

MINUTES

OF THE

FIRST SESSION

OF THE

**WESTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,
OF NOVA SCOTIA.**

HELD AT YARMOUTH,

Saturday, Monday, and Tuesday, 7th, 9th, & 10th June, 1851.

TOGETHER WITH THE

CIRCULAR LETTER, ETC.

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CONSTITUTION
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ARTICLE I.

This Association shall be composed of Ministers and other Delegates, who shall be members of the churches which they represent, together with Delegates from corresponding Associations, and such other brethren present as the Association shall see fit to invite to sit in Council.

ARTICLE II.

The Association shall meet at such time and place as may be agreed upon by the body.

ARTICLE III.

Each Church shall have the privilege of sending one Delegate or more, but no Church shall be entitled to send more than five in addition to their Pastor.

ARTICLE IV.

At each meeting of the Association the Moderator of the preceding year shall call for the vote for a Moderator, which vote shall be given by ballot: no brother shall be chosen Moderator two years in succession. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside in all the transactions, nominate Committees unless ordered by the Association, and maintain due order. A Secretary shall be chosen, whose duty it shall be to record the transactions of the Association, and furnish a correct copy of the same for the press.

ARTICLE V.

It shall be the duty of each Church to send by its Messengers a letter to the Association, giving an account of its state, particularly of its additions and diminutions within the last year, and generally of whatsoever relates to its peace and prosperity.

ARTICLE VI.

When any Church shall desire admittance into this body, application must be made by letter, and satisfactory evidence furnished of its faith and order: this being done, and a vote of acceptance taken, the Moderator shall, in behalf of the Association, give to one of its Messengers present the right hand of fellowship.

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ARTICLE VII.

When any Church shall neglect to make communications for three years successively it shall be considered as having withdrawn from us, and shall be dropped from the minutes, unless two or more members shall request its continuance, and shall engage to enquire into its standing and report at the next meeting of the Association.

ARTICLE VIII.

Although, as an Association, all power over the churches is disclaimed, so far as respects any interference with their independence and discipline, yet it is deemed a privilege belonging to the Association for itself to judge of the propriety of receiving or retaining any Church in its connexion.

ARTICLE IX.

The religious sentiments of this Body are those expressed in "The Articles of the Faith and Practice of the Baptist Churches of Nova Scotia."

ARTICLE X.

Alterations or Amendments may be made to this Constitution by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any of its regular meetings.

RULES OF ORDER.

Rule 1.—At every sitting business shall be opened and closed with prayer.

Rule 2.—Ministers and members of Churches, not Delegates, invited to a seat with us, may speak on all subjects under consideration, but vote on none.

Rule 3.—No subject shall be discussed without a motion first made and seconded.

Rule 4.—No person shall speak oftener than twice on the same subject unless by permission of the Body.

Rule 5.—All resolutions shall be presented in writing.

Rule 6.—Motions made and lost shall not be recorded on the Minutes except so ordered at the time.

Rule 7.—These Rules shall be distinctly read from the Chair at the opening of the session.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 7th, 1851.

THE Western Baptist Association of Nova Scotia met with the First Church at Yarmouth, this day, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Association having been called to order, prayer was offered by Father Harris Harding; brother R. B. Dickie was chosen Moderator; brother G. Armstrong, Secretary, and brother S. Brown, Assistant Secretary.

Brother I. E. Bill, the Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, submitted a draft of a Constitution and Rules of Order, all of which, with one or two amendments, were adopted by the Association.

It was resolved that the messengers from corresponding Associations, and visiting ministers and brethren in regular standing in their respective Associations and Churches be invited to sit with us in council, and participate in the deliberations of the session.

Brother A. S. Hunt, messenger from the Central Association, brother W. Hobbs, messenger from the Eastern Association, brother S. Robinson, messenger from the Western New Brunswick Association, and brother W. G. Parker, messenger from the Eastern New Brunswick Association, accordingly took a seat with the members of the Association; as also did the Rev. J. M. Cramp, D. D., of Montreal, the Rev. J. Chase, and brethren J. Ferguson, and S. N. Bentley, Licentiate.

The following Committees were appointed:—

To examine the Letters from the Churches—Brethren Cunningham, Hunt, and Parker.

To read the Letters—Brethren I. E. Bill, and A. M. Gidney.

To examine and Report upon the Circular Letter—Brethren C. Tupper, J. C. Morse, and J. Stubbert.

The letters from the Churches were then read, from which the following list of delegates was obtained, and also a minute of the state of the Churches, which is subjoined.

DELEGATES.

First Yarmouth.—Elders H. HARDING, W. BURTON, Deacons Z. Chipman, A. Baker, J. Crosby, J. Robbins, J. Purney, N. Cornin-
ing, J. Durkee, C. Healy, A. Robbins, A. Scott, brethren J. Shaw,
J. Huestis, K. Rose, T. D. Brown, J. Cleveland, N. Holmes, W.
Churchill, S. Brown.

Second Yarmouth.—H. HARBINO, J. REED, Deacons J. Saunders,
W. Crosby, J. Patten, C. Cook, brethren J. Tedford, A. Crosby,
W. Harris.

Third Yarmouth.—H. SAUNDERS, Deacons J. Byrns, J. Vickery.
Lake George.—H. SAUNDERS, Deacons C. Crosby, J. Cann, B. B.
Moses, brother S. Patten.

Sissaboo.—C. RANDALL, brethren J. Brown, M. Titus.

Brier Island, or West Port.—P. F. MURRAY, brother H. S. Payson.

First Digby Neck.—J. C. MORSE, brethren A. Ross, J. Cornwell.

Second Digby Neck.—J. C. MORSE, brother A. M. Gidney.

Saint Mary's Bay.—C. RANDALL.

New Tusket.—C. RANDALL, Deacons C. Sabine, D. Mullin.

Digby Joggin.—R. W. CUNNINGHAM.

Tusket River.—Deacons A. Gavel, A. Lent, J. Gavel.

First Hillsborough.—J. B. COGSWELL, brethren J. Troop, T.
Miller.

Digby.—R. W. CUNNINGHAM.

Second Hillsborough.—J. B. COGSWELL.

Lower Granville.—Brother R. Hall.

Clements.—I. POTTER, A. COGSWELL, brethren A. Chute, J. D.
Porter, W. Wright, A. Morse.

Annapolis and Upper Granville.—J. RING, Deacon W. H. Chip-
man, brethren B. Rice, W. H. Morse.

Nictaux.—I. E. BILL, R. MORTON, Deacon D. C. Landers, brethren
A. Banks, S. Gates, W. Gates.

Chute's Cove.—W. RIDEOUT.

Wilmot Mountain.—W. RIDEOUT.

Lower Aylesford.—C. TUPPER, Deacon Z. Roach, brother J.
Stephenson.

- New Albany*,—J. PARKS, J. Parks.
Brookfield,—J. PARKER, Deacon P. F. Murray.
First Liverpool,—R. B. DICKIE.
Springfield,—J. PARK.
Greenfield and Chelsea,—J. H. STUBBERT, brother S. Hunt.
Port Medway,—G. ARMSTRONG, brother J. E. Balcom.
Ragged Islands,—E. STRONACH, Deacon J. Locke.
Sable River,—T. DELONG, brother E. DUND.
Argyle,—W. RIDEOUT, brother H. Nickerson.
Second Liverpool,—J. PARKER.
Long Island,—J. C. MORSE, P. F. MURRAY, H. Chute

STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	Restor'd.	By Baptism.	By Letter.	Removed.	Dismiss'd.	Exclud'd.	Died.	Total.
First Yarmouth.	1	193	9	6	2	8	711	
Second Yarmouth.	1	22		4		4	319	
Third Yarmouth.					6		44	
Lake George.		6	2				67	
Sissaboo.	8	1				2	48	
Brier Island, or West Port.		79				2	167	
First Digby Neck.				1		2	135	
Second Digby Neck.	1	2	5		3		57	
Saint Mary's Bay.	1	2				2	73	
New Tasket.		7	8			1	47	
Digby Joggin.		1	2	2	1	2	42	
Tusket River.		17					99	
First Hillsborough.	3				2	10	67	
Digby.				2			20	
Second Hillsborough.		4		1		2	113	
Lower Granville.					7	2	150	
Clements.		11		2		2	265	
Annapolis and Upper Granville.							191	
Nictaux.	1	12	6	1	1	3	559	
Chute's Cove.	8					2	72	
Wilmot Mountain.				4	2	1	167	
Lower Aylesford.				3	1	4	214	
New Albany.			1	1			73	
Brookfield.	1	21				3	196	
First Liverpool.			1	5		42	174	
Springfield.							1	
Greenfield and Chelsea.					3	2	93	
Port Medway.				1			1	
Ragged Islands					3		100	
Sable River.			2				52	
Argyle.					2		1	
Second Liverpool.			3				45	
Long Island.		144	4	1			1	
Churches not heard from, or represented, as reported last year:								12
Barrington.								384
Wilmot.								38
Dalhousie.								
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Moved by brother C. Tupper, seconded by brother T. Delong, and

Resolved, That all Churches within the limits of this Association be recognized as belonging to it, unless they give notice to the contrary.

The second Liverpool Church, formed by members dismissed for that purpose by the first Church, was admitted into the Association, and the right hand of fellowship presented by the Moderator to its representative, brother J. Parker.

The following Committees were then appointed:—

To Report upon Questions in the Letters—Brethren S. Robinson, W. G. Parker, T. Delong, C. Tupper, H. Saunders, and G. Armstrong.

On Temperance—Brethren W. Hobbs, P. F. Murray, J. C. Morse, Z. Chipman, J. Park, and A. S. Hunt.

On Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes—Brethren J. Ring, W. Churchill, S. Brown, A. M. Gidney, W. Morse, D. C. Landers, W. Gates, J. E. Balcom, and W. Chipman.

On the Christian Messenger—Brethren C. Tupper, J. Chase, J. B. Cogswell, J. Stabbert, and C. Randall.

On Domestic Missions—Brethren I. E. Bill, J. C. Morse, J. Park, A. Baker, Z. Chipman, J. Ferguson, C. Randall, W. Burton, R. Morton, A. Banks, R. W. Cunningham, N. Corning, W. Rideout, C. Sabeau, S. N. Bentley, S. Robinson, Dr. Cramp, and C. Tupper.

On Foreign Missions and Bible Cause—Brethren A. S. Hunt, E. Stronach, A. Chute, Z. Roach, E. Heustis, T. Miller, W. Hobbs, J. Durkee, J. Saunders, J. Lock, J. Reed, and Father Harris Harding.

On Education, Literary and Theological—Brethren Dr. Cramp, I. E. Bill, T. Delong, R. B. Dickie, S. Robinson, J. Shaw, A. M. Gidney, G. Armstrong, and J. Chase.

On Union Societies—Brethren P. F. Murray, E. Dunn, J. B. Cogswell, S. Hunt, H. Chute, W. Wright, C. Healy, E. Cleaveland, J. B. Potter, and B. Rice.

Prayer by brother R. W. Cunningham. Adjourned till Monday at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Religious services were held on the Sabbath at the Baptist Chapel in Yarmouth, in the Methodist Chapel at Miltown, in the Baptist Chapel at the Ponds, in the Central Meeting House at Chebogue, and in the Round School House in Gegoggin.

MONDAY, 10 O'CLOCK, A. M.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by brother I. E. Bill, from Psalm lxxii: 19; after which a collection was taken up in aid of Home Missions in addition to those of the preceding day.

Voted that the next session of this Association be held with the First Liverpool Church.

Voted that brother W. Burton preach the Introductory Sermon, and that brother C. Randall be his alternate; and that brother J. Parker write the Circular Letter.

The Report on Union Societies was now presented, as follows:

REPORT.

The Committee on Union Societies Report:

That considering the obligations that rest upon us as a Church of Christ to advance his kingdom in the world we view the Union Societies as well adapted to secure those necessary funds required for this object.

But this Committee view with regret the inefficient manner in which these Societies have in most cases been worked.

We would therefore respectfully recommend to the Churches composing this Association, the utility of appointing a Committee of three or more influential members of each Church to direct its operations, and adopt such measures as may be best adapted to their respective localities. This Committee would further recommend quarterly collections, and quarterly meetings of the Society, for the purpose of bringing the several objects more fully before the people.

We would also suggest the propriety of reviving district quarterly meetings, which in many instances have been sadly neglected, and that the objects of the Union Society at such meetings, shall be forcibly presented and urged upon the consideration of the people.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

PEREZ F. MURRAY,

Chairman.

Report adopted.

Prayer by brother J. Park. Adjourned for two hours.

MONDAY AFTERNOON, 3½ O'CLOCK, P. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Moderator.

The Report on the Questions in the Letters was read, as follows :

REPORT.

The Committee on Questions in the letters from the Churches would recommend :

That this Association meet on the Monday before the 20th of June, and that the Association organize at two o'clock on the Saturday before.

We would refer the second Church at Hillsburgh to the Minutes where they will find a column for absent or removed members, who should always be reported as such.

SAMUEL ROBINSON,
Chairman.

Report adopted, except the part that recommends a change in the time of holding the Association, which is to continue the same as this year, viz., the Monday before the 15th of June.

The Committee on the Christian Messenger reported as follows :

REPORT.

The Committee on the Christian Messenger beg leave to recommend the adoption of the following Resolution :

As this valuable periodical, which has been highly serviceable to the interests of the Body while united in one Association, by which it has been uniformly commended to public patronage, is now equally, and even increasingly, needful to preserve and promote harmony and unity of action among the several Associations, and to aid in sustaining and carrying forward the various benevolent objects in which we are unitedly engaged, especially general and ministerial Education, Domestic and Foreign Missions, etc., etc. in the opinion of this Association the more widely extended circulation of the Christian Messenger is exceedingly desirable.— From the consideration that the Editors have consented to put it at the very moderate price of ten shillings a year, when paid in advance, we would strongly urge upon all our brethren to assist, to the utmost of their power, in extending its circulation and consequent usefulness ; and we would affectionately invite all persons who can afford the trifling expense, to avail themselves of the op-

portunity thus presented to them to derive the advantages which the perusal of its pages is adapted to confer, both on themselves and their families,

All of which is respectfully submitted,

CHARLES TUPPER,
Chairman,

Report adopted.

The Circular Letter was now read and ordered to be published in the Minutes.

The Sabbath School and Bible Class Committee reported as follows;

REPORT,

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes, have taken the matter into consideration, and beg leave to report:

That we are happy to say that in contemplating this interesting field of christian labour, we are enabled to congratulate those engaged in it on the success which in many places has resulted from these truly evangelical institutions. In almost all the recent revivals in our own Province and elsewhere, which have added to the numbers of the Churches, the Sabbath Schools have been greatly blessed; and abundant evidence is before us that Biblical instruction imparted to the young, is no unfruitful department of religious effort. It is now too late to doubt or question the efficiency of spiritual instruction to the juvenile classes of communities everywhere. The Church, then, can no longer hesitate, as respects its duty in reference to the moral moulding of the rising generation. Duty in this department of christian enterprise is manifest and imperative: it can no longer be neglected. Sabbath Schools have been appropriately denominated nurseries of the Church, and the history of all our late revivals confirms the propriety of this emphatic designation of their character. When a child is born into the world it begins to breathe in an infected moral atmosphere—it is brought into contact with polluting influences, and the powers of darkness overshadow its pathway; and unless counteracting efforts are made—and who shall make them but the Church?—the loss of precious souls must be the result. It then becomes the duty of the disciples of Jesus Christ to commence their labours of religious instruction upon the mind of every youth to whom they can gain access, as soon as it is susceptible of receiving the desired impression.

In Sabbath School labour there are a variety of disheartening circumstances to be borne and overcome; but in the hour of discouragement the teacher should not yield to the spirit of despondency. Perseverance is the life-blood, if we may so speak, of

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these institutions. "The seed though buried long in dust," will spring up and bear fruit. We would recommend that Sabbath School libraries be connected with each of the Schools, thereby early imparting to the youthful mind a taste for evangelical literature, the blessed effects of which have long ago been tested. To every School, wherever practicable, a Bible Class should be connected. Your Committee believe that the formation of these Classes would do much to secure the attendance and interest of those further advanced in years than those are who are ordinarily considered fit subjects for Sabbath School instruction; and would thereby prove a most effective means of providing a supply of well qualified teachers. We would impress upon the minds of our ministering brethren, especially the propriety of using all the means within the scope of their power to give efficiency to these institutions.

J. RING,
Chairman.

Report adopted.

The Foreign Mission Report was presented, but after a short discussion was referred back to the Committee to be amended.

Messengers to the corresponding Associations:—To the Central Association, brothers I. E. Bill, A. Cogswell, W. Rideout, and J. Ring. To the Eastern Association, brother C. Tupper.

Voted that £1 be paid to brother Tupper towards paying his expenses.

Brother I. E. Bill was appointed messenger to the Eastern, and brother J. Reed messenger to the Western New Brunswick Association.

Voted to pay £3 to each of our messengers to the New Brunswick Associations, to defray their travelling expenses.

Delegates to the Convention:—Brethren C. Randall, J. Stubbert, R. W. Cunningham, J. C. Morse, and S. Brown.

Voted that brother W. Churchill be appointed Treasurer to this Association.

Brethren I. E. Bill, R. B. Dickie, and A. M. Gidney were appointed a Committee to prepare a notice of esteem for the late Father Edward Manning, and of condolence with his bereaved family.

Voted that 800 copies of the Minutes be printed by the Editors of the Christian Messenger, and that they receive £8 for the same.

Voted that the expenses of the Association be paid from the general fund of this body.

Voted that the Churches be recommended to send Minute money, and that each Church receive a number of Minutes corresponding to the amount sent for that purpose.

Prayer by brother J. Ring. Adjourned till Tuesday at 9½ o'clock, A. M.

TUESDAY MORNING, 9½ O'CLOCK.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Preaching by brother S. N. Bentley. Prayer by brother Delong.

The Committee on Education reported as follows :

REPORT.

The Committee on Education beg leave to present the following Report :

They cordially congratulate the members of this Association on the noble effort made last year to release Acadia College from the heavy pressure of debt, and on the union of the Provinces for the support of the Institution.

They learn with pleasure that satisfactory arrangements have been made for the management of the affairs of the College and the Academy, and trust that the results will be eminently favourable to the interests of Education in this Province.

Contemplating the rapid progress of society in knowledge and refinement, and the improvements continually made in education, whereby intellectual advancement is facilitated and expedited, your Committee are impressed with the conviction that our Educational Institutions, in order to retain a just share of public confidence, must be adapted to the growing wants of the age, by the introduction of such courses and methods of instruction as have been successfully tried in other establishments, or command, by their own merits, attention and preference.

Due regard to this consideration induce the Committee, therefore, to suggest that the Governors of the College and the Committee of the Education Society be recommended to adopt, as early as possible, such measures as they may judge expedient, in order to extend, modify, or otherwise improve the existing systems of instruction in the Institutions under their care, and thereby obtain for them a larger amount of patronage and support; and they indulge the persuasion that such a policy will be liberally sustained by the denomination generally, and by an enlightened public. At the same time they feel bound to add, that the pro-

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ceeding now recommended must be conducted with prudence and caution, so as to avoid any increase of the debt still resting on the above mentioned Institutions.

Your Committee rejoice in the hope that by the Theological instruction to be imparted to candidates for the ministry, the Churches will ere long be supplied with an additional number of qualified and well trained Pastors, by whose labours, through the Divine blessing, the cause of religion, in connection with our Denomination, will be much advanced. They deem it of great importance that such candidates for the ministry should be educated at Acadia College, since, if they leave the Province to obtain Theological instruction, but few of them are likely to return and labour there.

The Committee conclude by commending our Educational Institutions to the continued liberality of the members of this Association. If well supported, they will contribute to place the Denomination in a commanding position, and to secure for it a widely-extended and powerful influence in the Provinces.

J. M. CRAMP,

Chairman.

Report adopted.

An interesting discussion on the subject of Education was called forth by this report.

The following Preamble and Resolution, moved by Rev. R.W. Cunningham, and seconded by brother J. Ferguson, passed:

Whereas, in the Providence of God Dr Cramp of Montreal has become associated with the Baptists of these lower Provinces in the cause of Education and Religion:

Resolved,—That we hail his presence among us with much pleasure, and offer our fervent prayer that his connexion with us may greatly tend to promote and extend religious truth throughout the country.

Voted, That the thanks of this Association be presented to brother J. Chase, the Financial Agent, for his untiring assiduity and attention to the duties of his office.

Prayer by brother J. Park. Adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock, P.M.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by brother E. Stronach.

The Committee on Domestic Missions presented the following

REPORT.

The Committee on Domestic Missions Report the following Resolutions :-

1.—*Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Committee it is expedient to establish local Domestic Missionary Boards in connection with each Association, such Boards to have under their management all Domestic Missionary efforts in their respective districts, and such Board to present to the Convention, annually, a report of its proceedings; it being understood that each Board shall assume its just proportion of any existing liabilities of the General Board, and be entitled to its share of any funds in the possession of that Board; and that it be recommended to this Association to establish a Local Board for the district comprised within its limits.

2.—*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the Association that the Board be located at Nietaux, and that it consist of the following brethren, viz. : Elders Bill, Dickie, Randall, Tupper, J. Parker, Armstrong, Burton, Ring, Reed, Morse, Cunningham, and Delong; and Messrs N. Corning, J. Saunders, S. Brown, E. Kempton, D. C. Landers, S. L. Chipman, P. Murray, E. Dunn, J. Lock, and T. Tupper; and that five members constitute a quorum.

Report adopted.

The following Resolutions in relation to Domestic Missions, including a Mission to the Acadian French, were submitted and passed. Warm and energetic speeches in reference to this subject, were delivered by brothers C. Randall, Delong, H. Harding, Dr Cramp, J. C. Morse, H. Saunders, I. E. Bill, A. S. Hunt, and S. Robinson.

Resolved,—1st, That this meeting devoutly acknowledge the goodness of God in connection with Domestic Missionary efforts in this Province, by which great good has been accomplished, and many souls converted; and that the existing spiritual destitution of the Province be recognized as an incentive to continued and united exertion.

Resolved,—2nd, That it is highly important to establish a Mission among the Acadian French resident in this district; and that the Domestic Missionary Board appointed this day be instructed to take measures accordingly.

Resolved,—3rd, That it be recommended to the Pastors of the Churches composing this Association to deliver Sermons, before their respective Congregations, on the first Lord's-Day in September next, on behalf of the proposed Mission to the Acadian

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French, with a view to place before those Congregations statements respecting the opinions and superstitions of that people; and to urge the importance of employing efforts for their enlightenment and conversion; and that collections be made at the above mentioned time, in furtherance of the object.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

I. E. BILL,
Chairman.

The Committee on Temperance reported as follows:

REPORT.

The Committee on Temperance beg leave to report:

That they are deeply impressed with the conviction that the use of alcoholic drinks as a beverage is a curse to the human family; and would most strongly recommend to this Association the use of all the means now in operation for the entire suppression of this evil and for the advancement of the great and glorious temperance reformation, which is so admirably adapted to bless the human family, ever praying that heaven may bless the instrumentality employed for this purpose.

W. HOBBS,
Chairman.

Report adopted.

The Committee appointed to prepare a notice of esteem towards the late venerable Edward Manning, presented the following:—

The demise of the late reverend and venerable Edward Manning during the past year has been an event of melancholy and painful interest, not only to the Baptists of this Province, but also to all who rightly appreciate distinguished piety, moral worth, intellectual elevation of character, and eminent usefulness in the evangelization of a new country; and it devolves upon us as a duty, in which our strongest affections are called into action, to express the high estimation in which we hold his long and effective labours in our own Province and elsewhere. The history of his toils, as a faithful servant of Jesus Christ, is not to be found in a biographical record of his ministerial career; but it is indelibly inscribed upon the hearts of those composing our denomination. In our memories of the past, it will long continue to be identified with the by gone prosperity of the Baptists of Nova Scotia; and while we give expression to the distressing privation which is occasioned by the mournful fact that he can be no more with us, we rejoice to know that he has gone where "they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn

many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever." We tender our sympathy to his mourning widow and bereaved family, and pray God to sustain them by the consolations of his grace.

Resolved,—That the Secretary of this Association enclose a copy of the above to the family of the departed.

I. E. BILL,
Chairman.

This expression of respect for the deceased servant of God, and of condolence with his family, was warmly responded to by the body. Prayer was offered for the family of the deceased.

Voted that the Treasurer of the Association pay to the Editors of the Christian Messenger, the sum of eight pounds, for printing the Minutes.

Resolved,—That the warmest thanks of the Delegates composing this Association be now tendered to the Baptist Church and Congregation in Yarmouth, and the community generally, for the marked hospitality with which they have entertained them during the session.

Resolved,—That the thanks of this Association be now presented to our Methodist brethren, for the use of their chapel at Milton.

After prayer, and singing the "Union Hymn," the Association adjourned to meet with the first Liverpool Church, on the Monday before the 15th of June, 1852.

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CIRCULAR LETTER.

The Ministers and Messengers composing the Western Baptist Association of Nova Scotia, to the Churches which they represent :

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN :—

In sending you a few lines on the present occasion, to encourage your hearts, and to stimulate you to greater activity in the cause of religion, we would first remind you of that complete salvation which you have in your Divine Redeemer. That blessed Being on whom you rest all your hopes is $\text{J}\eta\epsilon\upsilon\varsigma$. All the fulness of the Godhead bodily dwelleth in him. All power in heaven and earth is given to him. He is able to save to the uttermost all that come to God by him. All that are called by divine grace, and cordially trust in this mighty Saviour, are complete in him. In him we have righteousness and strength. He is made of God to us wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption. To support our minds under all our trials, he has given us many great and precious promises. To make us infallibly certain of the salvation of our souls, he has made with us an everlasting covenant ordered in all things and sure. Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, let us consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Jesus Christ. Let us make it our object to obtain more knowledge of him, more faith in him, a greater conformity to his holy image, and a greater enjoyment of his gracious presence. By these means our souls shall feed on the bread of eternal life, and we shall be the blessed people who know the joyful sound, and walk in the light of God's countenance. To obtain communion with God, let us regularly attend to all those sacred duties which are enjoined upon us in his holy word. Let us be much given to prayer, to the reading of the Scriptures, and to the hearing of the Gospel. Let us keep holy the Sabbath, and constantly attend the conference meeting and the Lord's Table. Our blessed Redeemer appointed this ordinance for our benefit and his glory, and in the keeping of his commandments there is great reward. Let us especially seek the gracious influence of the Holy Spirit, to enlighten, sustain, and comfort us, and

to enable us to walk in the ways of the Lord. How encouraging is his promise, "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more will your Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him." It is also our duty to endeavour to be holy in all our deportment. In the sacred Scriptures we are required to "follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." As the followers of the Redeemer, it becomes us to be holy in our disposition and conduct, and whatsoever we do, to do all in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when, Dear Brethren, we thus endeavour to work out our own salvation with fear and trembling, let us have a care for the multitudes who know not the Lord, for those who are dead in trespasses and sin, and exposed to the wrath to come. In every community, how many young persons are there who have not yet obtained an experimental knowledge of the Redeemer. To teach the youth of our land, let us diligently encourage Sabbath Schools. This institution has been greatly blessed of God to the coliversion of the young and to the leading them in the paths of wisdom. The instruction of the young is a duty particularly enjoined in the Word of God. We are required to "Bring up our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." We should also have compassion upon those of riper years, who are unacquainted with the way of salvation. In both christian and heathen lands, how many are there, who are living without hope and without God. If we have found the Messiah, should we not tell our fellow-sinners what a suitable Saviour we have found. It is not only the duty of those who are called to preach the gospel, to speak of Christ to their fellow men, but it is every believer's duty, in his own sphere, to hold forth the Word of life. Every believer in Christ should be a labourer in his vineyard. To every one he has given talents, which should be improved, by exhorting and warning our fellow-sinners to flee from the wrath to come. How much more prosperous would our Churches be, if every one would come up to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty. To advance the cause of our Redeemer, it is also necessary to contribute a part of our worldly substance, according to our ability. For this purpose let us endeavour to forward all those benevolent objects embraced in our Union Societies. All these objects truly claim our cordial support. In every age the Lord calls many poor young men to the work of the ministry. How laudable is it to assist them in procuring a suitable preparation to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ. In our Institutions at Horton our young men obtain an acquaintance with the original languages of the Bible, and at the same time they acquire an ability both to discover truth and to communicate it with facility to their fellow-men. The Home and Foreign Missions likewise deserve

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our continual support. Our Lord has commanded us to send the gospel to all nations. There are many places in our Province destitute of the Word of Life. There are many millions of the human race in foreign lands who have never heard of the Saviour. How becoming is it to give of our substance to enable our missionaries to preach to them the unsearchable riches of Christ.

How commendable is it likewise, to assist such aged ministers of the Lord as may be poor in the things of this world. If they have spent the vigour of their life in leading their fellow-men to the Divine Saviour, how reasonable is it that they should be rendered comfortable in their declining years. Inasmuch as we do it to them, we do it to Christ, and we shall have our reward in the great day. Nor let us forget our dear brother Burpe, who has lost his health by serving the Lord in pagan lands. He is still the servant of our churches, and verily deserves our support, our love and our prayers. Let us also remember our mission to the Indians in our own land. As brother Rand is giving himself wholly to their instruction, we must assist him by all means in our power. Finally, brethren, let us serve the Lord our God with a perfect heart and a willing mind. Let us follow the Lord Jesus, and we shall receive eternal life. This is his faithful promise, "If any man will serve me, let him follow me, and where I am there also shall my servant be."

Western Baptist Association of Nova Scotia.

Monies Received, June, 1851.

LIVERPOOL :—Bible Cause, £3 8 5. Ministerial Education, £5 17 4. Home Mission, £3 2 11½. Foreign Mission, £4 13 4. Infirm Ministers, £3 1 3½. Annual Subscriptions £10 0 0.	£ 35 3 9
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CLEMENTS :—Ministerial Education, 10s. Home Missions, £1. Foreign Missions, 7s. Infirm Ministers, 1s 3½d.	1 18 3½
SAINT MARY'S :—Home Missions, £1 1 3. For. Missions, 10s.	1 11 3
SISSABOO :—Ministerial Education, 4s. Home Missions, £1 14 3. Foreign Missions, 10s. 9d. Infirm Ministers, 1s.	2 10 0
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UPPER GRANVILLE MOUNTAIN :—Ministerial Education, 5s. Home Missions, £1 18 3. Foreign Missions, £3 11 9½. Infirm Ministers, 2s. 8d.	5 17 3½
ANNAPOLIS AND UPPER GRANVILLE :—Ministerial Education, £2. Home Missions, £3. Foreign Missions, £2. Infirm Ministers, 15s. 4½d. Annual Subscriptions, £2.	9 15 4½
TUSKET :—Ministerial Education, £1 1s. Home Missions, £3 8 4. Foreign Missions, £2 2 9. Infirm Ministers, 13s 6d. Annual Subscription, £1.	8 5 7½
BROOKFIELD :—Ministerial Education, 10s. Home Missions, £4 10s. Foreign Missions, £2. Infirm Ministers, 4s. 7d. Annual Subscription, £1.	8 4 7
FIRST DIGBY NECK :—Ministerial Education, 17s. Home Missions, £1 0 4. Foreign Missions, 13s. Infirm Ministers, 4s.	2 14 4
PORT MEDWAY :—Bible Cause, 10s. Ministerial Education, 5s. Home Missions, £1 16 3. Foreign Missions, £1 11. Infirm Ministers, 10s. Annual Subscriptions, £2.	6 12 3
DIGBY JOGGIN :—Ministerial Education, 7s. 6d. Home Missions, £1 12 6. Foreign Missions, 5s. 4½d. Infirm Ministers, 3s. 9½d.	2 9 2
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WILLIAM CHURCHILL,

Treasurer.

Yarmouth, June 10, 1851.

MONIES IN THE HANDS OF THE TREASURER OF THE UNION SOCIETY, NICTAUX.

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WHITMAN MORTON,
Treasurer Union Society.

ERRATUM.

At page 4, of the Minutes, in the Rules of Order, instead of the 2nd Rule read the following :—

Rule 2.—No member of the Association shall leave the session before the business is concluded, without permission of the Association.