

The King's Highway.

And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The Way of Holiness: . . . The wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein. Isaiah 35:8.

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MINUTES OF REFORMED BAPTIST ALLIANCE OF CANADA.

For Year Ending June 30, 1900.

(CONDENSED)

The Twelfth Annual meeting of the Reformed Baptist Alliance of Canada met, as previously announced, at Beulah Camp Ground, Kings Co., N. B., on June 26, 1900, at 7.30, the President G. W. MacDonald, leader. A helpful service of song, prayer and testimony was enjoyed by all present.

First business session opened in usual form on June 27th at 9.30 the pres. in chair. The sec'y called the roll and the following members answered their names: Ministers, G. W. MacDonald, S. A. Baker, A. H. Trafton, G. B. Trafton, W. B. Wiggins, H. H. Cosman, C. S. Hilyard, M. S. Trafton, H. C. Archer, W. H. Sherwood and J. H. Coy. Later, T. W. Moses, S. Greenlaw, G. B. McDonald, D. Hilyard and B. Colpitts. Absent, G. T. Hartley, Jno. Gravinor, L. B. Grass and H. C. Sanders.

DELEGATES.

(1st District. 20 Churches.)

Woodstock—A. J. Marsten and Mrs. A. H. Trafton.
Hartland—A. L. Baird and Mrs. J. Shaw.
Lower Brighton—Mrs. Wm. Tedlie.
Waterville.
Victoria.
Royalton—E. Jones.
Meductic.
Green Bush.
Lower Southampton.
Millville—Mrs. H. C. Archer.
Upper Hainesville—Mrs. Chas. Knox.
Lower Hainesville.
Nortondale.
Mapleton—Chas. Palmer and wife.
Maple Ridge—G. Blaney.
Hartfield.
Marysville—J. O. Steeves and Cassie Greer.
Penaic—B. Goodspeed and I. Lawson.
Geary.
Middle Southampton.

SECOND DISTRICT. 10 CHURCHES.

St. John—C. K. Short and Mrs. E. Cosman.
Moncton—Jno. Good and Mrs. A. L. Bubar.
Lutz Mountain—Mrs. E. T. Somers.
Mercer Settlement—J. Nickerson and J. Babkirk.
Phinney's Cove.
Parker's Cove.
Sandford—Mrs. J. Tedford and Miss Churchill.
Brazil Lake—Mrs. Alice Picree.
Cedar Lake.
Port Maitland.

THIRD DISTRICT. 7 CHURCHES.

Calais.
Seal Cove—E. Wilcox.
Lubec—Mrs. S. H. Rumery.
Jonesport—D. Hilyard and wife.
Dennisville.
North Head—Mrs. S. A. Baker and Mrs. S. Bancroft.
West Pembroke—T. W. Moses.
DELEGATES FROM MISSIONARY SOCIETY.
Woodstock—Miss A. Trafton.
St. John—Mrs. E. Cosman.
Hartland—Mrs. J. Shaw.
Penaic—Miss A. Goodspeed.
Moncton—Mrs. A. L. Bubar.
North Head—Mrs. S. A. Baker.
Some societies failed to send delegates.

OFFICERS 1900.

The Alliance then proceeded to the election of officers with the following result: Pres., S. A. Baker; Vice Pres., W. B. Wiggins; Rec. Sec'y, A. L. Bubar; Asst. Sec'y, G. B. McDonald; Cor. Sec'y, M. S. Trafton; Treas., Elisha Cosman; Auditor, A. J. Marsten.

RESOLVED, That all the visiting brethren and sisters present, be invited to a seat with us, to take part in our deliberations.

The retiring president thanked the

Alliance for its support during the year. The newly elected President, S. A. Baker, thanked the Alliance for their expression of confidence and appointed the following committees.

Nominating Committee.—W. B. Wiggins, C. K. Short and G. W. McDonald.
Devotional Committee.—M. S. Trafton, J. H. Coy, G. B. McDonald.

RESOLVED That the sessions of Alliance be at 9 a. m. and at 2 p. m.

The Nominating Committee reported as follows:

STANDING COMMITTEES FOR 1900 AND 1901.
Temperance.—Bros B Colpitts, S Greenlaw, C S Hilyard, T W Moses and Miss Alice Goodspeed.

Evangelistic.—Bros E Cosman, B N Goodspeed, C K Short, L C Watt and A J Marsten.

Highway.—Bros G W McDonald, S A Baker, M S Trafton, B N Goodspeed and A L Bubar.

Quarterly Meetings.—Bros C S Hilyard, J H Coy and W H Sherwood.

CAMP GROUND COMMITTEE.

Rooms Department.—Bros S A Baker, L C Watt and H C Archer.

Hotel and Supply Department.—Bros A H Trafton, B N Goodspeed and E Cosman.

Tabernacle and Grounds Department.—Bros H H Cosman, G B Trafton and C K Short.

Executive Committee.—Bros G W McDonald, B N Goodspeed, A J Marsten, A L Bubar and W B Wiggins.

Pastorates Advisory Committee.—Bros S A Baker, A H Trafton, B Colpitts, G W McDonald and E Cosman.

Training School Committee.—Bros W B Wiggins, S A Baker, M S Trafton, A L Bubar and G B McDonald.

Camp-Meeting Workers Committee.—Bros G W McDonald, G B Trafton, J H Coy, M S Trafton and S A Baker, Sec'y.

Hymn Book Committee.—Bros M S Trafton and J H Coy.

Credentials Committee.—Bros M S Trafton and G W McDonald

Committee on Sabbath Observance.—Bros G W McDonald, A H Trafton and A L Bubar.

Committee on Proposals.—Bros G W McDonald and W B Wiggins.

Sunday School Agent.—Mrs A L Bubar.

Delegate to Houlton Quarterly Meeting.—Rev B Colpitts.

The report of the Nominating committee was read and on motion it was unanimously adopted as a whole. On motion Alliance adjourned.

Prayer by the Sec'y, A. L. B.

SECOND SESSION.

Wednesday, June 27, 2 p. m.

Alliance met in usual form, Pres. in chair. Prayer by Bro. J. H. Coy. Minutes read and approved.

A letter from the Evangelical Alliance of St. John was read and laid on the table.

A committee on Absent Brethren was appointed as follows: Bros. W. B. Wiggins, J. H. Coy and W. H. Sherwood.

Bro. M. S. Trafton from committee on Hymn Book reported that they had corresponded with some firms, but were unable to procure any book that would be satisfactory to the committee.

Resolved, that the committee on Hymn Book be continued and that they be authorized to write the publishers of the Free Methodist Hymn Book, and other publishers as well and make the best terms they can to secure a book immediately and introduce it to our people at once.

Resolved, that Bro. W. B. Wiggins be permitted to retire from the committee and that Bro. J. H. Coy's name be put in his place.

Bro. E. Cosman from committee on Evangelistic work reported.

Bro. J. H. Coy from committee on

Quarterly Meeting reported.

Bro. S. A. Baker from Rooms Department gave a partial report showing success financially.

Bro. W. B. Wiggins from committee on Proposals reported, explaining the sphere and nature of their work.

On motion Alliance adjourned.

Prayer by Bro. G. W. McDonald.

A. L. B., Sec'y

THIRD SESSION.

Thursday, a. m., June 28.

Alliance opened in usual form, Pres. in chair. Minutes read and approved.

Bros. W. B. Wiggins and A. L. Bubar from committee on Training School reported, and on motion report was accepted.

Resolved, that the committee be instructed to move at once in the institution of the school.

Resolved, that a committee be appointed to make preparations for the holding of a Convention in October in some central locality for the promotion of scriptural holiness. Committee, Bros. G. W. McDonald, G. B. Trafton, W. B. Wiggins, J. H. Coy and M. S. Trafton.

Resolved, that Bro. G. B. McDonald be received as a minister of this Alliance.

Resolved, that Bro. M. S. Trafton be authorized to secure the necessary credentials for the ministers of this Alliance, such credentials to be signed by the chairman and secretary of the council granting the ordination; such credentials to be also sealed by the Alliance Seal after the ordained minister is received by a vote of the Alliance.

Also Resolved, that Bro. G. W. McDonald be associated with Bro. Trafton on this committee.

Report of committee on Quarterly Meeting. Your committee on Quarterly Meetings beg leave to submit the following:—

"We find there have been ten meetings held during the year, and without exception all have been blessed of God.

District No. 1 held 4 meetings and God's power and presence were manifested, souls were saved and sanctified.

District No. 2 held 4 meetings. They were seasons of victory. The meetings at Grand Manan were hindered by stormy weather, but the meetings at Jonesport were a grand success, bringing strength to the church.

In District No. 3 two meetings were held, one at Moncton and one at Sandford, and revival interest attended them from beginning to close.

We are sorry that some of our churches and also pastors have not taken the interest in this work which they might, believing as we do that no branch of work among us needs more hearty support of both pastors and people. We believe they fill to a large extent, the old-time conventions which were such a source of strength to us. We also feel that in this coming year we, as a people, should take a deeper interest in this work than heretofore.

C. S. HILYARD,
T. W. MOSES,
J. H. COY.

Resolved, that the report be adopted as a whole.

Resolved, that the Alliance offer to Bro. Baker the use of the tent for the Q. M. at Grand Manan.

On motion Alliance adjourned.

Prayer by Bro. S. A. Baker.

A. L. B. Sec'y

FOURTH SESSION.

Thursday, p. m., June 28.

Alliance opened in usual form, President in chair. Minutes read and approved.

Resolved, that hereafter the ministers of this Alliance and their wives be given board at the hotel at half-price during the time of holding Alliance and Camp Meeting. Also, resolved that the sleeping rooms of the ladies department of the hotel be handed over to the ministers for their use during Alliance and Camp-Meeting.

The report of the committee on temperance passed unanimously:

"We the undersigned from your committee on temperance beg leave to submit the following: Believing that the use and sale of intoxicating liquors is one of the greatest evils that afflict our country, we desire to put on record the solemn vows of our denomination to use all our efforts to suppress the same. While we are unwilling to say that intemperance is on the increase, yet we see, with great regret, that Christian men and women are lukewarm in the cause of temperance, the subject being rarely mentioned by ministers or church members. Believing that legislation will not advance before public opinion we feel it is the duty of Christian men and women of all denominations to give greater attention to this subject in the future than they have in the past. And we particularly urge upon the ministers of our own body to greater faithfulness in this matter. And your committee respectfully recommends and requests that at least one session of our Alliance be devoted to the temperance cause and work.

Respectfully submitted,

B. COLPITTS, Chairman.

Resolved that a committee on Sabbath observance be appointed. Committee: Bros. G. W. McDonald, A. H. Trafton and A. L. Bubar.

On motion Alliance adjourned.

Prayer by Bro. S. Greenlaw.

A. L. B., Sec'y.

FIFTH SESSION.

Friday, a. m., June 29.

Alliance opened in usual form, Pres. in chair. Minutes read and approved.

A letter from Geary church was read before the Alliance and on motion was referred to a committee of three, Bros. G. W. McDonald, A. H. Trafton and S. Greenlaw.

The following amendment to the Advisory Rules for the Churches was passed:

Resolved, that we change sub-section ten (10) in section five (5). Polity of Advisory Rules for the Churches to read thus:—Any church has the power to ordain or license to preach any member it may deem fit for the work of the ministry, by the advice and assistance of the Alliance.

Bro. E. Cosman, Treasurer of Alliance brought in his report as follows:

ACCT OF ALLIANCE FUND,

Rec'd by E. Cosman, Treas.

1899.
Bal on hand when last reported... \$85 50
Cedar Lake ch., 1899..... 2 50
June 1900.
Mercer Settlement..... 2 25
St. John..... 14 35
Sandford..... 10 25
Lutz Mountain..... 2 75
Millville..... 1 40
Upper Hainesville..... 1 00
Lower Brighton..... 3 15
Woodstock..... 4 70
Hartland..... 3 21
Penaic..... 2 75
Waterville..... 1 00
Victoria..... 1 80

Meductic..... 1 65
Port Maitland..... 2 95
Mapleton..... 2 40
West Pembroke..... 2 00
Moncton..... 3 30
Royalton..... 2 35
Cedar Lake..... 50
Jonesport..... 25
Lubec Ridge..... 1 00
Seal Cove..... 3 30
North Head..... 4 40
Brazil Lake..... 2 20
Mr. and Mrs. S. McLeod..... 2 00
Mrs. Wm. Everett..... 25
Geo. Mellish..... 25
Anna Pessont..... 25
Mrs. J. Cosman..... 25

Total receipts..... \$165 91

PAID OUT.

1899.
June 30, W. B. Wiggins, order... \$28 00
Camp Ground Com. order..... 16 00
July 1st, A. L. Bubar, order..... 10 00
July 10, C. K. Short, order..... 31 50

Total paid out..... \$85 50

July 30, 1900, balance in favor of Alliance..... \$80 41

Examined by Auditor and found correct.

ACCT OF ALLIANCE,

with E. Cosman, Treasurer.

RECEIVED.

July 23, 1899.

Rec'd from C. K. Short, Treas of

C. G. committee..... \$ 82 30

" H. C. Archer, per C. G.

committee..... 20 84

July 24, M. S. Trafton..... 23 00

Aug. 14, Hotel Dining Dep't..... 2 00

Sept. 18, Rooms Dept..... 20 00

April 30, 1900, Tab. and G'ds dpt 10 45

\$158 59

PAID OUT.

July 20, 1899, G. W. McDonald,

order..... \$ 5 00

July 25, C. K. Short, order..... 100 00

1900. \$105 00

June 29, Bal. on this acct..... \$ 53 59

Examined by auditor and found correct.

On motion, the treasurer's report was adopted.

Resolved, that the Minutes of the Alliance be published in HIGHWAY as heretofore. On motion Alliance adjourned.

Prayer by Bro. J. H. Coy.

A. L. B., Sec'y.

SIXTH SESSION.

Friday p. m., June 29.

Alliance opened in usual form, Vice-Pres. in chair. Minutes read and approved. Bro. G. W. McDonald from com. to consider communication from Geary church, reported, and the following resolution was unanimously passed:

"Whereas, Bro. Webber is a stranger to us by birth, and also with regard to his former history and his standing with our people throughout the country, Therefore Resolved, that this Alliance advise the Geary church that the matter of Bro. W. Webber's ordination be deferred until such time as the Alliance become acquainted with his qualifications as a worker. And further, that we extend to Bro. Webber our Christian sympathy and fellowship, and hope that our further acquaintance may be profitable to both Bro. Webber and ourselves.

G. W. McDonald, T. Moses.

Resolved, that Rev. D. Hilyard be received as a minister of this Alliance.

Resolved, that the matter of the entire indebtedness of the Alliance be referred to the executive committee to be relieved by them according to their best judgment.

Report of Com. on Absent Brethren: We are thankful that none are absent on account of death, but regret that five (5) of the ordained ministers are absent, viz: Bros. G. T. Hartley, Jno. Gravinor, B. Colpitts, Z. B. Grass and H. C. Sanders. Bro. Gravinor by letter desires to be excused on account of illness. Bro. Sanders also sent a letter of excuse. The other brethren have not as yet been heard from. While we regret their absence, yet we do not know the cause, but your com. is of the opinion that our ministers make an effort to attend Alliance, and if not able to attend, should at least honor the Alliance by sending in a written explanation and excuse.

J. H. Coy,

Chairman of Committee.

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