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of the Christian Association of
the Year 1818. On the 24th and 25th

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MINUTES

OF THE

NOVA-SCOTIA AND NEW-BRUNSWICK

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24.

1c.—Introductory Sermon, by Brother JOSEPH CRANDAL, from *Romans*, 5th chap. 21st verse, much to the satisfaction of the Association generally.

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

3d.—Chose Brother EDWARD MANNING, *Clerk*.

4th.—After Prayer, by the Moderator, the Letters were read from the different Churches, and the following account taken of Members added, dismissed, excluded, and deceased the past year, and the present number in each Church.

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

Churches

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Lower Granville
Upper Granville

Cornwallis, N. S.

Newport, N. S.

Onslow, N. S.

Clements, N. S.
Halifax, N. S.
Amherst, N. S.
Nictau, N. S.

Chester, N. S.

Lunenburg, N. S.

St. John, N. B.
Sackville, N. B.
Salisbury, N. B.
Waterbury, N. B. (†)
Prince William, do. (†)
Wakefield, N. B. (†)
Springfield, N. B. (†)
Madamkisway, N. B.
Fredericton, N. B.
St. Martin's, N. B. (†)
St. Mary's, N. B. (†)
Horton, N. S.

River Phillip, N. S.

The two Churches last mentioned were not present at this Session. The Church at the latter one being dissolved.

Churches.	Elders and Messengers.	Added	Dismissed	Excluded	Deceased	Total
Lower Granville, N. S.						40
Upper Granville, N. S.	THOMAS ANSLEY, Silas Morse, J. W. Morse, W. Bent, T. Spur,			10	1	69
Cornwallis, N. S.	EDWARD MANNING, Daniel Sandford, Eliakim Tupper, Charles Tupper,	7		1	4	108
Newport, N. S.	JAMES MUNRO, James Stevens, James Anthony, Timothy Dimock, George Dimock,	2				70
Onslow, N. S.	NATHAN CLEVELAND, Shalometh Woodworth, Harris Lynds,	30				60
Clements, N. S.						68
Halifax, N. S.	JOHN BURTON,*	121	1			190
Amherst, N. S.		5	1			23
Nictau, N. S.	T. H. CHIPMAN, John White, Caleb Shafner, George Neely,	3		2		108
Chester, N. S.	JOSEPH DIMOCK, Nicholas Floyd, Anthony Vaughan, Peter Gorcum, Robert Davis,			4	1	110
Lunenburg, N. S.	John Andrews,	7				32
St. John, N. B.	THOMAS GRIFFIN,	19	4	1	1	55
Sackville, N. B.	DAVID HARRIS,	1				54
Salisbury, N. B.	JOSEPH CRANDAL,	2				84
Waterbury, N. B. (†)	ELIJAH EASTERBROOKS,*					30
Prince William, do. (†)	LUTHORP HAMMOND,*					60
Wakefield, N. B. (†)						24
Springfield, N. B. (†)						30
Madamkisway, N. B.		2				23
Fredericton, N. B.						18
St. Martin's, N. B. (†)						27
St. Mary's, N. B. (†)						18
Horton, N. S.						45
River Phillip, N. S.	T. S. HARDING, Samuel Bishop, Daniel Lockhart, Jonathan Weatherby.					21
<i>The two Churches last mentioned, were received into the connexion this Session. The Church at Horton is newly constituted, the former one being dissolved several years ago.</i>						
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5th.—Voted, that Brother GRIFFIN visit the Church at St. Martin's and inform them, the Association think it strange, and are grieved, that no account has been received from them these three years past, and that he report the result of his visit and labors the ensuing year. Adjourned to 3 o'Clock.

6th.—Met according to adjournment.—Brother HOUGHTON delivered an appropriate Sermon, for Missionary purposes, from *Matthew 24, 14—And this Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.* At the conclusion, a Collection was made amounting to *fifty-six dollars.*

7th.—Brother DAVID HARRIS, employed as a Missionary the last season read his Journal, which excited much interest. The Association voted its thanks to Brother HARRIS for his faithful services.

8th.—Voted to adjourn till 10 o'Clock to-morrow.—Prayer meeting at 5 in the morning.

THURSDAY, JUNE 25.

9th.—Assembled at time appointed, the Moderator fervently prayed for the Divine blessing upon the Meeting and the Churches we represent.

10th.—Read and approved the Circular and Corresponding Letters.

11th.—Considered the proposed division of the Association, and voted that it continue as usual for the present.

12.—Voted that the Association be held in the Baptist Meeting-House, in the City of St. John, N. B. on the first Wednesday after the 20th June next year.

13th.—That Brother GRIFFIN write the Circular Letter, and Brother MANNING the Corresponding Letter, for the ensuing year.

14th.—Brother JOSEPH DIMOCK to Preach the introductory SERMON.

15th.—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.

16th.—That Brother JOSEPH CRANDAL be our Messenger to Corresponding Associations.

17th.—That 600 Copies of our Minutes be printed, and that Brother GRIFFIN superintend the printing of them.

18th.—That a Committee be appointed to superintend the Missionary concerns in these Provinces—that the Brethren who desire to engage as Missionaries make application to them, who are empowered to accept or reject them.

19th.—That the Committee for the present year be composed of the following Brethren: T. H. CHIPMAN, EDWARD MANNING, T. S. HARDING, SIMON FITCH, DANIEL LOCKHART, GEORGE DIMOCK, and W. CHIPMAN.

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The following were the Receipts for Missionary purposes this year, and to defray the expences of Printing, &c.

Female mite Society in the City of St. John,	£4	17	9
Donation from the Church in St. John,	3	0	0
Do. from the Church at Salisbury	4	0	0
Do. from J. S.	0	5	0
Do. from B. D. Esq.	1	5	0
Amount of Collection after Sermon by Brother			
HOUGHTON,	14	1	5
Do. from such Churches as were punctual,	19	8	0
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The female mite Society in St. John hath done well, may God incline the hearts of many to follow their example.

The Churches at St. John and Salisbury, have discovered a laudable zeal in support of missions.

21st.—Voted the thanks of the Association to the friends of Zion, and the public in general, for their great hospitality and decent attention during the present Session.—Concluded by Prayer.

The people being unwilling to disperse, after a short intermission, Brother GRIFFIN addressed a crowded and attentive congregation, from Heb. 7, 25, *He ever liveth to make intercession for them.* We now parted, thankful for the delightful interview we have had, and expecting we shall not all meet again till the last and grand association, when the Gospel Trumpet shall be silenced by that of the Archangel.

N. B. The Committee met in the evening, and concluded to request Brother BURTON, of Halifax, to accept of a Mission among the People of Colour, at Preston and Hammonds plains, for six weeks.

Employed Brother T. ANSLEY for eight weeks to the eastward of Halifax— Brother D. HARRIS for eight weeks on the North Shore, on the South Banks of the River St. Lawrence, and Brother J. MUNRO for eight weeks to the destitute up the River St. John. It was also agreed that each Missionary shall receive *ten Dollars* per week, and all expences borne,—and that they account for all monies received, to the Committee; but this does not apply to any articles of Cloathing given to the Missionary, or to his family.



Any Lady or Gentleman wishing to aid the Funds of the Society and have their names concealed, may depend upon secrecy, (though it may be painful,) and communicate their Donation to either of the Gentlemen composing the Committee or any of the ordained Ministers of the Baptized Churches in Nova-Scotia or New-Brunswick.

CIRCULAR

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The Ministers and Messengers of the Nova-Scotia and New-Brunswick Baptist Association, convened at Newport, N. S. June 24 and 25, unto the Churches they represent, send Christian salutation.

DEAR BRETHREN,

Being permitted by Him who walketh in the midst of the Churches and holdeth their stars in his right hand, to meet together, our hearts are gladdened by your Messengers and Epistles. We perceive some of you are in Sackcloth; and truly mourning, fasting and prayer become us, when the bridegroom is withdrawn, and that we enquire what hath separated between us and our God. We rejoice in your stedfastness in the doctrines, laws, and ordinances of God our Saviour, and particularly that the Lord hath sent down a gracious shower of the refreshing influences of his spirit upon some of the fields of Zion, and caused a joyful harvest—may the Lord make it universal.

Dear Brethren, we may never all address you again, as many of us may end our mortal race before the ensuing year, and know the worth or want of the religion of Jesus Christ; therefore in view of our journey's end, and in prospect of a judgment seat, we would address a few lines to you on the nature and excellencies of that Religion, which we conceive no one can have right views of without some acquaintance with its Divine author, and his design in the Gospel scheme.

Religion is of high and heavenly birth and essentially resembles its parent, for he is possessed of every divine excellence in perfection, surely if a man speak thereof he shall be swallowed up. He is universal in goodness, infinite in wisdom and Almighty in power. From his goodness we are led to expect, he will desire to do and perform to the utmost extent, all that is good, and from his wisdom we are fully persuaded that he cannot err or mistake in judgment, but must know what is good, what is the greater and only good—in permitting, determining and doing, this grand impulse must move the mighty wheel; and from his power we are made to believe, he is able to do and perform all his good pleasure. To suppose that his goodness and wisdom wills or desires what his power does not perform, would be to suppose one attribute over balanced the other. Sceptics will ever cavil, by which their minds are darkened and their hearts hardened, they ask, why such a God should create man in so mutable a state? Why diversify his bounty to characters equally unworthy or deserving? or bestow the luxuries of life on the vilest, while the griping hand of poverty and distress lies heavy on a portion of the pious few, as the Scriptures teach, "not many rich, wise or noble are called, but the poor in this world, rich in faith, are heirs of the kingdom."

Again, why is the Gospel sent to so few of the Nations comparatively, for centuries past? and to few of those to whom it comes, does it prove the power of God to Salvation. To such persons and such thoughts, we wish you to say "who art thou that replieth against

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against God." Canst thou by searching find out God? Canst thou find out the Almighty to perfection? The wisdom of God hath something in it too sublime in planning and working, to be arraigned at the bar of human reason. It is enough for us to believe what is written and be deeply humbled with our ignorance of that which is beyond our reach, for truly if Revelation did not go far beyond our reach and his works beyond our shallow conception, the Gospel would not be a great mystery, and his works unworthy a being of infinite perfection. To complain of that we do not understand, is highly impious, the permission of many outrages is perfectly consistent with the purity, goodness and wisdom of God, yet too high for us to comprehend. The crucifying of our Lord was according to the determinate council and foreknowledge of God, yet in the deed as it respected the actors, there was every thing of impiety, treachery, ingratitude and cruelty, yet God is glorified and salvation secured to an innumerable multitude of the fallen race. The love of God is the Fountain from whence the healing streams of Salvation flow, to guilty sinners through a Saviour's veins. In this mysterious plan, of salvation by the great sacrifice of the Lamb of God, shine conspicuously all the divine perfections, the goodness, holiness, wisdom and love of God.

The design of the sacred three seem manifestly to glorify all his perfections in all his works and ways, to ever rule the fall of angels and men to his own glory, that in the person of a Redeemer, mercy and truth should meet together, righteousness and peace embrace and kiss each other. By our Jesus the law was magnified and made honorable; Satan defeated, God's works and ways honored, and his chosen people honorably acquitted, sanctified and made meet for glory. The love, wisdom, power and goodness of Father, Son and Holy Spirit is revealed in the Gospel in choosing, atoning for, and sanctifying his people. This finished salvation adopts, justifies and sanctifies the Lord's people, but the latter is the work of the spirit, changing, washing, renewing and creating them in Christ to good works, by which the soul is cast in the Gospel mould, and stamped with the image of God's dear son, their spirits are framed to love and serve the Lord their God from the noblest principles. They delight in the perfections, laws and ordinances of God, as far as they know them, and say, what we know not Lord teach us, and when taught, they make haste to keep his commands. It produces love to the Saints, not for the name they bear or are known by, but the Cross of Christ and Image they bear, those who resemble the lowly Lamb of God most, stand highest in their esteem.

We are led to judge of our own religion and that of others, not from the length and fluency of our prayers and other religious improvements, but our deadness to the world, to our own righteousness, and all expectation of help from the sayings or doings of any creature—by our entire trust in the great sacrifice—our hearty embracing the Cross of Christ, and its consequent doctrines of free Grace, which set the Crown on the great Jehovah's head, and lay every creature at his sovereign feet, the Glory of God and the Salvation of sinners lie near our hearts. *Amen.*

CORRESPONDING

The circular, and corresponding letter

The Nova-Scotia and New-Brunswick Association, to corresponding Associations, wish Grace, Mercy and Peace.

Dearly beloved Brethren in the Lord,

The high esteem in which we hold your Churches as a part of the visible kingdom of our common Lord, and the value we attach to your correspondence with us, affords us pleasure on the return of our annual period of correspondence, as it indulges us with the agreeable visit of your Messengers, and a perusal of your Minutes. We congratulate you on the present favorable appearances of our Zion at large, and rejoice that your laudable exertions in union with your American Brethren have been so graciously owned and blessed of God as to enable you to plant the standard of the Cross in the dark and idolatrous Empire of Bramah. May the Lord strengthen that which he hath wrought.

Dear Brethren, we receive the information of the prosperity of your Churches with delight, and think we see that Scripture fulfilled, "he that watereth shall be watered." The interest we feel in the cause, and our confidence in the divine promise, induced us to say—

Go on nor fear to win the day,

Tho' death and hell obstruct the way,

And not only shall the clouds of Paganism, but likewise the false shades of anti-christian superstition in due time be expelled from the moral world by the benign rays of the Sun of Righteousness, whose near approach we are induced to anticipate from transpiring scenes in Divine Providence. As a body we have sustained a loss, in the removal of our vigilant and much esteemed Brother Elder JAMES MANNING, who was removed by death to join the general assembly and church of the first born above, May 27th—He departed in the full assurance of the heavenly rest. While we are called to mourn, we have reason also to praise God, that he hath not visited us with judgments without mercy, but hath been graciously pleased to send down a refreshing shower on some of our Churches which causeth them to sing. We are encouraged to pray that the little cloud may not diminish, but cover the land, and afford a plentiful shower, that the wilderness may blossom on the Rose, and the solitary place be made glad. And now dear Brethren we commend you to God, earnestly praying his blessing may rest upon you as Churches and every individuatable member. Amen.

JOSEPH DIMOCK, *Moderator.*

EDWARD MANNING, *Clerk.*

[The Public were informed that the Contribution on the 25th amounted to £ 18 : 1 : 5, but the donation from the Church at Salisbury was included. Those Churches in this Province who did not send their usual monies to pay the expence of Printing the Minutes, are requested to forward it to JONAH DYER at St. John, and those of Nova-Scotia to H. CHIPMAN, at Cornwallis.