

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 THE Reformed Baptist Alliance FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE, 1896. (CONDENSED.)

The eighth annual Alliance of the Reformed Baptist Church of Canada convened in the Tabernacle at Beulah Camp Ground, Brown's Flat, Greenwich, Kings Co., N. B., on Wednesday, July 1st, 1896, at 2.30 p. m.

The opening service, led by Rev. G. W. Macdonald, was a social service, and consisted of Scripture reading, prayer and testimony. About 100 excellent testimonies were given. All felt that it was blessed to be present to greet one another again in Christian fellowship.

In the evening, at eight, Rev. G. B. Trafton preached a good sermon from Isaiah 35:8. A number of testimonies followed.

Second Session.

THURSDAY,

July 2nd, 1896, 9 a. m.

This was the first business session. Rev. G. W. Macdonald, the President, was in the chair, and read the 46th Psalm, after which Rev. Z. B. Grass offered prayer.

The Alliance was called to order, and the roll being called, the following members were found to be present:

OFFICERS.

President, Rev. G. W. Macdonald.
Recording Secretary, Rev. W. B. Wiggins.
Assistant Secretary, Rev. G. B. Trafton.
Corresponding Secretary, A. L. Bubar.
Treasurer, E. Cosman.
Auditor, I. W. Marsten.

MINISTERS.

Rev. G. W. Macdonald,
Rev. A. Kinney, Rev. T. W. Moses,
" Colpitts, " W. H. Sherwood,
" J. H. Coy, " A. Stoerger,
" S. A. Baker, " S. Greenlaw,
" G. B. Trafton, " W. B. Wiggins.
Rev. H. H. Cosman.

DELEGATES FROM CHURCHES.

Hartland—Mrs. G. R. Burt and Miss Bessie Burt.
Waterville—Mrs. Albert Tracy.
Woodstock—Mrs. A. Clark and A. J. Marsten.
Lower Brighton—Mrs. D. H. Nixon and Mrs. Wm. Tedlie.
Millville—Miss Alice Sharp and Miss Ida Morgan.
Maplewood—Mrs. Palmer.
Maple Ridge—P. G. Blaney.
Green Bush—Moses Hillman.
Canterbury—I. W. Marsten and Mrs. S. Greenlaw.
Central Southampton—Miss Minnie Miller
Lower Southampton—Allan Stairs.
Penniac—Thomas Goodspeed and B. N. Goodspeed.
Marysville—Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Bubar.
St. John—John Kimble and G. B. Macdonald.
Moncton—John Good and Mrs. S. Keith.
Lutz Mountain—Jacob Maddison and Mrs. Oliver Trites.
Sandford—G. P. Bower and Miss Ethel Archer.
Brazil Lake—Miss Stella Whitehouse.
Port Maitland—Judson Sanders, and Mrs. Charles Nickerson.
North Head—L. C. Watt and Sydney Bencraft.
Seal Cove—Ward Foster and Eugene Wilcox.
Lubec Ridge—Hiram Davis.
Dennysville—Mrs. J. A. Robinson.
Pembroke—Amos Taylor.
Mercer Settlement—Mrs. J. S. Sharp.
Phinney's Cove—Augustus Smith.

OFFICERS OF MISSION SOCIETY.

President, Rev. W. B. Wiggins.
2nd Vice-President, Mrs. G. C. Brown.
3rd Vice-President, Mrs. G. B. Price.
Rec. Secretary, Miss Mary L. Goodspeed.
Treasurer, Mrs. E. Cosman.
Auditor, Isaac Marsten.

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.

Rev. S. A. Baker, Rev. H. H. Cosman, and B. N. Goodspeed.

DELEGATES FROM MISSION SOCIETIES.

Woodstock—Mrs. A. H. Trafton.
Hartland—Miss Bertie Tracey.
Millville—Mrs. Ed. Cox.
Penniac—Miss Alice N. Goodspeed.
St. John—Mrs. E. Cosman.
Moncton—Mrs. Geo. Harrup.
Port Maitland—Mrs. G. C. Brown.
North Head—Mrs. L. C. Watt.
Mercer Settlement—Mrs. Dibblee.
Sandford—Mrs. H. H. Cosman.

The Alliance now proceeded to the election of officers, when the following officers were duly elected:

OFFICERS FOR 1896-97.

President, Rev. G. B. Trafton.
Vice-president, Rev. G. W. Macdonald.
Rec. Secretary, Rev. W. B. Wiggins.
Assistant Sec'y, Miss Alice N. Goodspeed.
Cor. Secretary, A. L. Bubar.
Treasurer, E. Cosman.
Auditor, A. J. Marsten.

Resolved, That Rev. Z. B. Grass, who was ordained during the year, be received as a member of the Alliance. He was given the right hand of fellowship by the president.

Resolved, That the Jonesport church be received into the Alliance and its delegate, Bro. Daniel Hilyard, be accepted as a member of the Alliance.

The President appointed the following committees:

Nominating Committee—Rev. G. W. Macdonald, B. N. Goodspeed and I. W. Marsten.

Religious Service Committee—Rev. G. W. Macdonald, John Good and Thomas Goodspeed.

The Alliance adjourned till 2 p. m.
W. B. WIGGINS,
Secretary.

Third Session.

THURSDAY,

July 2nd, 1896, 2 p. m.

Alliance opened in due form. The delegate to the Evangelical Association, Rev. W. B. Wiggins, reported that he was unable to attend as he did not learn of the time and place of their meeting, and hence wished to be excused.

Report was adopted.
Rev. G. W. Macdonald, the Evangelist, reported as follows:

Brother President—

"I have endeavored during the year to carry out the wishes of the Alliance as far as divinely permitted. I visited the churches at Dennysville, Phinney and Parker Coves, and Moncton in accordance with your wishes. I also attended conventions for the promotion of holiness at Brazil Lake, Presque Isle, Me., Lower Brighton, Hartfield and Lubec, Me. I assisted in a series of services at Green Bush and Lower Southampton as well as at Hartland. I also visited Jonesport, Me., and held a few services, as also at Cutler, Me., and the head of Millstream, Kings county, where I found hungry souls inviting the preaching of holiness. During my year's work I was permitted to see some converted, a number sanctified wholly and the souls of the saints strengthened. I assisted also in the dedication of a new house of worship at Lutz Mountain, and remained two Sabbaths with Bro. Archer, the pastor. If I have not accomplished much I can say I have done what I could and leave the rest with God."

After stirring speeches from some of the brethren the report was adopted.

Bro. Baker, of the Camp Ground Committee, reported that he had received from various sources during the year \$601.26, and he had paid out for work and materials \$601.27, thus balancing the account.

After considerable discussion concerning the Dormitory,

On motion,
Resolved, That the Alliance accept it and assume the debt.

Alliance adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock to-morrow.

W. B. WIGGINS,
Secretary.

Fourth Session.

FRIDAY,

July 3rd, 1896, 9 a. m.

Alliance opened in due form. Minutes read and approved.

Bro. E. Cosman, of the Evangelistic Committee reported:

Received during the year, \$190 08
Paid out " " " 171 76

Balance on hand, \$18 32

Report was adopted.

Rev. W. B. Wiggins, the Executive Agent of the Alliance, reported that he had attended to the legal conveyance of the Alliance property, secured a deed from Geo. Brown of a portion of land adjoining, as also land from Bro. and Sister J. L. Belyea. He had also received on Feb. 4th, 1896, \$500 cash, from Joseph Bullock, Esq., of St. John, being his and Mrs. Bullock's gift to the Alliance, to be invested by the Alliance and the interest to be paid annually into the Mission Society in connection with the Alliance for the spread of holiness. This he had invested at 6 per cent interest, all of which was now available.

This report occasioned considerable discussion and many expressions of gratitude to Bro. and Sister Bullock for their kindness and thoughtfulness, after which the report was adopted, and a committee was appointed to bring in a resolution thanking Bro. and Sister Bullock for their generous donation.

A committee consisting of E. Cosman, A. J. Marsten and Rev. W. B. Wiggins, was appointed to suggest a way of investing the Bullock donation.

Alliance adjourned to meet at 2 p. m.

W. B. WIGGINS,
Secretary.

Fifth Session.

FRIDAY,

July 3rd, 1896, 2 p. m.

Alliance opened by the President. Minutes read and approved.

The visiting ministers were invited to a seat among us.

Rev. S. A. Baker, of the Committee on the HIGHWAY, reported that the HIGHWAY was in a healthy condition and there is no reason for discouragement as its circulation has increased. The circulation at present is about 1,000, but if this was increased to 2,000 or more, an editor could be employed to devote his whole time to the work. The committee suggested that either an agent be employed or the pastors be induced to take a greater interest in it.

After some discussion the report was adopted.

Rev. A. Stoerger, of Committee on the Sabbath, read a somewhat lengthy report, which occasioned considerable discussion, and after amendment was adopted.

Rev. A. Kinney, delegate to the Aroostook Quarterly Meeting, reported that he was unable to attend but sent a letter to them, which caused the return of a fraternal letter through Sister R. Seeley.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the greeting be received, the delegation continued and the expenses of the delegate paid.

Rev. A. Hartt, of the Evangelical Association, was introduced, and reported that his denomination was doing a good and successful work in New England, in spreading the instantaneous conversion of sinners and the instantaneous sanctification of believers, and are thus in harmony with the Reformed Baptist denomination.

Rev. Thos. Marshall, President of the N. B. and P. E. I. Methodist Conference, was introduced and made a kindly speech, conveying to us the Christian greeting of the Methodist Conference and wished for closer union.

Rev. Job Shenton, of the Exmouth St. Methodist Church, St. John, was also introduced, and spoke of the pleasure he had of meeting with us and hoped there would be a closer union and fellowship between us as denominations.

On motion,
Resolved, That this Alliance recognize with great pleasure the action of the Methodist Conference in sending the dele-

gation of brethren who have just conveyed to us their Christian greeting, and this Alliance will be always pleased to receive any delegation from their denomination.

Rev. A. Kinney referred to his case and how he came to take the action he did in connection with union with the Methodist denomination, and explained why he took the action he did and asked that the Alliance grant him a dismission in good standing if they could.

On motion, a committee was appointed consisting of Rev. G. W. Macdonald, B. N. Goodspeed and J. H. Coy, to whom was referred the matter of Bro. Kinney.

On motion, the Alliance adjourned till 9 a. m. to-morrow.

W. B. WIGGINS,
Secretary.

Sixth Session.

SATURDAY,

July 4th, 1896, 9 a. m.

Alliance opened by the President. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Bro. Macdonald, of Committee on Conventions, reported that a number of conventions had been held during the year; that there was a growing tendency among our people for a closer union of the churches and united effort. The committee therefore suggested that arrangements be made for a division of the field and the institution of Quarterly Meetings to take the place of the usual conventions.

The report was adopted and the suggestions carried out by the appointment of a committee on Quarterly Meetings, consisting of Rev. H. H. Cosman, G. P. Bower, E. Cosman, J. R. Burt, L. C. Watt, W. S. Foster, Rev. Z. B. Grass, A. H. Davis, A. F. Taylor, B. N. Goodspeed, Revs. A. Stoerger, J. H. Coy and J. G. Maddison.

Bro. Macdonald, of the committee on Bro. Kinney's request for dismission, reported as follows:

"Your committee appointed to consider the request of Rev. A. Kinney for his dismission from this body, would respectfully recommend that his request be granted, and our best wishes and prayers go with him in his new denominational home. But we believe that we are expressing the mind of this Alliance when we say that we are deeply grieved that one we have so long loved should have proceeded in such an irregular way in the severance of ties so tender and long cherished."

This was occasion of earnest speeches from Revs. S. A. Baker, H. H. Cosman, J. H. Coy, G. B. Trafton, A. Hartt and W. B. Wiggins, after which the report was unanimously adopted.

Alliance adjourned to meet at 2 p. m.

W. B. WIGGINS,
Secretary.

Seventh Session.

SATURDAY,

July 4th, 1896, 2 p. m.

Alliance opened in due form. President in the chair. Minutes read and approved.

Bro. A. L. Bubar, Corresponding Secretary, read his very interesting report, of which the following is a summary:

No. of churches reported	37
Added by baptism	87
Added otherwise	47
Total additions	134
Total present membership	1515
Raised for ministry	\$3889 79
" " church expenses	845 00
" " build'g purposes	1070 15
Total amount raised	\$5804 94
Value of church property	34255 00
" " Alliance "	3200 60
Total value of prop'ty	\$37455 00

The adoption of this report was moved by Bro. B. N. Goodspeed in a very earnest speech, seconded by Bro. G. W. Macdonald, and unanimously adopted.

Miss Alice N. Goodspeed, Sunday school

agent, read her annual report, of which the following is a summary:

Number of schools reported	21
" scholars	1103
" teachers	102
Average attendance	709
Number added to the church from Sunday school	24
Amount raised during year for Sunday school purposes	\$239 27

The adoption of this report was moved by Bro. E. Cosman, and seconded by Rev. Z. B. Grass, and supported by other speeches, and unanimously carried.

On motion, it was

Resolved, To reserve a part of Monday for the ordination of Bro. C. S. Hilyard.

Bro. H. H. Cosman, of the Committee on Temperance, reported as follows:

"Your committee have great pleasure in reporting great success in temperance work during the past year. They consider that a great victory was achieved in the recent Dominion elections by the choice of a great number of temperance candidates of both parties. They also suggest that since the Liberal party had incorporated in their platform a distinct promise of a plebiscite on prohibition, the Dominion Alliance should at once press the matter upon the incoming government, and that this denomination, through its Secretary call the attention of the Dominion Alliance to the matter."

The report was adopted, and the Alliance adjourned to meet on Monday at 9 a. m.

W. B. WIGGINS,
Secretary.

Eighth Session.

MONDAY,

July 6th, 1896, 9 a. m.

Alliance opened by the President. Minutes read and approved.

Bro. B. N. Goodspeed, of the Committee on Quarterly Meetings, reported:

"Your committee beg leave to report that they have considered the matter of Quarterly Meetings, and recommend

(1) That the churches of York, Carleton and Sunbury counties constitute a Quarterly Meeting.

(2) That the churches of St. John, Kings and Westmorland counties constitute a Quarterly Meeting.

(3) That the churches in Nova Scotia constitute a Quarterly Meeting.

(4) That the churches on Grand Manan and the state of Maine constitute a Quarterly Meeting.

(5) That each Quarterly Meeting be held at such time and place as the Quarterly Meeting may decide upon; and that each Quarterly Meeting be composed of at least two and not more than five delegates from each church, together with all ordained ministers and church licentiates residing or laboring within the bounds of the Quarterly Meeting.

(6) That the first meeting of the first named Quarterly Meeting be held with the church at Lower Brighton on Thursday, the 20th day of August, next, at 7 p. m.

(7) That the first meeting of the second named Quarterly Meeting be held with the church at Mercer Settlement, on the 17th day of next September, at 7 p. m.

(8) That the first meeting of the Nova Scotia Quarterly Meeting be held with the church at Sandford, on the 30th day of July inst., at 7 p. m.

(9) That the first meeting of the Grand Manan and Maine Quarterly Meeting be held with the church at Lubec Ridge, on October 15th next, at 7 p. m.

(10) That the officers of each Quarterly Meeting shall consist of a President, Vice-president, Secretary and Treasurer, to be elected quarterly.

(11) That a general report of the several Quarterly Meetings held be made to the Alliance, and that a report of each Quarterly Meeting be made to the Alliance.

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