

not in a faint whisper, as though some body might be hurt, but right loudly let the praises of God be sounded forth.

We say to the occupants of the pew: If you want good preaching, do not leave all the preparation to be done by the preacher.

For the Christian Messenger.

NOT VERY MANLY.

To the Editor of the "Messenger,"—Dear Sir,—

The following letter addressed to the editor of the Antigonish Casket, a Roman Catholic paper, has a history which the public have a right to know.

HEAR BOTH SIDES.

"In politics we must read the journals in favour of both parties to judge fairly of the true state of questions.

To the Editor of the Casket:

SIR.—In your last issue you published Bishop Lynch's letter addressed to the Toronto Protestants, which I read some time since in the Toronto Globe.

tant principles, principles for which many of our forefathers lived and died, but which have been recently trampled under foot by the Roman Catholics of Antigonish; and therefore it was to them—not to us—you should have recommended "His Grace's letter."

Yours truly, A. C. GILLIES.

Antigonish, July 19, 1873.

[We comply with the respectful request sent us with the above for its publication, but we are not fully satisfied with the position taken by our Presbyterian friends in the matter of the Antigonish rioters.

For the Christian Messenger.

ORDINATION AT BILLTOWN, CORNWALLIS.

BILLTOWN, Aug. 20, 1873.

In compliance with the request of the 3rd Cornwallis Church, a large number of brethren met at 10 o'clock, a.m. to sit in Council upon the propriety of ordaining Brother Rufus Sanford, Foreign Missionary elect, to the work of the gospel ministry.

The following brethren then reported themselves:—

3rd Cornwallis Church—Rev. J. F. Kempton, Deacons C. E. Parker, C. N. Rockwell, Wm. Roscoe, Brethren I. N. Foot, D. Minard, B. H. Hilsley, Elias Kilcup, John Turner, Jas. Bligh, John Lantz, Nathan Kileup, M. Kinsman, and Wm. Newcomb.

Lower Aylesford—Rev. Charles Tupper, D. D.

Berwick—Rev. E. O. Read, Deacons Thos. White, Wm. Webster, J. Rand, and William Craig.

3rd Horton Church—Rev. J. Parker.

1st Cornwallis Church—Rev. S. B. Kempton, Deacons Joshua Ellis, H. K. Eaton, Wm. Thomas, and Elisha Harris, Brethren J. E. Lockwood, G. Westhaver, H. Lyons, and J. P. Lyons.

Pereaux Church—Rev. D. Freeman, Deacon E. C. West, Brethren Daniel Sanford, Gould Davison, D. H. Newcomb, Chas. Sanford, William Sanford, T. Sanford, and T. Wood.

The following brethren were invited to a seat with the Council:—Revs. J. L. Reid, J. Murray, J. W. Manning, P. R. Foster, W. F. Armstrong, George Churchill, Brethren C. Skinner, B. Pierce, J. D. Skinner, (Lic.) B. Steadman, G. O. Gates, (Lic.) J. Morse, Ed. Parker, I. Shaw.

After singing and reading the scriptures, prayer was offered by Rev. J. L. Reid.

Prayer was then offered by Rev. Jas. Parker, after which it was unanimously

Resolved, That whereas this Council is perfectly satisfied with Bro. Sanford's relation of christian experience, call to the ministry, views of scripture doctrine, church polity, etc., they do now accede to

the request of the 3rd Cornwallis Church, and proceed to arrange for the ordination of Brother Sanford.

The following programme was then agreed upon for the afternoon service:

To preach the sermon—Rev. Charles Tupper, D. D. To ask the questions—Rev. Jas. Parker. To offer the ordaining prayer—Rev. I. E. Bill, Senr.

To give the hand of fellowship—Rev. E. O. Read.

To give the charge to the candidate—Rev. S. B. Kempton, A. M.

After prayer by the Moderator, the Council adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock, p. m.

In the afternoon a very large congregation assembled. Quite a number of ministering brethren present who did not arrive in time for the morning meeting.

The opening services were conducted by Revs. Jos. Murray, A. M., and J. B. McQuillin. After which the programme agreed upon in the morning was carried out.

The Sermon was from Mark xvi. 15. The whole service was deeply solemn and interesting.

At 7 1/2 in the evening the large new meeting house in Billtown was again crowded, full of deeply interested people, in order to witness the marriage of Brother Sanford and Miss Lamont, and also to attend a general Missionary Meeting.

Promptly at the hour the pastor of the church, the Rev. J. F. Kempton, appeared on the platform, followed by the Missionary elect, and his intended bride.

The marriage ceremony was then performed by the pastor; aided by Rev. J. W. Manning, A. M., from St. Stephen, N. B., after which hearty congratulations were offered to the newly married couple by Rev. J. F. Kempton in behalf of the church and their friends.

The exercise closed with a missionary meeting, an account of which may be given hereafter.

J. E. Lockwood, Clerk.

The Christian Messenger.

Halifax, N. S., Aug. 27, 1873.

ADJOURNED ANNUAL MEETING OF THE N. S. BAPTIST HOME MISSIONARY UNION.

As the consolidation of the Baptist Home Missionary organizations of the Province has been a matter of deep interest to a large number of our readers, we have thought it would be more satisfactory to insert the official Minutes of the meeting held at Windsor on Thursday last, than to make any summary of our own, of what was done on the occasion:

WINDSOR, AUG. 21, 1873.

The "Nova Scotia Baptist Home Missionary Union" met this day pursuant to adjournment at 10 1/2 A. M., in the Baptist Church. Rev. D. M. Welton, Vice President in the Chair.

Prayer was offered by Rev. D. McKeen.

Rev. J. H. Saunders was appointed Secretary, pro tem.

Voted, That Revs. A. Chipman, A. Cahoon, and Brother S. Selden, be a Committee of enrollment.

The Committee on enrollment reported:—

Voted, To adjourn to meet at 3 o'clock, P. M.

Prayer by Rev. A. Cahoon.

Afternoon Session.

Met at 3 P. M., Rev. Dr. Cramp in the Chair.

Prayer by Rev. S. March. Minutes of last session read and passed.

Rev. G. F. Miles, D. A. Steele, D. McKeen, A. Chipman and J. B. McQuillin presented themselves as a Committee from the Eastern Association, for the purpose of conferring with this body as to the terms of uniting with us.

Voted, That this Union receive the above named Committee.

A very friendly conversation was engaged in. The Committee asking for explanations on certain Articles of the Constitution of this body, and the modes of operating contemplated by the Executive Board, and the President and members of the Union giving the information asked for.

At the request of the Committee, it was agreed to adjourn to meet again at 7 1/2 o'clock.

Prayer by Rev. D. A. Steele.

Evening Session.

Met at 7 1/2. Prayer by Rev. H. Boal.

Minutes of last Session read and accepted. The Committee from the Eastern Association presented the following Report:

The Committee appointed by the Eastern Association to confer with the Nova Scotia Home Missionary Union beg leave to make the following suggestions:

1. That Article IV of Constitution read after the words "three delegates," together with the President of Acadia College, the Principal of Theological Institute, and the Principal of the Horton Academy, the same being members of Baptist Churches in good standing.

2. We consider it desirable that in the event of the appointment of an agent, the Foreign Missionary Board be consulted as to the propriety of uniting in the same person, the agency for the Foreign interest.

3. That we commend to the serious consideration of the Union the advisability of holding its annual meetings at such time and place as shall secure a fair and full representation from all the churches.

4. That after all liabilities of the Nova Scotia Home Missionary Board are discharged, the balance on hand be paid to the Treasurer of the Home Missionary Union, in accordance with the vote of said Home Missionary Society at its last annual meeting.

And the Committee now desire to recommend that the churches of the Eastern Association do consider themselves as connected with this Missionary Union.

(Signed)

Geo. F. Miles, D. McKeen, D. A. Steele, J. B. McQuillin, Alfred Chipman.

Voted, That this report be considered clause by clause.

The following brethren were invited to a seat with us:—Revs. W. B. Boggs, T. H. Porter, and Bro. B. H. Phillips of N. B., Rev. J. B. McDonald, of Sydney.

The 1st Clause of the report was considered and passed.

The 2nd and 3rd Clauses were referred to the Executive Board for their consideration.

The 4th and 5th Clauses were accepted unanimously.

Voted, That in order better to accommodate the next annual session of this body, the Moderator of the Eastern Association, be requested to use his influence to have the next session of that Association at Parrsboro, instead of Portauquique.

The Minutes of this session were read.

Adjourned to meet with the Eastern Association on Friday before the 1st Saturday in July 1874 at 10 A. M.

Prayer by Rev. G. F. Miles.

J. H. Saunders, Secretary, pro tem.

Delegates present during the Session. Temple Church, Yarmouth:—Rev. W. H. Porter, Deacon Samuel Brown, and Brother J. H. Haley.

Clements:—Rev. J. Williams.

Beaver River:—Rev. J. H. Saunders.

Wilmot:—Rev. A. Cahoon, Bro. Asaph Marshall.

Tusket:—Rev. P. R. Foster.

Lower Aylesford and South Wilmot:—Rev. H. Boal.

Lower Granville:—Rev. J. C. Blakeney.

Members in their own right:—Revs. S. J. Neily, D. W. C. Dimock.

Windsor:—Rev. D. M. Welton.

Halifax, Granville Street:—Brethren S. Selden, and Alex. Robinson.

Newport:—Rev. Donald McDonald, Brethren S. B. Dimock, Joseph Walley, Eber Sweet.

Cornwallis 2nd:—Brother J. D. Skinner, Lic.

Bridgewater:—Rev. S. March.

Horton 1st:—Rev. J. M. Cramp, D. D.

Canning & Perreau:—Rev. D. Freeman.

DeBert:—Bro. William McCully, 4th.

THE BAPTIST CONVENTION.

This annual gathering of the Baptist denomination was this year surrounded with unusual interest, from the circumstance of a band of three missionaries being prepared to go forth from the midst of the Churches of these provinces, two of whom are to take their wives with them, and because two others—single young ladies—accepted by the Foreign Missionary Board and the two Central Boards of the Women's Missionary Aid Societies were expected to be appointed by the Convention, the whole making seven persons to go out to Siam, to learn the language of the Karens of that land, and labor among them in carrying to them the Gospel of Christ.

The time was fully occupied on Friday by the governing bodies of two departments under the control of the Convention in preparation of what should be submitted to the Convention.

The Board of Governors of Acadia College met at 10 o'clock in the morning, and were engaged in earnest deliberation of the grave matters pertaining to the College—its support of present operations; and the enlargement of its curriculum all through the morning and afternoon.

The Foreign Missionary Board met at 7 o'clock in the evening and continued in the consideration of the business required in preparing for sending out the seven missionaries. The Rev. C. H. Carpenter who had spent nine years in Burmah, and who returned a few months ago; being present, was pleased to give valuable information to the Board on many matters of the deepest interest and of first importance, respecting the best plans of proceeding—giving the results of the experience which had been gained by him and his coadjutors in the mission field.

The following are the notes of proceedings taken during the earlier sittings of the session.

WINDSOR, N. S., Saturday, Aug. 23, 1873.

The 28th Annual Session of the Baptist Convention of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and P. E. Island, commenced at Windsor this day at 10 o'clock, A. M. In the absence of the President, the second Vice President, Wm. Faulkner, Esq., took the chair. The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Geo. F. Miles.

A list of the Delegates was made out by the Clerks, Professor D. F. Higgins and Rev. W. B. Boggs.

Committees of Arrangement and Nomination were appointed, and the brethren named forthwith retired to consider the matters submitted to them. In the mean time a season of devotion was enjoyed by the large assembly present in the spacious, well proportioned and well finished Church.

The latter committee subsequently reported, as follows:—

President.—Rev. I. E. Bill. Vice Presidents.—George Davis, Esq., Rev. Thomas Todd, Hon. Judge Mc'ally. Secretary.—Professor D. F. Higgins, A. M. Assistant Secretary.—Rev. W. B. Boggs, A. B. Treasurer.—Mark Curry, Esq.

The Report was adopted, the President took the chair and read the rules of order.

Some time was expended in a discussion of the desirableness of modifications in the constitution of the Convention, which resulted in a proposal to again consider what alteration was needed in the Constitution.

The Committee of Arrangement reported in part. After prayer by Rev. T. H. Porter, the meeting adjourned.

In the Afternoon meeting, after prayer by Rev. D. W. C. Dimock, a committee of seven was appointed to take into consideration the necessity of any requisite changes to be made in the Constitution and report next year. The committee to consist of Rev. T. H. Porter, Hon. Judge McCully, Rev. D. W. C. Dimock, Rev. E. M. Saunders, Rev. Thos. Todd, Rev. W. H. Warren, and Rev. Dr. Cramp.

It was also resolved that the next Annual meeting be held with the church at Portland, St. John, N. B., and that Rev. Dr. Sawyer do preach the Convention Sermon.

The arrangements for preaching on Lord's Day were made as follows:—

Windsor Baptist Church.—Revs. S. March, J. W. Manning and E. B. Eddy, of Calis.

Windsor Methodist Church.—Revs. J. B. McQuillin and I. E. Bill.

Windsor Presbyterian Church.—Revs. W. H. Porter and J. E. Goucher.

Newport.—Rev. A. Cahoon.

Hantsport.—Revs. G. D. Cox and G. F. Miles.

Falmouth.—Revs. D. McKeen and J. H. Saunders.

Falmouth Village.—Revs. G. N. Ballentine and W. G. Parker.

Waterville.—Rev. J. M. Parker.

Five Mile Plain.—Revs. A. Cogswell and J. Williams.

Martock.—Rev. J. B. McDonald.

Avondale.—Rev. T. Toad.

Ellershouse.—Rev. A. W. Barrs.

Three Mile Plain.—Rev. W. J. Blakeney.

Halifax, North and Granville Street.—Rev. C. H. Carpenter from Burmah.

Truro.—Rev. T. H. Porter.

Canard.—Rev. D. A. Steele.

Further that the Convention Sermon be preached by Rev. Dr. Spurdon on Monday morning.

That Monday evening be occupied by a Public Missionary Meeting. Addresses to be given by Rev. C. H. Carpenter, Rev. A. R. R. Crawley, the three missionaries elect, and others. That on Tuesday morning the educational business be resumed, and a