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OFFICIAL MINUTES.

NEW GERMANY, Saturday, June 12th, 1869.

In the absence of the Moderator of last year, the Association was called to order by Rev. Wm. E. Hall. Prayer by Rev. E. M. Saunders.

The Letters were handed in, from which was obtained the following

LIST OF DELEGATES FROM THE CHURCHES:

Aylesford.—Deacons George West and John Graves, Bro. Whitman Morton.
Bridgewater.—Rev. S. March, Deacons James Grinton, W. J. Gates, Brethren B. W. C. Manning, Isaac Durland.
Chester.—Rev. I. J. Skinner, Deacons D. Hume, J. Thomas, Bro. James Hume.
Cornwallis 1st.—Rev. S. B. Kempton, Brethren Daniel Cogswell, Rufus Sanford, (Lic.), Stephen Eaton.
Cornwallis 2nd.—Rev. E. O. Read, Brethren Edward Parker and C. Skinner.
Cornwallis 3rd.—Rev. James Parker and Brother Wm. Forsyth.
Cornwallis 4th.—Rev. D. Freeman, Brethren A. Knowlton, Walter Witt.
Chelsea.—Rev. S. March, Brethren Wm. Falkner, Joseph Wharton, Jas. Wharton, Walter Witt.
Dartmouth.—Brother B. V. Pitts.
Falmouth.—Rev. J. E. Balcom, Deacon Charles Bacon.
Halifax 1st.—Rev. E. M. Saunders, Deacon S. Selden.
Halifax 2nd.—Rev. J. E. Goucher.
Hantsport.—Rev. J. E. Balcom.
Horton 1st.—Revs. Dr. Cramp, T. A. Higgins, John Chase, Prof. Jones, Prof. Higgins.
Horton 3rd.—Rev. Wm. George.
Indian Harbor.—Rev. T. C. Delong.
Lahave.—E. D. Rodenizer.
Lunenburg.—Deacon Gideon Langille, Brother J. Eisenhour.
New Cornwall.—Rev. A. Shields, Deacons Caleb Spidle, Samuel Halamore.
New Germany.—Rev. W. E. Hall, Deacon Rhodes, Bro. Lindley Durland.
New Ross.—Brother Jos. Lantz.
Rawdon.—Deacon John McLearn.
St. Margaret's Bay.—Rev. T. C. Delong.
Windsor.—Rev. D. M. Welton, Brother George DeWolf.

The following Committees were appointed:

To EXAMINE LETTERS.—Revs. Jas. Parker, John Chase and T. C. Delong.

To READ LETTERS.—Revs. E. O. Read, Jas. E. Balcom, S. B. Kempton.

NOMINATION AND ARRANGEMENTS.—Revs. Wm. E. Hall, I. J. Skinner, P. F. Murray, J. H. Hughes, Prof. R. V. Jones and Brother David Lantz.

Delegates from the N. S. Western Association.—Revs. A. Cogswell, P. F. Murray, J. H. Hughes, W. G. Parker, P. R. Foster.

Invited to sit in Council.—Rev. W. Hall, Brethren Joseph Freeman, James Shields, A. Cohoon, (Lic.) Brethren Dr. Randall, R. West, Joseph Rawling, S. Delong, Deacon David Lantz.

On motion adjourned to meet at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 2 P. M.

Prayer by Rev. J. Parker.

Afternoon Session, June 12th.

Prayer by the Rev. J. E. Balcom.

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

The remaining letters from the Churches were then read.

Resolved, That the nomination of the preacher and the writer of the Circular Letter for next year be referred to the Committee on Questions in Letters.

Rev. J. E. Balcom reported from the Church at Waterville.

Committee of Nomination and Arrangement reported partially.

A letter from the Church (recently organized) at Musquodibit was read asking admittance into this Association.

On motion by Rev. Dr. Cramp, it was voted unanimously that the Church become a member of this Body, no delegate being present, the right hand of fellowship was deferred.

Resolved; That the Delegates to the Convention be Deacons John Graves, D. R. Eaton, A. F. Shaw, Brethren Edward Parker, Wm. Forsyth.

Treasurer of Infirm Minister's fund reported, Brother S. Selden spoke in favour of enlarging the fund and rendering it more efficient and permanent.

On motion the report was received and adopted.

It was voted That the Board of the Infirm Ministers' Fund be Revs. S. B. Kempton, D. Freeman, J. Parker, E. O. Read and Brethren James Bligh, Mahew Beckwith, and that D. R. Eaton be the Treasurer.

On motion by Bro. S. Selden.

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to consider what means may be devised to enlarge the Infirm Ministers' Fund and render it a more permanent reliance.

Revs. Dr. Cramp, J. H. Hughes, and Brother S. Selden were appointed that Committee.

On motion, **Resolved,** That the Treasurer of the Association be directed to pay all monies over to the parties authorised to receive them.

Resolved, That Rev. T. A. Higgins be appointed to receive the money for Acadia College, and to pay the same to Dr. Baras, Treasurer of the College.

The Committee on Nomination and Arrangement reported finally as follows:—

Preaching at the Baptist Meeting House on Lord's Day

by Rev. J. M. Cramp, D. D., at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ A. M., Rev. Wm. George at 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ P. M. Rev. J. H. Hughes at 7 $\frac{1}{2}$.

At the Methodist House, Rev. E. M. Saunders at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ A. M., Rev. D. M. Welton at 5 P. M.

At the River, Rev. S. B. Kempton at 3 P. M.

At Northfield Rev. W. Hall at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ A. M., and Rev. J. E. Balcom at 3 P. M. At the Branch, Rev. D. Freeman at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ A. M., and 3 P. M.

At Section 36, Rev. James Parker at 4 P. M.

At Foster Settlement, Rev. P. F. Murray at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ A. M., and 2 P. M.

At New Cornwall, Rev. J. Chase at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ A. M., R. Sanford at 3 P. M.

To EXAMINE CIRCULAR LETTER.—Revs. I. J. Skinner, W. E. Hall, J. Chase.

ON BENEVOLENT FUNDS.—Revs. J. E. Goucher, P. F. Murray, Brethren B. W. C. Manning, David Hume, W. Morton, Stephen Eaton, Chas. Bacon.

ON EDUCATION.—Revs. J. M. Cramp, D. D., David Freeman, T. A. Higgins, E. O. Read, Jas. Parker, Prof. R. V. Jones, Brethren Joseph Thomas, Edw. Parker, S. Selden, Knowlton.

ON MISSIONS.—Revs. J. E. Balcom, E. M. Saunders, W. George, S. B. Kempton, A. Cogswell, T. C. Delong, S. March, Brethren Jas. Hume, Wm. Forsyth, B. Rhodes, Geo. West, R. Sanford, (Lic.)

QUESTIONS IN LETTERS.—Revs. D. M. Welton, S. Selden, J. M. Cramp, D. D., Isaac Durland.

ON CHRISTIAN MESSENGER.—Rev. J. H. Hughes, Prof. D. F. Higgins, W. J. Gates, Gideon Langille, Chas. Skinner, Daniel Cogswell, Samuel Hallamore, Wm. Falkner.

Prayer Meeting at 8 o'clock, A. M., during the session, except on Monday morning, when we recommend that it be at 6 o'clock, A. M.

The Association met at 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock, A. M., and adjourned at 6 o'clock, P. M.

All Committees to meet at 8 o'clock, A. M., on Monday. On motion, adjourned to meet on Monday morning.

Prayer by Rev. S. T. Delong.

Monday, Morning Session, June 14th.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. S. B. Kempton, from 1 Cor. xvi. 13. "Quit you like men." Minutes of previous session read, corrected and approved. Letters to the Association read.

Committee to examine Circular Letter reported, recommending that the Letter be read. Report adopted.

The draft of Letter was read by Rev. E. O. Read.

It was **resolved,** That the Letter now read be adopted as the Circular Letter of this body, and printed in the Minutes, and that the editor of the *Christian Messenger* be requested to publish it also in that paper.

On motion by Bro. S. Selden, it was **resolved** that

Whereas, difficulty has been experienced in many places in the preparation of suitable and proper Deeds of Church property, and

Whereas, loss to the Baptist denomination has been occasioned by imperfect records and indefiniteness in their provisions:

Therefore Resolved, 1. That it is desirable to have a form of Deed prepared and printed, which may render assistance to brethren wishing to secure property for places of worship or for ministers' residences, and so prevent such property being diverted from its original intention and applied to other purposes.

2. That the following brethren be a Committee to prepare such form of Deed, and present it at the next session of this Association: Brethren Rev. E. M. Saunders, Rev. J. E. Goucher, Hon. J. McCully, and B. H. Eaton.

Committee on Questions in Letters reported. Report adopted.

Resolved, That the Clerk be requested to obtain for the use of this body, the Minutes of the Central Association from the date of its formation, and to get the first 10 years' bound in one volume for preservation or reference, to be held by the Clerk for the time being.

On motion, adjourned.

Prayer by Rev. A. Cogswell.

Afternoon Session, June 14th.

Prayer by Rev. P. F. Murray.

Minutes of last session read and confirmed.

Committee on Missions reported.

Voted, That Rev. E. M. Saunders, J. E. Goucher, and S. Selden, be requested to prepare an abstract of the Letters from the churches for publication in the *Christian Messenger*.

Resolved, That the Rev. S. B. Kempton be requested to furnish for publication, a copy of the able and instructive Sermon delivered this morning, and that the editor of the *Christian Messenger* be requested to publish it in the columns of that paper.

Association suspended its business to give place to the annual meeting of the Home Missionary Society.

The Association resumed its session.

The Report on Missions was taken up. Interesting remarks were made by Bro. S. Selden, (Home), Revs. A. Cogswell, (French), Wm. George, (Foreign), J. Parker, J. M. Cramp, D. D., D. Freeman.

The Report was adopted.

Committee on Infirm Minister's Fund reported. Remarks were made by Revs. T. A. Higgins, J. Parker, E. M. Saunders, A. Cogswell, Prof. D. F. Higgins, and Bro. J. W. Gates.

Report adopted.

In accordance with the Report, Revs. Dr. Cramp, T. A. Higgins, D. Freeman, and Brethren S. Selden, and Prof. R. V. Jones, were appointed a Committee. Committee to report next year.

Committee on "Christian Messenger" reported. After an interesting discussion, highly commendatory of the *Christian Messenger*, the Report was adopted. On motion adjourned. Prayer by Rev. Wm. Hall.

Tuesday Morning Session, June 15th.

Prayer by Rev. J. Chase.
Minutes read and approved.

Resolved, That the ministers, members of this Association, who may be present at the Eastern, and Western, and Prince Edward Island Associations, together with Bro. S. Selden, be our delegates to these bodies.

Committee on Benevolent Funds reported. The Report was sustained by remarks from Brethren S. Selden, Edward Parker, Revs. R. Walker, Dr. Cramp, J. Parker, D. M. Welton, and J. Chase.

The Report was adopted.

The Committee on Education adopted. Addresses were made by Revs. E. M. Saunders, D. Freeman, Wm. George, J. E. Balcom, J. Parker, Prof. D. F. Higgins, Rev. Dr. Cramp.

Report adopted.

The following resolution was moved by Prof. D. F. Higgins, and preceded by a warm-hearted speech, was seconded by Rev. Jas. Parker.

Resolved, That this Association be unwilling to allow Dr. Cramp to retire from the position of President of Acadia College, without expressing its high appreciation of the zeal and ability with which he has discharged the duties of that important office, and also of the pecuniary sacrifices he has voluntarily made in sustaining the educational interests of the denomination.

The researches Dr. Cramp has made into our early history in these provinces, the fraternal intercourse he has kept up with our churches, his jealous care in defending our principles, and the christian sympathy he has ever manifested toward our ministers, have contributed to give him a warm place in the hearts of our people, and to excite the hope that he may long be spared to mingle his sympathies with ours and exert his influence on our behalf.

The resolution was sustained by earnest and affectionate addresses from Revs. D. Freeman, Wm. Hall, E. M. Saunders, Prof. R. V. Jones and I. J. Skinner. The resolution passed unanimously by the delegates rising.

The following resolution was moved by Dr. Cramp, and seconded by Rev. J. Parker, and passed unanimously.

Whereas, a Resolution has been introduced in the House of Assembly of this Province, to the effect that "No grant from the Provincial Treasury shall be given in aid of any Department of Education except Common Schools, and that the monies arising from such saving shall be added to the Common School Fund:"

Therefore resolved, That the passage of the said Resolution would be regarded by this Association as a retrograde movement, unworthy of the intelligence and enlightened zeal of the people of Nova Scotia; and that in the judgment of this body the School Law should not be limited in its operation, but rather enlarged and extended, by affording increased facilities for the cultivation of the higher branches of learning.

It was also **Resolved,** That copies of the said resolution be forwarded to the Provincial Secretary and D. C. Landers, Esq., M. P. P.

Resolved, That the Professors of Acadia College be appointed Delegates to the other Associations.

Voted, That the thanks of this Association be presented to the Brethren and friends at New Germany and neighborhood for their kindness and hospitality during the present Session, and to the denominations who invited our ministers to preach in their places of worship.

On motion after prayer, by Rev. Dr. Cramp, the Association adjourned to meet with the 2nd Baptist Church in Halifax on the first Saturday after the 20th of June, at 11 o'clock, A. M., 1870.

D. M. WELTON, Moderator.

E. M. SAUNDERS, Secretary.

D. F. HIGGINS, Assistant Secretary.

REPORT ON INFIRM MINISTERS' FUND.

The Committee report by recommending the following resolution, viz:—

1. That it is desirable to acquire an enlarged investment for the Infirm Ministers' Fund.

2. That the Churches of this Association be requested to make annual collections for the said Fund.

3. That the amount of such collections, together with the amount of all individual donations of five dollars and upwards, and of all Legacies bequeathed to the Fund, be annually invested in good and sufficient securities, the interest derived therefrom being appropriated to the relief of Infirm Ministers and their families, under the authority of the Board, by votes at regular meetings of the same.

4. That a correspondence be opened with the Boards of the other Associations in this Province, with a view to ascertain whether some mode of union and co-operation can be devised in relation to this object.

5. That it be recommended to the respective Boards of the Associations to take into consideration the desirableness of constituting a Fund for the assistance of Infirm Ministers and the widows of Ministers, on which Fund such Ministers and their representatives might have a legal claim in virtue of contributions annually made by them to the Fund.

6. That a Special Committee be appointed to carry the foregoing Resolutions into effect, by correspondence or otherwise.

J. M. CRAMP, Chairman.