

MINUTES

OF THE

Nova-Scotia

Baptist Association,

HELD AT CORNWALLIS,

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday,

25th, 26th and 27th June,

1832.

TOGETHER WITH THEIR CIRCULAR AND CORRES-

PONDING LETTERS—MISSIONARY NOTICES—

REMARKS, &c. &c.

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MONDAY, JUNE 25th, 1832.

First.—The introductory sermon preached by Elder Joseph Dimock, from Isaiah 62 Ch. 1 ver.—“*For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth.*”

A collection was then taken in aid of Missions, in addition to one taken on the preceding Sabbath.

The Ministers and Messengers of the Churches came forward and took their seats.

After prayer by Elder Jos. Dimock, Brother William Elder was chosen Moderator, Br. Will. Chipman, Clerk, Br. Rich. Cunningham, Assistant Clerk, and Brethren Crawley and Pryor were chosen to read the Letters.

Adjourned for half an hour.

Having met according to adjournment, prayer was offered up by the Moderator.

Elder Isaac Case from the United States and brethren Anthony Dimock and Wellesley Caton were invited to take a seat in council.

The Letters from the Churches were then called for and read, the Ministers and Messengers were called over, and the following minutes were taken.

The names of Ordained Ministers are in SMALL CAPITALS. Those of Licentiates in *Italics*. Ministers not present marked with an Asterisk*. Churches from which no information was received marked†, and vacant Churches distinguished by a dash —

STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	MINISTERS AND MESSENGERS.	ADDED		Dismissed	Excluded	Died	Total
		By Restored	By letter, &c. By Baptism				
Lower Granville...	Joshua B. Cogswell						42
Upper Granville...	NATHANIEL VIDTOE						
	Asaph Marshall...	1	61	4	12	1	155
	Samuel Morse, jun.						
	Samuel B. Chipman						
	Phineas Bent...						
1st Cornwallis...	EDWARD MANNING						
	DAVID HARRIS...						
	Thomas H. Porter...						
	Deac. H. Chipman						
	Deac. Walter Reed		8	4		2	325
	Deac. W. Cogswell						
	Will. A. Chipman...						
	Thomas Bligh...						
	William Eaton...						
Newport.....	GEORGE DIMOCK...						
	George B. Sandford	1	4		3	1	79
	Charles Dimock...						
	James Mosher...						
1st Clements.....	*ISRAEL POTTER...	2	18	2	3	2	123
	Joseph Wire...						
Onslow.....	JAMES MUNRO...						
	Deacon D. Cutten...		9			1	71
	Deac. A. Newcome						
Nictaur.....	INGRAM E. BILL...	1	22	3	3	4	240
	Deacon C. Sharpner						
	Deacon S. Taylor...						
Lunenburg.....	*MAYNARD PARKER	1	6		1	2	61
	George Hubly...						
Horton.....	*THEO. S. HARDING						
	JAMES STEPHENS...	1	30	7		5	248
	JOHN PRYOR...						
	Simon Fitch...						
†Digby Neck.....	*PETER CRANDAL						50
†River Philip.....							
	*SAM. M'CULLY...						32
†Windsor.....	*RICH. MCLEARN...						22
Rawdon.....	*R. MCLEARN...	1	1	1	1	2	43
	Francis Parker...						
	E. E. Burgess.....						

CHURCHES.	MINISTERS AND MESSENGERS.	ADDED			Dismissed	Died	Total
		Restored	By Baptism	By Letter &c.			
Annapolis.....	WILLIAM ELDER.....						
	<i>Silas Morse</i>						
	Deac. George Troop.....	38	5	2			55
	Deac. Maj. Chipman.....						
	James Messenger.....						
Wilmot.....	Timothy Rice.....						
	R. R. CUNNINGHAM.....	414	4	2	2	1	123
Parisborough.....	Deacon Joseph Hall.....						
	Eleazer Taylor.....						17
Hammond's Plain..	J. S. Fullerton.....						
	*GEO. RICHARDSON.....	26		13			51
	William Hase.....						
Chester.....	A. Hubly.....				12	2	162
	JOSEPH DIMOCK.....						
Antigonish.....		1					35
Amherst.....	CHARLES TUPPER.....					1	26
	Deac. Elisha Catten.....						
Sissiboo.....							50
2d Halifax.....	John Uhlman.....	7	5	9			54
Yarmouth.....	*HARRIS HARDING.....						
	WILL. BURTON.....	127	3		1	4	426
	Deac. Z. Chipman.....						
Waterford.....		1	1		1		55
2d Cornwallis.....	WILLIAM CHIPMAN.....						
	Deacon A. Parker.....						
	Deacon A. McPhail.....	1	1	1		1	91
	Deacon A. Skinner.....						
	Eleazer Woodworth.....						
1st Halifax.....	*JOHN BURTON.....	110			1	3	231
	Jacob Allen.....						
Aylesford.....	EZEKIEL MARSTERS.....						
	Henry Saunders.....						
	Obadiah Saunders.....	1	6	3		1	170
	Ebenezer Stronach.....						
Brookfield.....	Deacon John Gates.....						
	Deac T. Christopher.....	5			2		53
Liverpool.....	ANTHONY DIMOCK.....	1	1				45
New Albany.....							
	Deac. I. Whitman.....	1	2			1	42
	Daniel Whitman.....						
Tryon.....	William Whitman.....						
		17					49
†Sydney, C. B.....	HEZEK. HULL.....						19
2d Clements.....	(1830).....						
Little Forks.....		1	4	1	5	4	33
Ragged Island.....	CHARLES TUPPER.....	4	1		1		27
	JOHN CRAIG.....						9
Falmouth.....	ROBERT DICKIE.....	22	3	2	1		56
†Westchester.....	(1831).....						12

CHURCHES.	MINISTERS AND MESSENGERS.	ADDED					Total.
		Restored.	By letter, &c.	By Baptism.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	
† Bryer Island	SAM. BARNCROFT (1829)	..	..	..	..	..	60
Guysboro	James Brown	10	..	..	..	3	35
Granville-street	E. A. CRAWLEY	..	2	..	..	..	19
	Deac J. W. Nutting	..	..	..	..	..	
	John Ferguson	..	..	..	..	..	
† Mahou	(1831)	..	..	..	..	..	11
Tracadie		..	..	..	..	..	27
Windsor Road	JOHN DOYLE	..	..	..	..	..	26
	Henry Lacy	..	..	..	..	..	
	John Wambolt	..	..	..	..	..	
Sherbrooke		..	..	..	..	..	11
	Thomas Brown	..	..	..	..	..	
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Note. The three last named Churches were added at this Session by vote of the Association in compliance with requests contained in their letters.

From Corresponding Associations received as follows :

		Messengers.
New Brunswick	—	Sears Minutes
Oxford	}	Isaac Case Minutes
Bowdoinham		
Lincoln and Eastern Maine		

Read and accepted the corresponding letter prepared by Br. Charles Tupper.

After prayer by Elder Tupper, the meeting was adjourned until to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

TUESDAY, JUNE 26.

Met at nine o'clock previous to the time of Adjournment and received the several sums forwarded by the Churches in aid of Missions, &c.

The Meeting opened at 10 o'clock with singing, and prayer by Elder Case, and the business of the Association resumed.

Received Minutes from the corresponding associations in the United States, viz : Oxford, Bowdoinham, Lincoln; and Eastern Maine, and their corresponding letters presented by Elder Case were read.

Received and read the Circular Letter prepared by Brother McLearn.

Voted, That the next Association be held at Bridgetown, in Wilnot, on the first Monday after the 20th of June, 1833, and

that *Br. E. A. Crawley* preach the Introductory Sermon, and in case of failure *Br. J. Pryor*.

That *Br. Pryor* write the circular Letter and *Br. Manning* the Corresponding Letter.

That *Br. J. W. Nutting* superintend the printing of the Minutes, and that 1500 copies thereof be printed—that each Church be requested in future to state in their Letters the number of Minutes they require, and that they recommend to each member to contribute sixpence for the printing thereof, and also that the number of Licentiates in each Church be specified in the Letters.

Intelligence being communicated in many of the letters from the Churches, and from other sources, of the formation of Ladies mite societies, and the collection of monies by other means, for the support of Foreign Missions, especially that in *Burmah*, it was deemed expedient to form a general society for the purpose of carrying the wishes of the donors into effect, as well as for the further promotion of Missions in general—in consideration whereof it was.

Resolved, that whereas the *Nova Scotia Baptist association* is at present constituted a Society for the promotion of Domestic Missions, it be henceforward a society for the promotion of both Home and Foreign Missions under the following constitution.

1, That any church contributing to the object of either Home or Foreign Missions may be an auxiliary to this Society, and their Minister and Messengers sent to the association members thereof.

2, That any ladies mite society contributing to the object of either Home or Foreign missions may likewise be an auxiliary to this society and entitled, if they please, to name a person to represent them in the general meeting of the society.

3, That any individual contributing annually the sum of five shillings or upwards shall be a member of this society and entitled to vote as such.

4, That any society which shall be formed as auxiliary to this, shall be entitled to send a delegate to represent them in the general meetings.

5, That any such auxiliary society or individual contributor or subscriber may appropriate their contributions to either objects of Home or Foreign Missions, or in such proportions to each as they chuse, and that any monies not expressly appropriated by the donors be expended at the discretion of this society.

6, That in addition to the Treasurer and Secretary usually appointed, an additional Treasurer and Secretary may be named, resident in *Halifax*, for the convenience of transmitting monies for the objects of the Foreign Mission.

7, That a committee be formed as has hitherto been the case for the Home Mission, who shall conduct the business of the society as now constituted; and make a regular annual

report of their proceedings, and that the Moderator of the association for the time being be the president of the society and conduct the general meetings.

8. That this society shall meet annually together with the Nova Scotia Baptist Association.

9. That no alteration shall be made in this constitution except at the annual meeting and then not without the concurrence of two thirds of the members present.

The following measures were then adopted by the society, and the committee recommended to carry them into effect.

Resolved, 1. That one or more agents be appointed at the discretion of the committee who shall make it their business to collect information respecting Missions both Foreign and Domestic, and who shall visit the Churches in the Province or the neighbouring Provinces to encourage the formation of auxiliary and other societies and generally to aid the objects of the mission.

2. That the Baptist Missionary Magazine shall be under the patronage of this Society (in connection with the board in New Brunswick); and the profits thereof received by this society shall be equally divided between the Burman and Home Missions. That the transactions of this society shall be published in this Magazine; and that it shall be the duty of any agents who may travel for the furtherance of the objects of the society to promote the circulation of this Periodical, in order to diffuse such intelligence as may tend to awake an interest in the cause of Missions, and for the purpose of increasing the Society's funds.

3. That for the present the monies appropriated to the Burman or other Foreign Mission be forwarded by this society to the American Baptist Board for Foreign Missions, with a request that such monies may be employed by them according to the wishes of the Donors or this society, and if no specific appropriation be made, then at their own option.

4. That it be recommended to auxiliary societies, where individual contributors give no special direction for the appropriation of their contributions, to apportion half of their funds to Foreign and half to Domestic Missions, while at the same time any person who may feel a special desire to aid a specific object, shall be encouraged to give his contributions accordingly, which sums will be faithfully appropriated according to their wishes.

5. That the names of Donors or societies be published in the Baptist Missionary Magazine from time to time in like manner as is usually done in such cases.

6. That Churches be recommended to furnish themselves with the Christian Watchman, a weekly religious paper, connected with the Baptist Denomination, and published at Boston, Mass.

7. That the following form of an Auxiliary Society be respectfully suggested to friends who may be disposed to form such auxiliary.

1. That this Society be called the Society for promoting Home and Foreign Missions auxiliary to the Nova Scotia Baptist Missionary Society.

2. That an annual subscription of two shillings and sixpence or upwards shall constitute a member.

3. That the members or other contributors may specify the purpose, whether for Home or Foreign Missions to which their contributions shall be devoted, and the amounts so raised shall be forwarded to the Treasurer of the Nova Scotia Baptist Missionary Society, to be employed according to the specific appropriations made by the Donors, or otherwise at the option of the general society.

4. That there be a committee consisting of not more than members to conduct the business of the society and to take care that the subscriptions are collected.

5. That there shall be a President of the society, a Treasurer and Secretary, who also shall be members of the committee, and that all the officers shall be annually elected at the regular meeting of the society.

6. That the society shall have regular annual meetings to be held on the day of in each year, and that there be quarterly meetings of the committee to be held on in each year.

Voted, That Br. J. W. Nutting be Treasurer, and Br. E. A. Crawley Secretary for Foreign Missions.

Voted, That the Board for Domestic Missions be continued as heretofore, viz. Brethren Manning, Theodore Harding, Will. Chipman, Harris, Munro, Will. A. Chipman, Homes Chipman, Walter Reed, William Cogswell, Simon Fitch and Dr. Harding, and that brother J. Pryor be added to the Board. That William A. Chipman remain as Treasurer, and Will. Chipman as Secretary.

Br E. A. Crawley, the Secretary of the Education Society, then stated to the Association the substance of the Report of the Society which had been published and the present state of its finances; and it appearing that a large debt remained due by the Managing Committee an account of the expenditures for the Academy at Horton, for a great part of which they were paying interest.

Resolved, that all persons who have subscribed towards the objects of the Institution, be requested as soon as possible, to pay their contributions to the Treasurer or Secretary of the Society, or such persons as may be authorized to receive them.

Resolved, also, that it be recommended as heretofore to the friends of the Institution and of the Denomination, to lend their assistance towards paying off the debts by contributions in grain or such articles of produce, as may be most convenient for them to give, and for the Managing Committee to receive.

Voted, that Br. David Harris be our Messenger to the New

Brunswick Association, and that £4 be allowed him for such service.

That the Annual Meeting for the present year be held at Yarmouth, on the first Lord's day after the 20th of September.

Resolved, that it is the sense of this Association that a vote of thanks, be published in their Minutes, to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, His Majesty's Council and the House of Assembly, for their liberal grant of £300 in aid of the Education Society.

On the suggestion of the first Cornwallis Church, it was *Resolved*, that the thanks of this Association be presented to His Excellency Sir Archibald Campbell, Lieut. Governor of the Province of New Brunswick, for his benevolent, humane and christian conduct to the Baptist Missionaries, and other christian captives in Burmah, at the time he commanded the British Forces during the war with the Burmese, and that Br. Edmund A. Crawley be appointed to address His Excellency on the subject.

Voted, that it be recommended that particular attention be paid to the encouragement of Sabbath Schools throughout the Churches connected with this Association.

That a prayer meeting on the evening of the first Monday of every month be recommended to be observed in the several Churches, for the spreading of the Gospel at home and abroad.

That it be recommended to the Churches that Tuesday the 10th day of July next be set apart to be observed as a day of fasting and prayer in reference to the approach of the Cholera Morbus, to the shores of this Province.

The meeting then adjourned for half an hour.

After the intermission, Divine worship commenced, and Brother Sears, the Messenger from the New Brunswick Association, preached from Isaiah 3 Chap. 10 and 11 verses, "*Say ye to the righteous that it shall be well with him,*" &c. After exhortations by the Brethren and prayer, the meeting was adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow, when only the Ministers and Messengers are to meet to attend to business.

WEDNESDAY, 27th June, 1832.

Meeting opened at 9 o'clock with singing, and prayer by Br. Munro, and proceeded to business.

Voted, that 1000 copies of the articles of this Association be printed, and that 500 copies be left with the Missionary Board for distribution by the Missionaries in their respective Missionary tours; that the other half be distributed among the churches in proportion to the number of their members; and that Br. Nutting superintend the printing of the same.

The propriety of printing a statement in the form of a tract, containing a short sketch of Missions in general, and of the Burman Mission in particular, having been suggested,

Resolved, that this subject be submitted to the Missionary Board to print the same at their discretion either in the Magazine or in the form of a separate tract.

The affairs of the Education Society having been again brought under consideration, and many observations made in favor of promoting the interests of the Institution at Horton, it was finally *Resolved*, that it be recommended to form Auxiliary Societies in each of the Churches, and to solicit contributions from all benevolent friends in aid of the Institution, and that such friends be particularly requested to exert their influence in their different circles to promote the objects of the society.

Resolved, That the Committee are recommended to seek Agents to visit the country to excite attention to the interests of the Horton Academy; and that friends in the country be requested to act as collectors of the sums due.

That Penny-a-week Societies be recommended, or societies contributing any other sum, for the promotion of the objects in view.

Voted, That the Board of Directors, Managing Committee and Officers of the Education Society be continued; and that Br. John Pryor be added to the Committee.

A Circular Letter having been written by Elder Manning and a number of the Ministers and other members of the Baptist Churches, at the yearly meeting at Nictaur in September, 1831, relative to the conduct of the Rev. Robert Davis in instigating a suit in Chancery against Elder John Burton, and also, relating to his improper conduct at the Association in Horton, in 1828.

Resolved, That this Association do receive and approve the same.

Resolved, That a letter be addressed to the members of a council called by the Baptist church at Sackville, New Brunswick, now under the pastoral care of Elder Davis, for the purpose of advising them relative to said Circular, in answer to their letter written on the subject.

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be given to Br. Charles Tupper, Editor of the Nova Scotia and New Brunswick Baptist Magazine, for his labours in that capacity.

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be given to the Female Mite Societies and other benevolent friends for their exertions and contributions in aid of Missions, both Foreign and Domestic, and that they be requested to continue their assistance.

Voted that the cordial thanks of this Association be given to the First Church at Cornwallis, and that our sincere gratitude be expressed to benevolent friends for their uniform hospitality and kindness during the present session.

The Meeting was then adjourned with prayer.

There are connected with the Nova Scotia Baptist Association *Forty-four Churches—Three thousand six hundred and Thirty-three Members—Thirty-one Ordained Ministers and —Licentiates.*

Note. The Church at *Bryer Island* having sent neither Messenger nor Letter since 1839, the date inserted in the list, the name of the Church must, by the rules of the Association, be dropped from the Minutes after the present year, if no further communication be received at the next association.

Circular Letter.

BELOVED BRETHREN,—

The return of this anniversary meeting, brings to remembrance our manifold obligations of gratitude to God. During the past year many nations have been subjected to fearful visitations of providence. At this time the judgments of God are abroad in the earth, and the hearts of many people fail with fear, looking after those things which are coming on the earth. While some nations are contending for power, and others struggling for liberty; while disease and death are marching forth in triumph, we are mercifully preserved from the threatening doom, we hear not the noise of war, nor behold garments rolled in blood.

Our obligations to offer grateful praise to God are greatly augmented, by the consideration of the special favors He has mercifully bestowed on His churches in this Province. During the past year the Spirit has been poured forth upon many of them, and sinners have been converted to God; while union of sentiment has prevailed to a remarkable degree amongst our brethren.

In reflecting on the labors of the small band comprising the members of our denomination, (some of whom have entered into the joy of their Lord) we are led to exclaim, what hath God wrought! Churches have arisen in every part of our colony and others are yet rising. Some which were very small at their commencement have increased so greatly, that we may well say of them, "a little one has become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation;" while some of our dear Fathers in the ministry have been called to their reward above; while others are verging towards the decline of life; and while the field is extending widely, on every hand, God has graciously manifested his good providence towards us by inclining not a few youthful laborers to give themselves to God, in the Gospel of his Son.

What more appropriate expression, dear brethren, of our gratitude to God for this His unspeakable goodness, than a cheerful compliance with all the Divine injunctions. One

particular branch of Christian duty presses itself on our notice as deserving especial regard, and which we desire to make the subject of this letter,—the duty of contributing of your property for the spread of the Gospel both in those parts of this and the adjacent provinces, which are destitute of the word of life ; and amongst the benighted inhabitants of Heathen lands.

In this Province there are extensive districts, which in point of religious cultivation, may be termed a moral wilderness—where ignorance and vice prevail to an unbounded extent. In some populous settlements on our shores the inhabitants very seldom hear a gospel sermon ; and in other places where the gospel is said to be preached, we fear there is but a small amount of real piety ; and yet in these places the greater part of the inhabitants gladly listen to messengers of Christ ; this is ascertained by those preachers who have occasionally traversed the shores. The labors of such visitors in destitute places have proved beneficial beyond expression ; insomuch that many churches, by their means, have been planted. Some of these infant churches having been frequently visited flourish, and increase in numbers ; while others which are neglected by missionaries, scarcely possess a visible existence ; and the reason of their decline is obvious—they are collected from the poor of this world, destitute of information, among whom oftentimes there are not found brethren possessing sufficient talents for public speaking to sustain the interests of religion, and therefore they languish. Such churches, destitute of pastors and neglected in the visits of Christian missionaries, are seldom seen to prosper. With what deep solicitude do such little companies of our brethren wait for months to behold the face of a missionary, and to hear his voice, but when months and years pass on without bringing the enjoyment of this privilege—how do their hearts sink in discouragement ! Can you, dear brethren, forget those who are destitute of the privileges which you enjoy ? Can you neglect those so near you, who sit in the regions of darkness and the shadow of death ? Place yourselves in their stead—suppose yourselves to be famishing for the bread of life, far remote from the sound of the gospel ; that they alone possessed the means of grace you now enjoy ; would you not reproach them for neglecting you in your ignorance ? O remember their souls are invaluable, and they are daily passing into eternity far beyond the reach of your benevolence.

The state of this and the neighbouring provinces renders it highly expedient that your missionary funds should be so augmented as to enable you in addition to occasional visits which Pastors of Churches might make, to defray the expenses of one or more missionaries whose whole time should be devoted to preaching in those places which are destitute of this means of grace. This we think would be an effectual means of extending the cause of Christ,

But it is not only on the moral wilderness which these Provinces present, to which we would entreat you to look, but to extend your views throughout those nations where the name of Jesus Christ is not known. How great a portion of mankind is sunk in idolatry ! According to late computations there are 600 millions or three quarters of the human race who have not even heard of Jesus Christ. In the Burman empire alone, there are about ten millions of idolaters in a deplorable state of ignorance ; among whom no means have been used for their salvation but those employed by the Baptist denomination. The indefatigable missionary Mr. Judson, who labors incessantly in that Empire, says, " did the friends of Religion in America only see and know half what I do, they would give their property and their persons too." A spirit of inquiry is prevailing throughout that vast Empire, but alas ! the means of affording them information is small indeed, there being only two Missionaries qualified to teach the natives. Mr. Judson says, " if we had 20 preachers well versed in the language with means of establishing schools, and circulating tracts to any extent, how glad I should be !" and to supply the deficiency, Christians must cast money into the treasury of the Lord."

If we are acquainted with the wretched and degraded state of mankind, *humanity* alone demands our utmost efforts to deliver them from darkness and misery. But if these be the dictates of ordinary humanity towards objects of temporal distress, must not christian charity constrain us to pity the thousands, yea millions of Adam's race, who are perishing in sin ? And if we pity, are we not bound to believe. In vain do we testify our sympathy toward the heathen, and offer our prayers in vain, unless we impart of our property for their relief.

We rejoice, dear brethren, to find that a Missionary spirit is to some extent already lighted up in these Provinces—and our hearts have been gladdened by the information received in several quarters of contributions to this object by means of societies, formed principally among females—But much, very much yet remains to be done—and the extreme importance of this object will justify our dwelling on it at greater length.

In support of the Duty of contributing of our property to the maintenance and extension of true religion both at home and abroad we refer you to the highest authority ; and as all christians profess to reverence the Bible, and to owe obedience to the dictates of the Holy spirit there recorded ; let us appeal to the instructions of the scriptures on this subject.

The Israelites under the Levitical law were required to consecrate a tithe of all their increase to the maintenance of Levites : besides which they were required to make other sacrifices, of a costly nature, almost without number. God in infinite kindness to us hath brought us under a more excellent dispensation ;—that of love rather than law, and He now requires of all professors of Christianity to make volum-

any contributions for the support of religious establishments : and the man who under this glorious dispensation refuses to contribute of his substance to spread abroad the light of the gospel, is not worthy of the christian name ; nor does he deserve even the privileges of a Jew.

In the days of Malachi the Lord complains of his people, because they neglected to make sacrifices enjoined upon them by the law of Moses, and the anger of the Lord was kindled against them. He exhorts them to obedience, and promises a blessing, saying "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in my house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of Heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

In the *New Testament* our duty on this subject is plainly revealed. Our Saviour taught his disciples, and the multitudes who heard him, that they should "give alms of such things as they possessed." That they should "make to themselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness." That they should "love their neighbour as themselves : " and do to others as they would require from them in return.—The Epistles to the Churches abound with instructions on this important subject. St. Paul says, he which soweth sparingly, shall reap also sparingly ; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man also as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give, not grudgingly, or of necessity : for God loveth a cheerful giver : again he exhorts the Hebrews "to do good and communicate, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased."

The Lord has plainly expressed his disapprobation of those who refuse to practise this obvious duty. "There is that with holdeth more than is meet and it tendeth to poverty." And in this same sense may we apply the expression of the prophet. "Curse ye Meroz, saith the Lord, curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof, because they came not to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the Mighty."

When our Saviour ascended to Heaven he gave a broad commission to his disciples, saying "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Or in other words, "Go teach all nations." The conversion of the world will be accomplished only when christians feel the force of this injunction in its length and breadth. The injunction rests not on Ministers alone, but on all professing the christian name. You, brethren, as well as we, are required to take an interest in this important work and preach the gospel to every creature. If you are not called to forsake all for Christ, and publicly to preach the Gospel, you are imperiously called to contribute of your property to defray the expenses of those who desire to go forth into the field of labor, but whose pecuniary circumstances will not permit, as has been well said, if you go not yourselves then you are bound to send your substitute.—Blessed as you are with all the advantages of this land of

light and liberty now appropriate is the expression "Freely we have received freely give!"

To accomplish the object of raising funds with facility, we beg leave to propose a plan to our churches, and to each individual composing them, which if adopted and pursued will in our judgment prove effectual. We recommend the formation of Missionary Societies in every district of the Province for the purpose of obtaining subscriptions and donations. Let these Societies be conducted not by narrow minded selfish beings who feel no concern beyond the little spot on which their feet stand : but place in office warm hearted christians who feel an interest in the salvation of all mankind. Let every man in the whole community have a fair opportunity of casting into the treasury of the Lord, that they may secure the blessing of those who are ready to perish.

We recommend the females in each district to imitate the good example already set—to form separate associations, and to appoint their own officers, for the more effectual promotion of this humane object amongst themselves. And let every church member male and female feel responsible to God, at least for one penny per week, and as much more as they can reasonably spare. We are well persuaded that such a trifle in most cases might be obtained by retrenching superfluities ; or by increased and persevering industry : and ought we not willingly to endure privations even for the benefit of a dying world. Let us not say, we have nothing to spare, for the benefit of souls while for articles of luxury, we annually remit in specie from this Province thousands of pounds to those countries where the gospel is greatly needed without intending to impose a burden on any, we cannot but commend the self denial of some persons who have given up these and other needless superfluities, for the purpose of aiding the Foreign Mission.

Proper means ought likewise to be used to circulate information through the community on the subject of missions, to produce an interest in its favour. In addition to the means of information afforded by our Magazine we recommend as a useful expedient for obtaining further intelligence that little companies be formed of persons whose dwellings are near together for the purpose of procuring the Christian Watchman from the United States, a paper which affords the fullest information respecting Foreign Missions.

You will perceive by the Minutes of this Association that your ministers and messengers have projected a society to aid in accomplishing the blessed work to which we have now to invite your earnest attention in the constitution of which are embodied such provisions as it is thought will best meet the condition of the country—and agreeably to which you will perceive every contributor will be at liberty to specify the particular object domestic or foreign to which he desires his donation or subscriptions to be applied.

Dear Brethren, we desire in conclusion to leave to impress

on your minds a deep impression of the weight and importance of this christian duty. We think you cannot remain guiltless before God, if you neglect to contribute toward the spread of the Gospel. If you are bound to love your neighbour as yourself ;—if the pure and benevolent Religion taught you by the Saviour, requires you to consider the lost and wretched of Adam's race ; if there be thousands in Christian countries destitute of the means of grace, and millions lying in the darkness of pagan idolatry, exposed to perish forever in their sins, we know not how you can maintain a conscience void of offence, if you neglect this obvious duty which we have now endeavoured to urge. How painful would be your reflections on a dying pillow if you should live only to gratify pride, to increase your wealth, or to aggrandize your family. Would you with such reflections on your mind be prepared to hear the midnight cry—"Behold the bridegroom cometh, go ye out to meet him." "Whatsoever then thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might."

God hath conferred a special honor on mankind by allowing them to bear a part in the great work of reforming the world. They are permitted to become co-workers with him in his designs of mercy : and he hath promised to be with them always even to the end of the world : and that his word shall not return void but accomplish the work for which it is sent. Your benevolence may aid a Minister to go forth through our province to preach the Gospel amongst the ignorant, who may hear the word of life, and be saved from the wrath to come. Your benevolence may send across the mighty ocean, a Herald of peace, to publish salvation in foreign climes, who shall point idolaters to the Lamb of God, "that taketh away the sin of the world." Your benevolence may be the means of preserving alive and of training up for glory, some poor Burman children, who without your aid might be cast out to die. With such a prospect of usefulness, you will not fail to cast your mite into the treasury of the Lord.

Dear Brethren, would it not be a source of real happiness on a dying pillow to reflect on a life of usefulness ? Would it not brighten your entrance into the gloomy vale of death, to have a firm hope that you had been instrumental in leading benighted souls to the Saviour ? "Know you not brethren, that he who converteth a sinner from the error of his ways, will save a soul from death, and will hide a multitude of sins. Would not benevolence from proper motives increase your felicity in another world, while you behold around the throne of God those happy spirits who, by your liberality, shall have been directed to Christ Jesus ? Would not the blessing of those ready to perish come upon you ? Has not God said--"They who are wise shall shine as the sun in the firmament, and they who turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever ?" How would they hail you as the blessed of the Lord, by whose benevolent acts they were afforded religious instruction.

We have likewise especial encouragement in this work to increased and persevering exertions. We have seen similar labors largely attended by the blessing of God. The gospel has already been preached by missionaries in this province, and in heathen lands, and not without success ; it has already assailed the strongholds of Satan and gained its converts. Your missionaries forget not the interesting seasons they have had on beholding the prosperity of the cause in this province : and Mr. Judson writes from Burmah, " let others do as they will, we are determined to labor for the benefit of the heathen, and we bless God that our labor is not in vain. We have now 3 lovely churches containing 200 baptized members, besides those who are in glory." And, he writes, there is a spirit of inquiry through all that empire.

Finally, brethren, it is with cheerfulness that you are required to come forward and perform this duty, and make every reasonable sacrifice for the benefit of religion, for God loveth the cheerful giver ; when you reflect on the boundless compassion of your Redeemer, " who, though he was rich for your sakes became poor, that you through his poverty might become rich." While you think of his condescension—his numerous privations—his conflicts—his bloody sweat—his cross and bitter passion ; and that all this he voluntarily endured for a lost world, that he might save them who were dead in sin. While you remember these things surely you cannot but obey his commands. You cannot but feel it a privilege to imitate his example, and we commit therefore these remarks to our brethren, in the confidence that they will yield to the conviction of truth ; that they will with one heart and mind engage in this good work and come up to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty.

Corresponding Letter.

The Elders and Messengers of the Nova-Scotia Baptist Association, to Corresponding Associations, send Christian Salutation.

BELoved BRETHREN.—

The cheering intelligence of the Lord's continued kindness, manifested in the effusions of His Grace on many of your Churches, diffuses gladness through our hearts. We are assured that you will rejoice also to learn, that, though we are not in general so highly favoured as are our Brethren in most parts of the United States, yet God is graciously visiting a number of our Churches, and many willing converts are joyfully enlisting under the banner of our adorable Redeemer.

Much benefit has resulted during the past year, from the labours of our Missionaries in various parts of this Province and its dependencies. It affords us pleasure to inform you,

also, that an increased interest is excited in favour of the Burman Mission. A number of Female Mite Societies are now in active operation: and we are about adopting more systematic measures in order to afford our Brethren more extensive aid in this labor of love. A noble example has been set by a benevolent Lady of the Presbyterian denomination, in the region of Pictou, who has recently opened a subscription, and obtained upwards of one hundred dollars, (and hopes soon to increase the sum to one hundred and fifty) in aid of the Baptist Burman Mission.

The establishment of a Seminary in Horton promises beneficial effects. Several of our young Brethren are now receiving education; which we trust will tend, by the divine blessing, to increase their usefulness in the cause of God. Indeed the labours of the principal, and of the young Preachers studying at the Academy, have already been useful in promoting the work of the Lord in that region.

Your Messengers and Minutes have cheered our hearts.

WM. ELDER, Moderator,

WM. CHIPMAN, Clerk,

RICH. W. CUNNINGHAM, Asst. Clerk.

Interesting Facts and Observations

CONTAINED IN SOME OF THE LETTERS FROM THE CHURCHES.

LOWER GRANVILLE.—The state in which this church has so long been, without a Pastor, has proved greatly prejudicial to its increase and prosperity; their letter however seems to indicate the commencement of a better state of things: *Br Cogswell* has been for some time labouring among them, and the word of God is likely to be accompanied with its appropriate fruits.

UPPER GRANVILLE.—This church has been called to mourn the loss of their venerable and much esteemed Pastor *Br Thomas Ansley*, who was called to the Pastoral charge of the Church in 1810. His labours not only within his own charge, but in various other parts, where he has preached the gospel, have been greatly owned and blessed; and in their own words, he has been their Father in the Gospel, and a faithful minister of Jesus Christ. Brother *Nathaniel Viditoe* has been called to take the oversight of the flock of Christ thus deprived of their under shepherd and has been ordained over the church.—We rejoice to say that the Lord has largely blessed his labours. Many of various ages have been turned to the Lord, and submitted to his divine commands, and the

sacred rite of baptism has been sanctioned by his presence, and blessed to the conversion of souls. *Sixty one* members have received that ordinance, and been added to the Church.

FIRST CORNWALLIS.—The Brethren of this church express their gratitude that the Great Shepherd of his people still condescends to feed and cherish them ; and altho not a great many additions have been made to the church, their conference seasons are fraught with peculiar blessings.—They rejoice in the happy revival that has taken place in Horton, and Yarmouth, recommend the interests of the Infant Institution there to the prayers of their Brethren.

NEWPORT.—The letter from this church conveys the pleasing intelligence of the formation of a society to raise funds in aid of the Missionary cause : one half to be appropriated to the Domestic and the other to the Burman Mission. The cause of Temperance is gradually and firmly gaining ground in the community, and great benefits have already resulted from the society.—Habitual drunkards have been reclaimed and *moderate* drinkers brought to see the iniquity of their practice ; and have been led totally to abstain from the evil thing. They express a strong hope that the time is not far distant when all members of churches will see eye to eye on this important subject, and will banish the liquid poison from their families and dwellings.

FIRST CLEMENTS.—It is cause of great joy and thankfulness to God, that this Church, which has long been in a backward state is at length awakening—that backsliders are returning to God, and sinners bowing to the Redeemer.—Many whom they trust are of the election of Grace, have come forward in obedience to the Divine command, and been buried with their Lord in Baptism ; and the work of reformation is still in progress in almost every part of the Township.—Mutual love and union are renewed among the Brethren, and the prospects of the church are truly cheering. *Eighteen* have been baptized and other candidates are coming forward.

ONSLow.—This church continues to enjoy much union, and several have been added to it —The Gospel has many gain-sayers, and the brethren desire the prayers of the people of God, that they may be enabled by sound doctrine and holy lives to put to silence the opposition of foolish men.—They request the assistance of the ministering brethren on their missionary journeys thro the District.

NICTAUR.—The church in their letter mourn the loss of some of their members, who have been removed from the assemblies of the saints below, they firmly trust, to those above, and they have to sorrow over a few others, whose conduct has called for godly discipline.—Their prospects nevertheless are very encouraging—brotherly love prevails

among them ; their conference and prayer meetings are attended with a blessing ; the preaching of the Gospel produces a deep impression throughout the district, and there has been " an encouraging accession to their numbers."—They pay a just tribute to the memory of their departed Pastor the venerable Brother Chipman, and rejoice that his best hopes have been realized in the zeal and faithfulness of his successor. The cause of Temperance has been greatly blessed among them : the society now consists of nearly *Eight hundred* members. No less than *seventeen* retailing liquor shops, within the compass of their operations, have ceased to vend ardent spirits ; and whole communities are recovering from the moral desolation of former intemperance. A number of the sisters of the Church have united themselves into a society to raise funds for the Baptist Mission in Burmah, and the sum of £33 had been already subscribed to this noble object. This society will of course, now become auxiliary to our General Society. A religious Tract Society has also been formed among them, from which with the blessing of God, they anticipate much good. They suggest the propriety of bringing the cause of Temperance before the Legislature ; and praying for its interposition to assist in checking the destructive evil that is sapping the foundations of society.

LUNENBURG.—The Brethren here are expecting with some degree of lively hope and confidence, the Lord's blessing upon his heritage in this place:—Some additions have been made to them, and others are inclined to follow.—The Temperance Reform has been the cause of rejoicing among some of the families connected with the church ; and they state that the most of these grievances and disorders among their little flock in former days, have arisen from the direful effects of intemperance.—There are six temperance societies now in the county of Lunenburg, containing upwards of *Four hundred* members. They have formed a Religious Tract Society and their Sabbath School is extending its influence over the minds of the rising generation.

HORTON.—During the last winter, deep and solemn attention began to be given to the Gospel in consequence of a week day lecture commenced by *Br. Pryor*, which soon increased under the most interesting appearance's, and a number of souls, chiefly among the youth, have been brought to feel the importance of eternal things, and have obeyed the ordinance of the Saviour.—The Church state that they have great reason to bless the Lord for the establishment of the Institution in Horton.—The Brethren at the Academy have been greatly instrumental in promoting the former happy revival about three years since, as well as the present. They trust that these facts will commend the Institution, founded on the prayers of God's people, to the patronage and liberal support of the Brethren of the Churches, accompanied as the under-

taking has so evidently been with tokens of the Lord's favor.

The cause of Temperance still flourishes in this District, and the church had adopted the resolution of observing total abstinence from ardent spirits in every respect, except when prescribed as a medicine. A Foreign Missionary and Female Mite Society have been established among them, and the latter has collected fifty five dollars in aid of the Burman Mission.

RAWDON.—This little branch of Zion appears in a lively and healthy state--altho they have been compelled to exercise needful severity with some who neglected to walk according to the Gospel. Their trials have been many, and they have been called to oppose errors in doctrine, and evil in practice.--They desire to express much gratitude to the Lord for the faithful labours of Br. McLearn. Br. John Doyle has been ordained from this Church.

ANNAPOLIS.—This church rejoices that they have been permitted to share in the invaluable blessings foretold, and promised to the church of God in those latter days. After a long season of trial, the Lord has been pleased to revive his work, and to bless the faithful labors of his servant and the prayers of his people; the attention of many have been called up to the concerns of religion, and the power of converting grace has been witnessed among the people. *Thirty-eight* have received the rite of baptism and joined the church. The brethren have requested the Association to be held with this church the ensuing year.

WILMOT.—Their letter states that the interests of religion are on the advance, and some have been brought to rejoice in its glorious influences. The cause of Temperance is prevailing, and drunkards and tipplers have been rescued from the jaws of ruin, and the wife and mother made to sing for joy. The missionary flame has been kindled up in the church, and we most cordially join in their ardent prayer, that it may never be extinguished; their means and advantages are limited, but they have cheerfully contributed their mite for the Burman and Home Missions.

PARRSBOROUGH.—This little Church altho' still without a Pastor, is enabled to keep up regular meetings for prayer and exhortation, in the assured belief that the Lord will accompany with a blessing the meeting together of his people, however few—they much need the assistance of the Brethren on their Missionary tours.

HAMMOND PLAINS.—There has been a considerable increase of members in this church, and several have been dismissed to assist in forming the Church on Windsor Road.—They

desire the people of God to unite with them in praises for his mercies and to pray for the prosperity of Zion.

CHESTER.—The brethren in this portion of the Lord's Vineyard continue to enjoy union and steadfastness -- Br. Anthony Dimock has been dismissed to the church at Liverpool, and ordained as an Evangelist. -- Eleven of their members have also been dismissed to form a church at Sherbrooke. Temperance is gaining ground ; the Temperance Society consists of One Hundred and fifty members ; two have been excluded, one of whom has since been drowned.

ANTIGONISH.—The church here, which amid many trials and discouragements still holds its way united in Christian love, desires to bless God for his distinguishing mercy and grace displayed in their preservation and protection. They are grateful for the assistance of Missionaries, and state that in some parts of the District there is reason to hope that the Lord has much people.

AMHERST.—Peace and harmony prevails in this Church, and they are preserved from the contagion of errors which we fear are in some measure prevalent in this part of the Province--Favourable appearances of greater attention to their eternal welfare have of late been manifested, and the Brethren desire to thank God and take courage.

SISSIBOO.—This Church is destitute of a Pastor ;—They still desire to be remembered among those who are striving for the faith once delivered to the Saints, and greatly need the assistance of Missionary Brethren passing that way, as well as the fervent prayers of all God's people.

SECOND HALIFAX.—This Church is without a Pastor ;—They have requested one of their brethren, whom they thought duly qualified, to take on him that office, which however he has declined ; they desire the prayers of the brethren that the Lord may set in order the things that are wanting.

YARMOUTH.—Much satisfaction will be felt from knowing that this flourishing Church is still enjoying union and prosperity.--The rod of discipline and enforcing the laws of Christ have contributed to the spiritual health of the flock.--Their Sabbath and Sanctuary seasons have been attended with a blessing ; and in that part of the Township called Jebogue, many have been called out of darkness into light, and followed the Lord in Baptism. The Temperance Societies have effected a happy reform in this district within two years past.

WATERFORD.—This church is destitute, and subject to many trials ; but with the blessing of the Lord still holds its

ground, and maintains prayer and conference meetings when not favoured with preaching.

SECOND CORNWALLIS—The brethren of this Church are at present contracted in their means, being engaged in completing their place of worship; and lament that they cannot contribute so liberally as they otherwise would, to Missionary and other objects.—They have however in operation, Religious Tract, Temperance, and Mite Societies, and willingly give what they can.—They rejoice greatly in the success of the Burman Mission, and hail with joy the prospects of Burmah becoming a christian land.—They ask what has Nova-Scotia done? or what may she yet do, to hasten and promote so blessed a result?

FIRST HALIFAX—This Church appears to be walking harmoniously;—some have been baptised and others are candidates for the ordinance.—The church chiefly consists of members living at Preston, Hammond Plains, and other places in the vicinity of Halifax—they are among the poor of this world, and unable except with their prayers, to afford much aid to the great objects of christian benevolence.

AYLESFORD—This church is walking in the unity of the Spirit, agreeing in doctrine and fellowship.—A blessing attends their conference and Sabbath Meetings, and their Pastor continues to labor with acceptance among a people in whose conversion and establishment he has been chiefly instrumental—several of their members have been licensed to preach, and are labouring in this and the neighbouring Churches.—The cause of Temperance has been greatly blessed among this people, which they desire to thank God, he has made their delight.—Oh, that every Church and Community might thus feel and act!

BROOKFIELD—Altho' this church is increasing, and professes to have experienced frequent times of refreshment from the Lord's presence, yet being without a stated Pastor, they are deprived of the regular enjoyment of the privileges of the House of God, and express a desire that the Missionary Brethren may visit them, if possible, quarterly. Brethren Bill, Marsters and Anthony Dimock, and some of the Licentiates from the churches have visited, preached and administered the ordinances to them from time to time.

LIVERPOOL—This church which is situated amidst many opposers, appears to gain strength, and enjoy seasons of comfort in the path of duty—Br. Anthony Dimock, who has been ordained as an Evangelist, preaches for them from time to time. We trust that the hope expressed in their letter that the Gospel will be finally triumphant among them, will be realized; and that the little band of brethren here, will rise above all their trials.

NEW ALBANY.—There have been trials and difficulties in this church, which however have happily subsided, and harmony is again restored.—Frequent meetings for prayer are kept up, and Br. Bill continues to labor among them at stated seasons. The Temperance cause is rapidly gaining ground.

TRYON.—A considerable increase has taken place in this church since their last communication.—Peace and concord reign among the brethren ; and they earnestly request that some ministering brother may take the pastoral care of them ; —Missionary labours have been much blessed to them.

SECOND CLEMENTS.—They regret that their correspondence with the Association has been so long neglected, and have hopes that better days await them, and that the Lord's work will again prosper in the church.—They are without a Pastor, but feel willing to the utmost to endeavour to support one, and pray that one may be granted them who may do them good.

It would be well for our churches to be punctual in sending their annual letter to the Association, however unable they may be to contribute to Missionary or other purposes ; their Sister Churches in the Associated body, will ever feel a lively sympathy in their interests, be they prosperous or adverse ; and if the latter, perhaps may be able to counsel or assist them.

LITTLE FORKS.—Tokens of the rich grace of God have lately been manifested towards this Church, which has been very destitute of the preaching of the word, but has of late enjoyed a share of the labors of Br. Tupper.—Religious meetings became better attended, and a deep feeling seemed to affect the minds of many,—Several have obtained hope and been added to the church, and more are expected to come forward.

RAGGED ISLAND.—We rejoice to observe signs of revival, and the removal of difficulties in this branch of our Zion—Many of the brethren who have for some time past been in a scatter and disjointed state, have lately rallied round the standard of Gospel order, and altho' some still keep aloof, yet there is every reason, to trust that better days are in store for the church.—Several candidates for baptism whenever a minister should appear to administer the ordinance.

FALMOUTH.—A blessed revival of religion has lately commenced in this Congregation, and many immortal souls have been brought to rejoice in the God of their Salvation.—Many have followed the Saviour in the ordinance of baptism and more will soon follow.—The subject of foreign Missions has for some time past seriously engaged the attention of many ; the cry of the distressed Burmans has reached their ears, and affected their hearts ; and they can no longer withhold

their support from the blessed cause of Missions. They ask, will the enemies of religion send the Gospel to the destitute? Will the unconverted feel for the souls of the Heathen? Or will the worldling part with his silver and his gold to bear the glad tidings of salvation to the ends of the Earth? Are not Christians the salt of the Earth, and is it not by their means that the world is to be preserved from destruction and converted to God.

GUYSBOROUGH.—The Brethren rejoice in the unbroken harmony and brotherly love which have uniformly prevailed among the members of the Church since its formation. Public worship is regularly maintained on the Lord's day and they have weekly and monthly meetings for prayer and conference.—Notwithstanding much persecution, the good cause is gaining ground, and many souls have been converted to God; not a few of whom refer their first awakening to the labors of our Missionaries.—Brother John Whidden's preaching, and exertions have been much blessed among them, They have commenced a Meeting House, but have met with great difficulties in its completion.—We are happy however to state that the appeal to their brethren at the Association has been liberally answered; and that sufficient funds were contributed to enable them to proceed with the Building.

GRANVILLE STREET.—Concord and harmony have existed among them since their union as a church; and they trust there is an increasing desire for the out pouring of God's Spirit on themselves and the congregation. They express their gratitude to their heavenly shepherd that while waiting for their Pastor, he never suffered his little flock to want; and they feel deeply grateful to the Ministering Brethren thro' whose labours their wants were supplied. They commend the Burman Mission to the prayers of the Brethren.

TRACADIE.—This church was constituted by Br. David Nutter in 1822. and then consisted of Eight members since which they have increased to Twenty seven.—Conscious of the numerous benefits resulting from a union with sister churches of like faith and order, the object of their letter is to apply to join the Association.—A vote in favor of this was unanimously given. They greatly need Missionary assistance.

WINDSOR ROAD.—The labours of Br. John Doyle during the past year have been productive of blessed results—many became subjects of Divine Grace and were baptized, and several members of the Hammond Plains' church residing here, uniting with them, were formed into a separate church in February last—others have since followed in the primary ordinance of the Gospel of Christ, and have been added to the Church, and the harvest of souls seems yet to be going on.—The cause of Temperance, greatly needed in this place, is

acquiring members and strength.—A Female mite Society has been formed, and £16 contributed to the Burman Mission. —Two meeting Houses are in the course of completion for the use of the church—well may we say, what hath God wrought !—The Church was joyfully received as a member of the association.

SHERBROOKE.—The Church here was constituted in November last by *Brethren* Jos. Dimock and Maynard Parker, and consists of eleven members—They request to join the Association, which has been acceded to. The Members are generally poor in circumstances, much scattered, and in need of missionary labours. Br. Jos. Dimock has often visited and preached to them.

Remarks, &c.

The Almighty Dispenser of the gifts of Providence and of Grace, has, in the exercise of his wisdom and mercy granted our churches again to meet in Association ; and to revive each other with a mutual relation of the various occurrences of the past year. The Ministers and Messengers of the Churches assembled at the Canar Meeting House, with the first Cornwallis Church, under the pastoral care of Br. Edward Manning.—There being a numerous body of people present, Br. Wm. Elder preached on Saturday the 23d of June. —The services on the Sabbath were conducted, in the morning by our aged and esteemed Brother Isaac Case, the Messenger from several associations in the United States ; and in the afternoon by Br. Edmund Crawley. There being a much more numerous attendance than the House could accommodate, preaching and exhortation also took place in the adjoining orchard. Evening services were held in several places in the township, and the word of God was heard with solemn attention by crowded congregations.

The Association opened on Monday morning with the usual services, and proceeded to hear the intelligence contained in the letters from the Churches—We rejoice to say that a very great portion of such intelligence was of the most satisfactory and cheering nature, and such as demands the grateful thanks of his people, to the great shepherd of Israel. The past year, altho' it has not been distinguished by any very general and extensive effusion of the Holy Spirit, has yet been one of great prosperity in several of our Churches ; and the accession of members has been nearly *treble* that of the preceding year. The churches of Annapolis, Upper Gran-

ville, Horton, First Clements, Falmouth and others, have been peculiarly blessed in the saving efficacy with which the preaching of the word of God has been accompanied to the souls of many.—The hearts of those who watch for souls have been gladdened in witnessing the quickening and healing operation of the spirit of truth, in some places where a state of almost lifeless inaction has prevailed for years, and there is every reason to hope that this is but the dawning of a more perfect day.

The most important subject that engaged the Brethren during the present session was, doubtless, the formation of the Nova-Scotia Baptist Association into a general Society for Home and Foreign Missions :—This measure seemed naturally to result from the numerous recent instances of deep interest and feeling evinced by many of our churches as well as private individuals in the success of the Burman Mission, so signally blessed under the labours of Mr. Judson and his brother Missionaries in that land of outer darkness. We cannot but hail this circumstance as the most important era that has ever occurred in our denomination here ; as one which strongly indicates the good will of the Father of mercies towards us, and loudly calls upon our churches and people to awake from indifference to the cause of God and of souls, and to be each one at the post of duty. It is as it were a call from Heaven for one and all to unite their labours, and devote their means, especially their superfluous means, in strenuous and persevering exertions for the renovation and salvation of a lost world ; and to besiege the throne of Grace with earnest and effectual supplications for the diffusion of the word of life at home and abroad.

We are surely called upon to contribute much more liberally than we have ever yet done, according as God has prospered us, to the enlargement of Christ's Kingdom among ourselves ; encouraged by the blessings that have already followed and are still following our Domestic Missionary labours, and not limiting our desires or exertions to ourselves alone, but encircling the Globe as it were in the arms of our Christian benevolence ; and including the whole human race within the sphere of our prayers and our labours. The excellent spirit which has begun to be manifested by some of our Churches, in favour of the Burman Mission should provoke us all to love and good works in this respect ; and the exertions of pious individuals, especially of females, not only in our own, but in other denominations, to promote this blessed cause, merits our warmest praise and gratitude.—We trust that the observations contained in our circular letter of the present year will be duly felt and appreciated, and that every future association will witness a more ardent zeal among our Churches to bear their part in promoting the prosperity and extension of the Kingdom of Christ. The Baptist denomination at the present moment must include a population exceeding Twenty five

thousand souls, daily and hourly increasing in means and intelligence : ought we not under such circumstances to be well able to maintain one or more Missionaries solely devoted to ministerial labours in distant and destitute places, throughout this Province, Cape Breton, and Prince Edward Island ; and this, without in the smallest degree dispensing with whatever Missionary services could be afforded by the Pastors of Churches.

It was highly gratifying to observe that the interests of the Education Society, and of the Seminary at Horton, appeared to be growing in the general estimation of the churches and the Brethren ; and that its undoubted importance to the welfare of the Denomination, the public and the cause of Christ, is beginning to be deeply felt. The fact is now too well established to need argument or proof, that one great and efficient means of raising the cause of Gospel truth above the obloquy and contempt that the proud and ungodly are ever ready to heap upon it, is to prepare competent champions for its defence whenever attacked, as well as by giving it a "sweet savour" among the people of God of every name, by fitting and sending forth the Heralds of salvation to the remote corners of the earth, to publish the glad tidings of a Saviour's love, his death and resurrection to save lost sinners. — May we not encourage the hope, that our infant institution may ere long send forth many who in all these respects, will prove a blessing to our land and an honour to the denomination. The peculiar favour of Heaven has appeared of late to rest upon it ; and we doubt not that its interests will maintain a place in the prayers of the people of God, who are earnestly waiting for the increase of Zion ; for the time when the most distant lands "*shall give glory unto the Lord, and declare his praise in the Islands.*" — It is to be hoped, that the recommendation of the Association to the friends of the Institution at Horton, to assist in exonerating the committee of the Education Society from the heavy burden they have incurred in the Building and support of the Seminary, will be met with a spirit of liberality ; and that ample funds will be realized to carry on so important an undertaking with efficiency and perseverance.

In recommending a day to be set apart as a day of fasting and humiliation before God in view of the awful scourge which has visited and desolated so many nations of the earth ; and is now carrying terror and death into the habitations of the cities and countries almost in our immediate neighbourhood, the Association merely expressed a feeling which they trusted would be in unison with that of every church in the connection ; without any assumption of a right to dictate, which they ever sincerely wish to disclaim. We believe that the day has very generally been observed by our churches in a spirit of solemnity and prayer. We admit of no human right, except that vested in each church as constituted after the Gospel pattern, to prescribe rites or observances in this or any other

respect. It has pleased the Sovereign dispenser of life and death as yet to avert the plague from our coasts ; but it is greatly needful that this signal judgment with which a righteous God is visiting the sins of a wicked and perverse generation, should lead every soul to humble and searching self-examination. It is a judgment which wherever it has prevailed has, with wonderful and unerring precision marked out for its prey, the drunkard and the profligate ; with such a fact before us, alas ! what possible reason has our polluted land to hope that we shall be exempted from its fearful ravages, nay, rather, looking at the yearly sums that are expended in the purchase of the poison that is prostrating the strength and debasing the morals of our population, what reason have we to fear, lest the wrath should come upon us to the uttermost, and we should be swept away as with the besom of destruction. How could the voice of God be more clearly expressed than in this visitation, in favour of Temperance Societies ? How could his anger be more awfully denounced against their opposers ? We trust that that voice may be equally heard and obeyed by its friends and its foes ; inciting the one to increased zeal in expelling the unhallowed pest of intemperance from our land, and warning the other of the dreadful judgment which God has pronounced and is ready to inflict on them even in this world.

Entire union prevailed among the Brethren during the meeting, and afforded a most satisfactory pledge of the success of their united exertion in the holy cause of truth :—It is ever delightful to observe, and is indeed one of the purest evidences of genuine christian character, when brethren come together on such occasions, some of them at times influenced perhaps by hard feelings, which the collisions of life will sometimes unavoidably generate, to see them meet in a spirit of conciliation and forgiveness ;—willing to *hope all things and believe all things*, and ready to sacrifice all minor feelings and interests to the all important objects of brotherly union, and the success of the cause of Christ.

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Dr. The Baptist Association in account with

			£	s	d
1831					
Sept.	To cash paid Elder Robert Dickie, 10 weeks Missionary tour, Cape Breton, &c.....£15 0 0				
	His expenses.....1 3 4				
		16 3 4			
	Received in aid thereof.....7 16 4	Bal.	8	7	0
1832	To Elder E. Marsters 5 weeks tour, Liverpool and westward				
Jan'y.	Expenses.....0 5 9				
		7 15 9			
	Received in aid.....6 15 6	Bal.	1	0	3
	To Elder G Richardson, 7 wks. 10 10 0				
	Received in aid.....6 1 9	Bal.	4	8	3
	To Elder Maynard Parker, 5 weeks tour, New Germany, Sherbrooke and other places				
	Received in aid.....2 5 0	Bal.	5	5	0
	To Elder Joseph Dimock, 3 weeks to Sherbrooke and other places in those parts.. 4 10 0				
	Received in aid.....0 10 0	Bal.	4	0	0
	Late Elder Ansley, tour to the Dalhousie settlement, 3 weeks.....				
	To Elder Munro, 4 weeks tour.....				
	To Elder Manning, one week, tour through the Five Islands to Parrsborough.....				
March	Paid J. W. Nutting, balance due him for the printing Minutes, 1831.....				
	Paid Elder David Harris as Messenger to the New Brunswick Association.....				
June 27	Paid J. W. Nutting, towards printing the Minutes this year.....				
	To balance in hands of Treasurer.....				
			136	9	0
			£191	12	9

William Allen Chipman, Treasurer.**Cr.**

		£		
1831				
July 16	By balance in my hands as per acct. rendered.	78	13	3½
	By cash from William Cogswell, former Treasurer, besides 18s. 9d. old coppers he had on hand.....	2	1	3
Sept.	By cash collected at the yearly meeting, Nictaur.....	10	6	2
1832				
June 24 & 25	By cash collected by contribution, at the As- sociation in Cornwallis, in aid of missions and a light gold finger ring, and small pair ear rings.....	10	14	9½
	First Cornwallis church for Minutes £0 15 10			
	Missionary 2 14 0			
	Collected at monthly meeting.. 0 11 10			
	Mite Society—Mrs. Ann Lovett 0 12 6			
	Mrs. Sarah Reed..... 2 10 4			
	“ Eliza Masters..... 1 1 9			
	“ Jerusha Woodworth..... 0 11 9			
	“ Sarah Hamilton..... 1 8 4			
	“ Mary A. Chipman..... 0 17 0	11	3	4
	Liverpool Church.....	0	10	0
	Horton do.....	5	0	0
	Aylesford do.....	3	2	4
	First Clements do.....	1	15	11½
	2nd do. do.....	1	0	3
	Yarmouth do. Missionary..... £2 0 0			
	Minutes..... 1 17 9	3	17	9
	2nd Halifax do.....	5	0	0
	Wilmot and Upper } Missionary. 2 10 0			
	Granville Church } Minutes... 1 6 0	3	15	0
	Annapolis do. Minutes and Missionary.	3	18	3
	Lower Granville do.....	0	11	7
	Parrsborough do.....	0	6	5
	Brookfield do. Missionary.. 1 6 0			
	Minutes..... 0 15 0	2	0	0
	Amherst do. Minutes..... 0 10 0			
	Missionary society 1 10 0	2	0	0
	Waterford ch.....	0	5	0
	Sherbrooke do.....	0	6	0
	Newport do. Missionary.. 1 18 9			
	Minutes..... 0 18 7½	2	17	4½
	Hammond Plains do. Missionary... 1 10 0			
	Minutes..... 0 11 0	2	1	0
	New Albany do. Missionary.. 0 16 6			
	Minutes..... 0 18 3	1	14	9
	Falmouth do. Missionary and Minutes.	1	14	5
	Rawdon do. for Minutes.....	0	4	1½
	Guysborough do.....	0	5	0
	Antigonish do. Missionary and Minutes.	2	10	0
	Onslow do. Minutes.....	0	15	1½
	Nictaur do. Missionary.. 4 16 8			
	Minutes... 1 19 2	6	15	10
	Chester do. do..... 1 6 3			
	Missionary.. 2 0 11	3	7	2
		£168 12 2		

Account continued.

C.R.,

1832		£	S.	D.
	Brought over.....	168	12	2
	Lunenburg church, for Minutes... 0 17 10½			
	Missionary 1 10 0 }	2	7	10½
	Wilmot and Granville Mountain church.....	2	0	0
	Little Forks church, Missionary and Minutes..	0	13	0
	Tracadie.....	0	6	0
	Granville-street church, Halifax.....	10	0	0
	2d Cornwallis church Missionary. 1 2 6			
	Mite Society 1 14 1 }			
	Minutes... 1 3 4½ }	3	19	11½
	From Lieut. Molesworth, R. A. by E. A. }			
	Crawley.....	3	0	0
	— Elder Charles Tupper, balance due for }			
	Magazine (money formerly lent).....	0	13	11
		£191	12	9
	Errors excepted			

WILLIAM ALLEN CHIPMAN, *Treasurer.*

The Baptist Association in Account with Wm. Cogswell, former
DR. Treasurer. CR.

1831		1830	
July. To cash paid W	} £ 2 1 3	June. By balance then }	} £20 8 2
A. Chipman,		in hand.....	
Esq. Treasurer			
To balance now	18 6 11		
in hand.....	£20 8 2		

A Friend, from Cape Breton, 10s. for the Widows' Fund.

MONIES RECEIVED FOR THE BURMAN MISSION.

	£	S.	D.
Rawdon Female Mite Society, by Mrs. Gauld, Secretary..	11	14	6½
Wilmot Mountain Church	2	0	0
Private collections from members of the Nictaur church, }			
by Mrs. Ruth Phinney.....	5	0	0
Nictaur and Wilmot Female Mite Society	12	10	0
Miss Mary Manning.....	0	5	0
Miss Dorcas Hall	0	5	0
to Female Mite Society, by Miss Blanchard, secretary.	4	0	0
Port Missionary Society, by Chas. Dimock, treasurer	1	18	9
	£37	13	3½

MEMORANDUM OF MONIES SUBSCRIBED TO AID THE GUYSBOROUGH
MEETING-HOUSE.

	£	S.	D.
Paid A Friend.....	1	0	0
" W. A. Chipman Esq.....	1	0	0
" J. W. Nutting Esq.....	1	0	0
" Mr John Ferguson.....	1	0	0
Rev. E. Manning pledges his Church for.....	1	0	0
Paid the Rev. W. Chipman for his Church.....	1	0	0
" Rev. W. Elder for his Church.....	1	0	0
" Rev. G. Dimock for his Church.....	1	0	0
" Rev. John Pryor.....	1	0	0
" Mr Marshall for Mr Viditoe's Church.....	1	0	0
" J. W. Johnston Esq.....	2	0	0
" Mrs Fellows.....	0	5	0
Rev. Mr Cunningham pledges his Church for.....	1	10	0
Paid A Friend.....	0	10	0
Rev Mr Bill pledges his Church for.....	1	10	0
Paid Mr. Peter Collicut.....	1	0	0
" Deac. Z. Chipman for the Yarmouth Church.....	1	0	0
Deac. Parker pledges the Rawdon Church.....	1	0	0
Paid Rev. Richard McLearn.....	1	0	0
" Charles H. Dimock in account with Mr Russell.....	0	10	0
" The Church at Lunenburg through Mr. Paulus Longile.....	3	10	8
Total.....	£28	15	8
Paid.....	18	15	8
Balance due.....	£ 5	0	0

☞ Notice was publicly given, while the association was in full session that Winchell's arrangements of Watt's Psalms and Hymns with a supplement is for sale at a low rate by Mr. John Naylor, Druggist, Granville Street, Halifax, agent for the Publishers Messrs. Lincoln & Edmands, Boston.

Several ministering brethren present strongly recommended this excellent and useful edition of Watts' to the attention of the Association and the Public, and as the appointment of an agent in Halifax, will remove many impediments which have heretofore existed to its free circulation it is supposed the churches generally through the country will now be speedily supplied.

☞ Mr. John Naylor, has kindly offered to become agent for the Christian Watchman, and any persons desirous of taking that Newspaper may receive the same by forwarding to him one year's subscription in advance,

ERRATA.

- • In page 5, for "R. R. Cunningham," read "R. W. Cunningham."
- " " " before the name " John Craig" insert an asterisk.
- " " 6 before the name " Sam. Bancroft," insert an asterisk.
- " " 9 line 38 for " an account" read " on account,"
- " " 12 line 31 for " members" read " Ministers.
- " " 16 line 29, at the end, insert a semi-colon.
- " " " line 46 after " attention" insert a comma.
- " " " last line, strike out the words " to impress."
- " " 18 line 19 after " rich" insert a comma.
- " " " line 21 for condecension " read" condescension.
- " " 20 line 10 insert the word " and" before " Yarmouth."
- " " " line 20, strike out the semi-colon and the subsequent word " and,"
- " " 22 line 20 for " those" read " these."
- " " 25 line 36 for " scatter" read " scattered."
- " " 27 line 37 for " greatful" read grateful.
- " " 30 line 24 strike out the words " to observe."

