

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, 1898.

(CONDENSED.)

The Tenth Annual Alliance of the Reformed Baptist Church of Canada, convened in the Tabernacle at Beulah Camp Ground, Brown's Flats, Greenwich, Kings Co., N. B., 2.30 p. m., Wednesday, June 29th, 1898.

President—Rev. A. H. Trafton in the chair.

After song and scripture reading there was a social service, when a goodly number of testimonies were given in regard to the power of God's grace to save and keep from sin. We proved how good and how pleasant it was for brethren to come together in unity.

In the evening at 7.30 Rev. C. S. Hilyard gave an excellent sermon from the life of Jacob.

SECOND SESSION.

THURSDAY, 9 a. m., June 30th, 1898.

This was the 1st business session. President in the chair. Alliance opened by singing and prayer. The roll being called the following members were found to be present:

OFFICERS.

President—Rev. A. H. Trafton.
Vice-President—Rev. G. W. Macdonald.
Recording Sec'y—Rev. W. B. Wiggins.
Assistant Sec'y—Miss A. N. Goodspeed.
Corresponding Sec'y—A. L. Bubar.
Treasurer—E. Cosman.
Auditor—A. J. Marsten.

MINISTERS.

Elders—G. W. Macdonald, J. H. Coy, G. B. Trafton, S. A. Baker, H. H. Cosman, A. H. Trafton, W. H. Sherwood, H. C. Sanders, T. W. Moses, C. S. Hilyard, M. S. Trafton, H. C. Archer and W. B. Wiggins.

DELEGATES FROM CHURCHES.

Woodstock—Mrs. E. B. Jewett, Mrs. A. H. Trafton.
Lower Brighton—Mrs. Wm. Tedlie.
Meductic—Miss Beatrice Marsten.
Victoria Corner—E. H. Cox.
Penniac—B. N. Goodspeed, C. N. Goodspeed.
Marysville—Mrs. A. L. Bubar, W. L. Estabrook.
St. John—C. K. Short, Mrs. Robt. James.
Moncton—John Good, G. B. Storey.
North Head—G. B. Thomas, L. C. Watt.
Seal Cove—E. P. Green, Wm. Benson.
Lutz Mountain—Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Maddison.
Hartland—S. H. Shaw, Mrs. A. Tracy.
Maplewood—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Palmer.
Millville—Mrs. E. P. Cox, Miss Ida Morgan.
Pembroke—Mrs. D. Morrison.
Mercer Settlement—Bedford Hayes.
Sandford—Mrs. Hugh Churchill.
Brazil Lake—Mrs. Calvin Cann, Mrs. Chas. Sollows.
Lubec Ridge—I. F. Kierstead, Mrs. Z. B. Grass.
Port Maitland—H. C. Sanders, Miss A. Hammond.

OFFICERS OF MISSION SOCIETIES.

President—C. K. Short.
1st. Vice Pres.—A. L. Bubar.
2nd Vice Pres.—H. C. Archer.

3rd Vice Pres.—C. S. Hilyard.
Recording Sec'y—L. C. Watt.
Treasurer—Mrs. E. Cosman.
Auditor—Wm. Tracy.

DELEGATES FROM MISSION SOCIETY.

Woodstock—Mrs. W. J. Drysdale.
Penniac—Miss A. N. Goodspeed.
Port Maitland—Miss Thressa Sol-lows.
Moncton—Mrs. John Good.
St. John—Mrs. M. S. Trafton.
North Head—Mrs. L. C. Watt.

On Motion

Resolved, That Elders C. S. Hilyard, M. S. Trafton and H. C. Archer be received as members of the Alliance.

The election of officers then took place, when the following officers were duly elected for the ensuing year.

President—Rev. H. H. Cosman, Marysville.

Vice President—Rev. G. W. Macdonald, Sandford.

Recording Sec'y—Rev. W. B. Wiggins, Woodstock.

Assistant Sec'y—G. B. Macdonald.
Corresponding Sec'y—S. A. Baker, St. John.

Treasurer—E. Cosman, St. John.
Auditor—A. J. Marsten, Woodstock.

On Motion

Resolved, That all the visiting brethren have a seat with us with all privileges except voting.

Bros. G. W. Macdonald, L. C. Watt, and A. L. Bubar were appointed a nominating committee.

Bros. J. H. Coy, A. H. Trafton and G. B. Thomas were appointed a special committee to devise a plan to divide the Camp Ground Committee and the labor attending.

On motion the Alliance adjourned to meet again at 2 p. m. Closed by prayer.

W. B. W., Sec'y.

THIRD SESSION.

THURSDAY, 2 p. m., June 30th. 1898.

Alliance opened by singing and prayer.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

The following resolution which occasioned considerable discussion was presented—"Whereas a picnic and dance have been advertised to come to Beulah grounds on July 1st from St. John, therefore Resolved that this Alliance express its disapprobation of the use of the name "Beulah Grounds" for such purpose and considered it an infringement on our rightful name.

It was unanimously adopted.

Alliance adjourned to meet tomorrow at 9 a. m. Prayer by Bro. Sherwood.

W. B. W. Sec'y.

FOURTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, 9 a. m., July 1st 1898.

Alliance opened by prayer.

Minutes read and approved.

Committee on Quarterly Meetings reported as follows:

Your committee on Quarterly Meetings beg leave to report—That we learn from reports and otherwise that our Quarterly Meetings have been a success. The three districts have held four meetings each. All have been a success. Believers have been sanctified, and sinners converted and many strengthened in the faith. We recommend that such meetings be continued and placed in weak churches requiring help, and that ministers and others take especial pains to attend. On examining constitutions we find them to be nearly, if not quite alike, and recommend

that they remain as they are now.

Respectfully submitted,
J. H. Coy, Sec'y.

On motion report was adopted.

Special committee to divide Camp Ground committee reported—

Your committee beg leave to report that the work be divided into three departments. One to take charge of the sleeping rooms, one the hotel and supply department, and the third the tabernacle and grounds. That each committee be composed of three members, judiciously chosen, and that they be on the ground at least one week before Alliance, or early enough to have all necessary preparations made and building done before Alliance opens, and that each committee have an office where strangers can obtain all necessary information.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. Coy,
A. H. Trafton,
G. B. Thomas.

On motion report was adopted.

Bro. G. B. Macdonald presented the following resolution—

"WHEREAS the time has now come, when we as a people, through the blessing of God have become a fixture among the evangelical peoples of the country and an important factor under God, in the spread of a spiritual religion. And whereas the need is apparent as workers are raised up of God, of some provision being made whereby such workers may receive such instruction as will qualify them for gospel work on Holiness lines: Therefore Resolved, That this Alliance hereby express its recognition of the fact that some such instruction for our workers is needful. That a special committee be appointed to draft a plan for the formation of such a school as may be possible. And that said committee report in the Saturday morning session.

After discussion this resolution was unanimously passed, and Bros. S. A. Baker, A. L. Bubar, G. W. Macdonald and M. S. Trafton were appointed said committee.

Bro. Baker of Evangelistic committee reported as follows:

Your com. on Evangelistic Work beg leave to report that they received \$108.75 in subscriptions and paid Bro. S. Baker \$107.30—expenses \$145. We arranged with S. A. Baker as Evangelist, who laboured for seven months. Since February we have had no evangelist in the field.

The following is Bro. Baker's report:

"At the last meeting of the Alliance I arranged with the Evangelistic committee to go into the field. I began as soon after Camp Meeting as possible—but having contracted a cold during the Camp Meeting, which terminated in a severe bronchial trouble, which hindered me much for three months—scarcely being able for special work for all that period. I continued as best I could for seven months in which I preached 100 times, besides attending a number of Quarterly Meetings. I visited and preached at Marysville, Gibson, Brazil Lake, Yarmouth, Sandford, Port Maitland, Southampton, Meductic, Lower Brighton, Holderville, Greenbush, Penniac and Indian Mountain. I received in collections \$85.00, from Evangelistic Fund \$107.30, total \$192.30. My travelling expenses were 42.81 leaving a net balance for seven months' support of \$149.47.

On motion report was adopted.
Alliance adjourned to meet at 2 p. m. Prayer by Bro. M. S. Trafton.

W. B. W., Sec'y

FIFTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, 2 p. m., July 1st, 1898.

Alliance opened by prayer.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Bro. A. L. Bubar, Corresponding Sec'y submitted his annual report—the following of which is summary.

Statistics for year ending June 30, 1898:
No. of churches, 38
Added by baptism, 73
" " experience, 54
Total additions, 127
Total present membership, 1574
Raised for ministry, \$3711.84
" " church expenses, 1234.57
" " building, 1306.00
Total amt raised, 6352.19
Value of church property, 35695.00
" Alliance " 5400.00
Total value of property, 41095.00

The adoption of this report was moved by Bro. G. W. Macdonald, and seconded by Bro. M. S. Trafton, in earnest addresses, and discussed by Bros. G. B. Trafton, and S. A. Baker, also Bro. F. A. Baker, of Minnesota, and unanimously adopted.

Bro. S. H. Shaw, Sunday School Agent, reported as follows:

Bro. President, Bros. and Sisters:—As your Sabbath School Agent for the year ending June, 1898, it is with great pleasure I report on so important a branch of the Lord's work, as Dr. Vincent says "the Sabbath School is a department of the Church of Christ, in which the word of Christ is taught, for the purpose of bringing souls to Christ, and of building up souls in Christ."

In this work we find the interest is widening and deepening—and much of this is due to the better organized plan of work in our county and parish conventions. It is with pleasure that we speak of our Field Secretary, Bro. Lucas, so untiring in his labors for the improving of our teachers and an increased interest in the search of the Word of God. In the Sunday School work we have a large number of energetic young people which is an encouraging feature. "There is no better development of the Christian character than that which comes to the Sunday School worker. The dignity and importance of the work in the Sunday School demand that its teachers shall be well informed in the word which they impart."

The Sunday School of the present, contains the church of the future. And Bro. President, I am very glad that we have a part in this very important work. Although as a branch of the Christian Church we are comparatively small, yet the door is open for us, let us not slacken our efforts, but let us earnestly and intelligently forward every work for the Master. Jesus our Lord demands it—our own spiritual growth demands it, and the age demands it. Without being further tedious I will now give you as far as I am able to do so a statistical report of our Sabbath Schools:

No. of Schools reported 17
No. of Scholars 873
Average attendance 610
No. of Teachers 92
No. Schools open 12 mos. in the year. 17
No. added to the church from S. S. during year 29
Money raised for S. S. purposes during year \$351.33

In connection with 3 of our Sabbath Schools we have Normal classes—namely—Woodstock, Seal Cove and

Hartland. And 3 more have Home Departments—namely—Woodstock, Millville and Hartland. And I think too much prominence cannot be given to these two departments. The Normal study is so helpful to teachers, giving them a connected idea of Bible History, Bible Geography and Bible Institutions. It also informs them in the art of teaching. It is very helpful in making both teacher and scholar more intelligent.

The Home class is very desirable, in that it reaches all those who for any reason cannot attend the school, and thus a bond of interest and sympathy is maintained which results in increased Bible study and also increase in the schools. Let us be wide awake and up to our privilege as the Lord gives us opportunity.

In all of the Sabbath Schools that have reported there is a good interest and one very encouraging feature is that the schools are all kept open 12 months, which means constant effort in this good work. Some of our schools have prayer service after the close of the school.

Yours very truly,

S. HAYDEN SHAW.

After several addresses the Report was unanimously adopted.

On Motion

Resolved, that we recommend each of our Sunday Schools to form Normal classes in connection with their Sunday School work.

Alliance adjourned to meet tomorrow at 10 a. m. Prayer by Bro. G. B. Trafton.

W. B. W., Sec'y.

SIXTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, July 2nd, 10 a. m., 1898.

Alliance opened by prayer.

Minutes read and approved.

Bro. G. W. Macdonald, chairman of the Mission Board, brought before the Alliance, the matter of Foreign Missions, particularly in regard to the matter of sending Bro. and Sister H. C. Sanders to the foreign field.

Bro. Sanders was requested to submit to the Alliance whatever correspondence he had had with foreign Boards.

Letters offered by him showed expense for travelling, building Mission station, and support for the first year to amount to between \$1300 and \$1500.

Moved by Bro. G. W. Macdonald, seconded by Bro. B. N. Goodspeed that this Alliance hereby pledge itself to accept the opportunities offered by the South Africa Mission Society, and undertake at once the work of sending Bro. and Sister Sanders to Africa as our missionaries.

The motion was discussed until Alliance adjourned to meet at 1.30 p. m.

Prayer by Bro. W. B. Wiggins.

G. B. MacD., Ass't Sec'y.

SEVENTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 2 p. m., July 2nd, 1898.

Alliance opened in due form. Prayer by Bro. Chas. Erb.

On Motion

Resolved, that a committee be appointed to confer with Bro. Sanders in regard to his doctrinal views.

Bros. G. W. Macdonald, G. B. Trafton and J. H. Coy were appointed said committee.

The Treasurer of Alliance, Bro. E. Cosman, submitted his report.

Alliance fund in account with

E. COSMAN, Treasurer

RECEIPTS.

1897. Balance on hand, \$105.40
1898.

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