul and Barnabas were in this way called to go as missionaries among the heathen. Acts xiii: 2. And with this position and these examples accord the directions given to Timothy and Titus, respecting the "ordination of Elders in every church." Titus i: 5—9. 1 Tim. iii: 1—7.

IV. *The churches should earnestly desire and pray for an increase of gospel ministers.* "Lift up your eyes and look upon the fields! they are white already to the harvest." John iv: 35. "The field is the world." Mat. xiii: 38. "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest." Mat. ix: 37, 38. Beloved brethren, look upon this field! how vast its extent! how abundant the harvest! what multitudes are falling into ruin! how few are the labourers! Hear you not those cries of agony and despair sent forth by the millions who are hastening to the judgment-seat unblest by the gospel! O brethren, think of the wants of a perishing world, and remember the gospel only can save them; and your sympathy with a suffering Saviour will be awakened, and one of your most fervent petitions will be, that the Lord of the harvest may send more faithful labourers into his harvest.

V. *The churches are bound to look out carefully and call forth such men as, by possessing the required qualifications for the ministry, give intimation that such is the will of God concerning them.* May that day never dawn in which our churches shall consent to dispense with that evidence of piety and of a special call to the work of the ministry, hitherto deemed indispensable! Let no one presume to take

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VI. *The churches are bound to prevent, as far as possible, the introduction of improper persons into the ministry.* "But though we or an angel from heaven preach any other gospel unto you, than that which we have preached, let him be accursed." Gal. i : 8, 9. "If there come any unto you and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed; for he that biddeth him God speed, is partaker of his evil deeds." 2 John x : 11. "And thou hast tried them which say they are apostles and are not, and hast found them liars." Rev. ii : 2. (See also 2 Cor. xi : 13.) "If any man teach otherwise,—from such withdraw thyself." 1 Tim. vi : 3—5. "Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be partaker of other men's sins." 1 Tim. v : 22.

VII. *We are bound to study carefully the instructions and admonitions of the Sacred Scriptures upon this subject (as upon every other) and most sacredly to adhere to them.* Happily for us, these instructions are very minute and explicit. The various duties, trials, encouragements, &c. of ministers, are to be found in many parts of the Sacred volume; but, in the Epistles to Timothy and Titus, express directions are given on the subject of ordination; and the qualifications which every man who enters the ministry must possess, are there particularly marked out. They are thus summed up: "If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children, not accused of riot nor unruly. For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God, not self-willed, not soon angry, not given to wine, no strik-

ker, not greedy of filthy lucre ; but a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men ; sober, just, holy, temperate ; holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and convince the gainsayers." Titus i : 5—9.

"If any man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. A bishop then must be blameless,—the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach, not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre, but patient, not a brawler, not covetous, one that ruleth well his own house (for if a man know not how to rule his own house, how can he take care of the church of God ?),—not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil ; moreover, he must have a good report of them which are without, lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil." 1 Tim. iii. 1—7.

Here, brethren, is a plain directory, from which we should never deviate. To be unacquainted with it, or unskilful in applying it, would argue great neglect and criminality in those upon whom devolves the duty of deciding whether a man is or is not qualified to enter the ministry. On this account, it will be proper here briefly to consider each particular separately.

1. "If any man desire the office of a Bishop." A *desire for the office*, is the first particular mentioned in the instructions given to Timothy. The term used by the apostle, signifies an *intense desire* ; "to long after," "to reach after"—"ardently to desire." Such a desire we believe every man who is called to preach the gospel will have. It must spring from right motives. It must not be a desire for some secular object, to which the ministry is only to be subservient. The existence, the intensity, and the purity of this desire may be judged of from the manner in which the individual devotes himself to the glory of God and the promotion of the salvation of souls in the station which he already occupies in the church of God. But it is not sufficient that a man desire the office, however ardently, or that this desire spring from the purest motives. The Lord may be pleased that such a desire is in his heart, and yet He may deny its gratification. (See 1. Kings, viii : 18, 19.) Besides a *desire*, sixteen traits of character are mentioned in this same chapter, and just the same number in Titus i., corresponding in substance with these, as essential to qualify a man for the ministerial office.

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3. The husband of one wife. It is on many accounts desirable that a pastor should be the head of a family, and a pattern of good works in all the domestic relations. We do not, however, understand this passage as absolutely enjoining this; but we view it as a *prohibition* relating to certain improper customs and habits, existing at the time the Apostle wrote, which had grown out of the former Jewish and heathen state of the newly formed churches; and which it required the utmost prudence in the Apostles and ministers to counteract and abolish. It is, however, more than sufficient to prove the compatibility of the marriage relation with the most exemplary holiness, and the most sacred and laborious office, and it is completely subversive of the anti-Christian prohibition of marriage to the clergy, with all its attendant evils.

4. He must be "vigilant," that is, *watchful*; a man who keeps at the utmost distance from temptation,—who carefully watches over himself, his thoughts, his words, and his actions. How can he be fit to watch over others, who does not watch over himself? He must be quick to discern, and ready to guard against, the wiles of the enemy, and prompt to embrace every opportunity for doing good. He will manifest this essential qualification, by the uniformity and consistency of his Christian course. He who is careless, idle, or neglectful of his duties and engagements, even in temporal things, evinces a character which must undergo a complete revolution before he can be "a good minister of Jesus Christ."

5. "Sober;" having the mind, and the desires and passions, moderated and well regulated; in opposition to everything approaching to intemperance, extravagance or levity. He must be too, as the word implies, a man of prudence, one who avoids indiscretion in his words and actions. A hasty, trifling, indiscreet, vain, extravagant, or speculative cast of mind, will not do for the ministry.

6. "Of good behaviour." This obviously implies the strictest integrity, kindness, courtesy, meekness, and faithfulness, in all the

business and relations of life. He must be one who renders to no man evil for evil, but who ever follows that which is good, who "fears God and honours the king," who is "in subjection to the powers that be." Rom. xiii. 1. Neither countenancing, by example or connivance, the breach or the evasion of the laws of the land; but rendering unto all their dues—tribute, to whom tribute is due—custom to whom custom—fear, to whom fear—honour, to whom honour." Rom. xiii: 7. In all things shewing himself an example of Christian excellency and good works.

7. "Given to hospitality." This amiable disposition is just as necessary at the present day, as it was in the days of Paul, although from the difference in our customs, and our freedom from persecution, its existence may not now be demanded upon so extensive a scale as then, when there were no public inns, and travellers were in a great measure dependent upon private hospitality. Anything like a grudging, niggardly, covetous, inhospitable disposition, is always highly detrimental to the ministerial character. He who is not "a lover of hospitality, Titus i: 8—who does not actually take delight in sheltering and assisting the needy to the utmost of his ability, as well as in entertaining his friends, is ill prepared to meet without being disconcerted, the taxes which, through the kindness of many, and the thoughtlessness of more, will be continually made upon his hospitality, in case he becomes a settled minister.

8. He must be "apt to teach;" that is, *ready at imparting instruction.* This implies two things—1, The possession of knowledge; 2, A facility in teaching. What a man does not know, he cannot teach. And though he be ever so intelligent, yet if from any incapacity of utterance, or from any other cause, it shall be impossible or even difficult for him to convey his ideas to others, he is, of course, totally incapacitated for teaching. He who does not know by heart-felt experience, the nature and efficacy of vital religion, can by no process of education, and by no combination of other endowments, be rendered a suitable religious teacher. It were better for him that a mill-stone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depths of the sea, than that he should attempt it. He could only be "a blind leader of the blind," and the result accordingly be, that "both would fall into the ditch." The most exalted piety is not, however, of itself sufficient. He who is placed for the defence of the gospel, must be prepared to defend it. "By holding fast the faithful

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We do not mean to intimate that no man can preach the gospel without a collegiate education; nor do we here pretend to mark exactly the amount of knowledge which he must possess who is fit for ordination. But he should at least be well acquainted with his Bible, and be possessed of general information sufficient to prevent him from being pitied or despised for his ignorance by an intelligent congregation; and sufficient to enable him to instruct an ignorant people, should he be placed over such. According to this direction, the candidate for ordination must be examined respecting his attainments in theological and general knowledge, and his ability to teach; and unless he be capable of teaching aptly, he must not be ordained.

9. "Not given to wine." This term does not absolutely enjoin total abstinence from all intoxicating liquors; though it certainly sanctions such a course; and such was manifestly the usual practice of Timothy, since it required apostolic advice to induce him even to use a little wine, "as a medicine," (see 1 Tim. v. 23.) The course sanctioned by the direction here given, and by the example of Timo-

thy, we recommend as the safest and best. No man can be useful as a minister, who manifests any love for intoxicating liquors; and none such should on any account be ordained.

10. "No striker." He must be prepared by a proper control of his passions, to exercise self-denial in this respect also. He must be a man whom no provocation, however undeserved or sudden, would induce to retaliate by striking the offender. A hasty, passionate man,—one who is easily excited to anger and resentment, is disqualified for entering the ministry.

11. "Not greedy of filthy lucre." No man can be useful as a minister of the gospel, if it be suspected, upon any reasonable grounds, that he is actuated by the love of money. How can he admonish with effect the worshippers of mammon, who himself bows at the same shrine? He who has recourse, for the sake of gain, to any unlawful or disreputable business, however needy his circumstances, must not be ordained a bishop. Such a man cannot consistently be regarded as a Christian.

12. "But patient;" able to endure hardness as a good soldier, and prepared to meet, with cheerful resignation, the trials incidental to the ministerial office. A man of a fretful, peevish, complaining, murmuring disposition,—or who is not endowed with mildness, gentleness, and clemency, is hereby pointed out as unfit for the ministry.

13. "Not a brawler;" not quarrelsome; not contentious. He must be a man of peace, and a peace maker, guarded equally against giving or taking offence easily.

14. "Not covetous;" neither desirous of that which belongs to another, and which he may not lawfully obtain; nor tenacious, to any degree of avarice, of that property which is his own.

15. "One that ruleth well his own house." An essential part of a pastor's business is "to rule well." 1 Tim. v. 17. Heb. xiii. 17. To do this, he must possess a peculiar tact. In no place can his ability to govern so readily appear, as in his own family. If therefore his own children are unfaithful, are accused of riot, or unruly, and are not held in subjection with all gravity, their disobedient, disrespectful, and disorderly conduct, will prove to a demonstration, that however good a man he may be in other respects, he is incapable of taking care of his own house. "Then how can he take care of the church of God." How can it be expected that he will exercise much

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"16. "Not a novice." This word signifies a *young convert*. The ardour and zeal in the cause of God which such usually manifest, should be carefully cherished. They should be taught to devote themselves wholly, "body, soul, and spirit," to the service of the great Redeemer. But their zeal should be directed into the proper channel. Young converts cannot, without the greatest caution, be put forward to take the lead in exercises of devotion, or the business of the church, without great danger to their humility and spirituality.—Such must on no account be thrust into the ministry, "lest being lifted up with pride they fall into the condemnation of the devil."

17. Finally, it is not sufficient that the broad shield of christian charity can be thrown around him. It is not enough that his brethren can bear with him, overlooking his infirmities, excusing his follies, and forgiving his faults. Nor is it even sufficient that he may be in high repute for piety in the church. "Moreover, he must have a good report of them which are without." The world must do homage to the grace of God which is in him. They must have no cause to suspect him of improper motives or misconduct. A minister of our holy religion, must, in order to give weight to his ministrations, not only be unsuspected, he must also be above suspicion. He, therefore, whose character, in the eyes of the world, is bad, or, upon any just grounds, suspicious, should not be suffered to enter the ministry until that reproach is removed, lest he be caught in some of the snares which satan will lay for him, and fall into reproach, bringing dishonour on himself, the sacred office, and those who ordained him.

It may not be amiss to remark, that it is expressly stated that all these traits of character, and not merely one or a few of them, "must" be found in the man who is properly qualified to enter the ministry. Nor can we suppose the inspired apostle has required impossibilities, or exhibited merely an imaginary character. These directions imply that men may be found possessed of all these qualifications. It will, however, be readily admitted, that in order to conduct properly

the examination of a candidate for the ministry, according to this directory, it requires no ordinary degree of skill and careful investigation. Hence follows

VIII. Another plain and exceedingly important direction, "LAY HANDS SUDDENLY ON NO MAN." 1 Tim. v. 22. This refers to ordination (see chap. iv. 14; 2 Tim. i. 6), and forbids all *hasty* ordinations. The rule is made universal,—"*on no man*;"—however well you may be acquainted with him; however well satisfied respecting his call to preach, and however urgent the necessity for an ordained minister—yet time must be taken—delay must be submitted to,—no man must, on any account, or under any pretence, be ordained *suddenly*. The Great Head of the church has given this command. All experience proves that a departure from it is fraught with the most disastrous consequences. How can it be ascertained whether any individual does or does not possess all the qualifications included in the previous seventeen particulars, unless time be taken for the examination? Surely a hasty passing visit from a stranger, cannot be sufficient to decide the choice of a church, in a matter of so much importance. We must not imagine for a moment, dear brethren, that we are secure from the possibility of deception and imposture. There exists still a necessity for "trying the spirits," according to the scriptures, whether they be of God; "for many false prophets have gone out into the world."—1 Tim. iv. 1. Nor let any imagine that an impostor can in all cases be easily detected. Error can assume the garb of truth. "Even Satan is transformed into an angel of light, therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness." 2 Cor. xi. 13-15.

But the detection of imposture is not the only reason for caution and delay. A man may be no impostor; he may be sincere and really pious, and yet totally mistake his calling; and be unfit for the ministry, tho' ever so desirous of entering it. Again, a man may be really called of God to the work, and may possess every necessary accomplishment, and still need time and opportunity in order to become perfectly satisfied of this himself, as well as to make it manifest to others. On every account, therefore, a prudent delay in ordaining, or licencing a man to the work of the ministry, is indispensable, if we would obey the injunctions of the Great Head of the church, consult the best interests of the individual himself, or study the peace and prosperity of the churches. Without intending to attach any

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IX. *All the directions in the New Testament respecting the qualifications required in those who enter the ministry, were given to ministers.* They are found, not in the Epistles directed to the churches, but in Timothy and Titus. They were evidently given them as a rule by which they and all other ministers were to be guarded in the duties of their station, (see I Tim. 3. 15). And this seems evidently to imply that in the business of deciding upon the fitness of any individual for the ministry, as well as in his ordination, those who are already in the ministry, and who like Timothy and Titus are possessed of experience judgment and influence, are to be consulted. Christian humility and prudence would suggest to the newly ordained and inexperienced, the great impropriety of their proceeding with an ordination without the assistance of their more aged and influential brethren. Nor are ministers to be consulted exclusively in this matter; for certainly since no man can be more deeply concerned in it than the candidate himself, it were absurd to suppose that *his* views and judgment are not to be consulted. He must be satisfied respecting his call and his qualifications too,—since the one involves the other—before he can consistently enter the ministry. No man should enter upon a work of such fearful responsibility without being fully persuaded in his own mind. But is he to be the sole judge in this matter? Can any man ordinarily pronounce with impartiality, correctness, and certainty, concerning his own abilities? Is not self-knowledge of rare and difficult attainment? Could any man more readily prove his unfitness for the ministerial office, than by despising the advice and counsel of wise and good men? The best men are liable to judge amiss, even of their own motives. They may be wholly unacquainted with the peculiarities of their own character. Nothing is more common than for a man to be mistaken respecting his competency to fill a particular station. Many of those traits of character, above enumerated, essential to the ministry, are of such a nature that others, and not ourselves, must be the judges whether we possess them or not. Hence follows a plain rule, which we would, dear brethren, affectionately and earnestly urge upon you—never consent that one of your number shall receive ordination or a license to preach merely because of his anxiety or importunity to become a preacher. To give a man a license

to preach, in other places, in order to get rid of him, if we are satisfied that he is unfit for the work, would be most injurious and sinful.

Again, if each church has the right of choosing its own pastor, they must be able, and it must be a part of their duty to judge of a minister's qualifications.— But this by no means militates against the propriety of seeking the counsel and assistance of others. See Prov. xi. 14. xv. 22. And would it not be well, especially where any room for doubt or mistake exists, for each church to make it a rule neither to call or dismiss a minister, without seeking counsel and advice from sister churches? Choosing a pastor, however, and judging of the fitness of a man for ordination, though sometimes coinciding, are yet two distinct and separate things. It is of the latter we are here particularly treating. And who so competent to decide a question of this kind, as those who are of standing experience, and influence in the ministry? aided, of course, as they should in every instance be, by the testimony and advice of the church of which the candidate is a member, and the community in which he resides? And would any church, we would ask, or any men going forth to proclaim the name of Christ, be displeased or dissatisfied to know, that they possessed the confidence, approbation, and co-operation of the body of ministers and churches, with whom they were associated? Who would not rejoice to possess deservedly the approbation of all good men? On the other hand, could any thing be more unpleasant and painful to any church or minister, next to a consciousness of being under the frown of heaven, than to know that the churches and ministers, around them, condemned the steps they had taken, and were opposed to their ordination? Could any man 'not self-willed,' and possessed of the feelings of a christian, or even of a reasonable creature, endure to enter the ministry under such circumstances? We think not. Under every view therefore of this subject, we are satisfied that the course we have hitherto been in the habit of pursuing,—that of calling a council of ministers, before proceeding with an ordination, is most scriptural and judicious. We are also more and more convinced that the advice so often elicited from this associated body, that no church should licence a man to preach, except by the advice of a similar council, can with propriety or safety be neglected. Those who sit in council upon an affair so momentous, should certainly seek aid and wisdom from above; and be careful to seek the promotion of truth and righteousness, and to guard against all improper motives. They should see to it that their judgement is not warped, nor their decisions influenced, by any personal regard for the individual, or any respect for his feelings and wishes, or those of his friends; otherwise they cannot expect the approbation of heaven.

Beloved brethren, we would affectionately urge upon your attention the contents of this our annual address. That the Lord may add to your numbers, and to the numbers of his faithful ministers, a thousand fold, is our earnest prayer; and "may the whole earth be filled with his glory, Amen and Amen."

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	Wallace River do	0	5	2½
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	Horton Mite Society,	12	15	9½
	Jeddore do	0	17	6
	Lawrencetown do	0	14	0
	Musquodoboit and Porter's Lake Church,	0	5	2½
	Chester do	2	11	7½
	Stewiacke do	1	0	3
	Rawdon do	1	4	6
	Margaret's Bay do	0	15	7½
	Indian Harbour do	1	7	6
	Pugwash do	0	5	2½
	First Hammond Plains do	1	1	6
	Amherst do	1	11	4½
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	Second Horton do	0	13	0
	Brookfield Union Society,	3	11	5½
	Amherst do do	0	8	8
	First Aylesford do	0	4	8
	First Clements do	2	18	5
	Hillsboro' do	0	18	4
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	Miss Jenks at Westbrook,	0	5	0
	Annapolis and Upper Granville church,	4	15	0
	From D. W. C. Dimock, on account his pledge,	2	0	0
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	Manchester and Guysboro' church,	1	5	2
	Second Aylesford do	0	15	0
	Tracadie do	0	15	6
	New Germany do	0	6	3
	New Albany do	0	8	4½
July.	From Sissiboo do	0	3	1½
	Antigonish do	4	4	2
	Second Hillsboro' do	0	9	7½
	Digby Joggins do	0	11	3
	St. Mary's Bay do	0	8	0
	New Tusket do	0	19	5½
	Port Medway do	1	15	0
	Westport do	3	0	0
	Nictaux do	6	16	3
	Sherbrook do	0	11	3
	Dartmouth do	1	8	9
	Wilmot Mountain do	3	0	0
	Kempt do	0	8	9
	Collection at the Association,	19	1	6½
	do Granville Street church,	12	11	3
	do " " " Monthly Concert,	1	15	10
	do " " " Union Society,	4	14	11
	Proceeds from two Tubbs Butter from Margaree, J. W. Barss,	3	10	4
	Received from Preston church,	1	8	4
	Do do Mr. B. Arichat,	1	0	0

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Errors Excepted.

WILLIAM ALLEN CHIPMAN, Treasurer.