

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, 1899.

(CONDENSED.)

The Eleventh Annual Alliance of the Reformed Baptist Church of Canada, convened in the Tabernacle at Beulah Camp Ground, Brown's Flats, Kings Co., N. B., on Tuesday evening, June 27th, 1899, at 7.30 o'clock.

President H. H. Cosman in the chair. The meeting opened with singing and a number of prayers. Rev. M. F. Trafton read the Scriptures and gave us a short talk, after which the time was taken up in testimonies and song. We all felt how good it was to greet each other as brethren and sisters in Christ and hear each others voices again in prayer, song and testimony. The meeting closed with an altar service when some came forward for full salvation.

SECOND SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, 9.30 A. M.,
June 28, 1899.

This was the first business session of the Alliance. President H. H. Cosman in the chair. Alliance opened with singing, and prayer by Bro. C. S. Hilyard. The roll being called the following members were found to be present:

MINISTERS.

Elders—G. W. McDonald, A. H. Trafton, S. A. Baker, G. B. Trafton, W. B. Wiggins, H. H. Cosman, H. C. Saunders, C. S. Hilyard, M. S. Trafton, H. C. Archer, T. Moses, B. Colpitts, W. H. Sherwood, Z. B. Grass.

OFFICERS.

President, Rev. H. H. Cosman.
Vice-President, Rev. G. W. McDonald.
Recording Sec'y, Rev. W. B. Wiggins.
Assistant Sec'y, Bro. G. B. McDonald.
Corresponding Sec'y, Rev. S. A. Baker.
Treasurer, Bro. E. Cosman.
Auditor, Bro. A. J. Marsten.

DELEGATES FROM CHURCHES.

Woodstock—Bro. A. J. Marsten and wife.
Lower Brighton—Mrs. Wm. Tedley and Miss Amy Tedley.
Hartland—Bro. G. Gray.
Royalton—Mrs. S. Greenlow.
Meductic—Miss B. Marsten.
Millville—none.
Victoria Corner—Bro. Cox.
Upper Hainesville—Bro. S. Clark and wife.
Peniac—Bro. B. N. Goodspeed and Bro. T. Goodspeed.
Marysville—Bro. A. L. Bubar and Mrs. H. H. Cosman.
Green Bush—Bro. Hillman.
Middle Southampton—Miss M. Miller.
Lower Southampton—Bro. Geo. Miller.
St. John—Mrs. E. Cosman and Mrs. Robert Janes.
Mercer Settlement—Mrs. E. Sharp.
Moncton—Bro. John Good and Bro. P. Jones.
Maplewood—Bro. T. W. Smith.
Maple Ridge—Bro. Chas. Palmer.
Nortondale—none.
Lower Hainesville—none.
Lutz Mountain—none.
Waterville—Bro. Wm. Slipp.
North Head—Bro. L. C. Watt.
Seal Cove—Bro. W. S. Foster.
Lubec Ridge—Mrs. J. Ramsdell and Mrs. Z. B. Grass.
Dennisville—none.
West Penobscot—Bro. Thos. Robinson.
Calais—Bro. Thos. Dunham and Mrs. F. Northrup.
Beal's Island—none.
Sandford—Mrs. Lewis Churchill.
Port Maitland—Mrs. H. C. Sanders.

Cedar Lake—Bro. W. Thurston.
Brazil Lake—Miss Tedford.
Geary—None.

OFFICERS OF MISSION SOCIETIES.

President, Mrs. E. Cosman.
Vice-President, Rev. M. S. Trafton.
Rec. Sec'y, Bro. G. B. McDonald.
Treasurer, Bro. C. K. Short.
Auditor, Rev. S. A. Baker.

DELEGATES FROM MISSION SOCIETIES.

Woodstock—Mrs. Clarke.
Hartland—Miss B. Bartt.
Peniac—Miss A. N. Goodspeed.
St. John—Mrs. R. James.
Moncton—Mrs. H. C. Archer.
North Head—Mrs. L. C. Watt.
Marysville—Miss Emma Cosman.
The election of officers of the Alliance then took place, when the balloting resulted in the choice of the following officers for the ensuing year:

President, Rev. G. W. McDonald, Saint John, N. B.
Vice-President, Rev. W. B. Wiggins, Woodstock.

Rec. Sec'y, Bro. A. L. Bubar, Moncton.
Assistant Sec'y, Rev. S. A. Baker, North Head, G. M.

Cor. Sec'y, Bro. G. B. McDonald, Meductic, York Co.

Treasurer, Bro. Elisha Cosman, St. John.
Auditor, Bro. A. J. Marsten, Woodstock.

On motion, Resolved that Rev. G. N. Ballentine and all the visiting brethren and sisters have a seat with us in the Alliance, with all privileges except voting.

The president elect, Rev. G. W. McDonald, appointed Bro. S. A. Baker, M. S. Trafton and W. B. Wiggins as nominating committee.

On motion, Resolved that Bro. John Kimball, of Holderville, Kings Co., be made a life member of the Alliance.

On motion, Resolved that during Alliance the time of opening the business meetings be at 9 a. m. and 2 p. m.

On motion, Alliance adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock.

Prayer by Bro. S. A. Baker.

A. L. B., Sec'y.

THIRD SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, 2 P. M.,
June 28, 1899.

Alliance opened in usual form, President G. W. McDonald in the chair. Singing, and prayer by Bro. W. B. Wiggins. Roll called. Minutes of last meeting read approved.

On motion, Resolved that Bro. S. A. Baker be authorized by the Alliance to see to the renewal of the insurance on the Dormitory immediately.

On motion, Resolved that a committee of five members of the Alliance be appointed by the president to move in the matter of organizing an "Alliance Training School" on the basis of the resolution of last year.

Committee to organize "Training School": Revs. W. B. Wiggins, A. H. Trafton, S. A. Baker, M. S. Trafton, Bro. A. L. Bubar.

After a number of delegations reported, the Alliance adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock Thursday morning.

Prayer by Bro. S. Clarke.

A. L. B., Sec'y.

FOURTH SESSION.

THURSDAY, 9 A. M.,
June 29, 1899.

Alliance opened in usual form. President in chair. Singing. Prayer by Bro. B. N. Goodspeed. Roll called. Minutes read and approved.

On motion, Resolved that a bill due on some stand furnishings be paid and order drawn on the treasurer for the amount.

Bro. B. N. Goodspeed from com. on evangelistic work, reported recom-

mending that an evangelistic committee be appointed for this year, and that means be raised to carry on this work. The report was accepted.

On motion, Resolved that an executive committee be appointed who shall have power to do the business of the Alliance between the annual meetings thereof.

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

On motion, Resolved that the executive committee be requested to secure a seal for the Alliance, to attach to all legal instruments and papers.

On motion, Resolved that Bro. W. B. Wiggins be a committee to look over our present constitution and prepare a revision of the same, with all needed changes, and make a report at next Alliance.

On motion, Alliance adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock.

Prayer by Bro. M. S. Trafton.

A. L. B., Sec'y.

FIFTH SESSION.

THURSDAY, 2 P. M.,
June 29, 1899.

Alliance opened in the usual manner. President in the chair. Roll called. Minutes read and approved.

The report of the nominating committee was taken up and discussed.

On motion, The 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th sections were adopted. On motion, the report was adopted as a whole.

On motion, It was "Resolved that this Alliance appoint a committee of five persons whose duty it will be to make arrangements and obtain workers for camp meetings to be held on these grounds for the year 1900, said committee to act as a devotional committee during this present camp meeting, and also for the camp meeting of 1900.

Committee on camp meeting and workers.—Revs. G. W. McDonald, Chairman, W. B. Wiggins, M. S. Trafton, S. B. Trafton, S. A. Baker, Sec'y.

On motion, "Resolved that the leasing and guarding of the lots on the camp ground be hereafter left with the executive committee of the Alliance.

The following report of the

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE

was unanimously adopted:

"That we recognize the evil effects of intemperance, and the woe and misery attending the use and sale of intoxicating liquors in our Dominion, and believe it to be incumbent upon us as a denomination to put forth every effort to bring about its total prohibition. And it is the mind of your committee that the best means of bringing this about is through the enactment of a strict prohibitory law by the Dominion government, the acceptance of which shall be optional with each province.

We would also express our regret that the expectations of the temperance people of the Dominion, as far as legislative action being taken on the recent plebiscite vote, were disappointed, and we further condemn the action of the present government in their treatment of the matter.

We also regret that the use of tobacco is so prevalent, for in it we see an evil and a foe that are destructive to our youth and debasing to the morals of our men. We recognize it as a companion evil with the dread monster, rum, and recommend that

our people continue to fight these evils by preaching and working against them in harmony with the Scripture injunction, "Cleanse yourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of the Lord."

Signed, Bros. M. S. Trafton,
C. K. Short.

B. N. Goodspeed,
Miss A. N. Goodspeed,
Mrs. A. L. Bubar.

The committee on quarterly meetings reported as follows: Your committee report that there have been nine quarterly meetings held during the year. All the meetings in the First District were a grand success. We think the quarterly meetings a good helpful instrumentality where they can be sustained.

Signed, G. W. McDonald,
T. W. Moses,
H. C. Archer.

On motion, the Alliance adjourned to meet Friday at 9 a. m.

Prayer by Bro. S. A. Baker.

A. L. B., Sec'y.

SIXTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, 9 A. M.,
June 30, 1899.

Alliance opened in usual form. President in the chair. Prayer by Sister H. C. Sanders. Minutes read and approved.

On motion, a bill of \$3 for blanks was ordered to be paid.

On motion, Resolved that Bros. W. B. Wiggins, A. H. Trafton and T. W. Moses be a committee on absent brethren.

On motion, Resolved that this Alliance appoint a committee to prepare a statement on camp ground property.

The following is a statement and report of the committee, which was unanimously adopted:

"To the honorable gentlemen of the Council of the County of Kings:

Gentlemen,—Inasmuch as tax bills have been presented to persons living for a short period in cottages built upon Beulah camp ground, owned by the Reformed Baptist Alliance, we wish, therefore, to make the following statements:

First,—That these grounds have been established purely for religious purposes.

Second,—That these grounds are owned by the Reformed Baptist Alliance, and are used by them for their general yearly meeting and camp meeting.

Third,—That the cottages have been built for the convenience and comfort of persons attending such meetings.

Fourth,—That all profits and money contributed during the meetings (except that given for missionary and like objects) are expended in improvements on and about the grounds, employing persons residing within the county to do the work.

Fifth,—That during the meetings and the time the cottages are occupied the supplies of provisions and produce are purchased principally from merchants and farmers in the vicinity.

Sixth,—That the establishment of Beulah Camp Ground has increased the value of property in the vicinity.

Therefore, we humbly ask that our people be relieved from further embarrassment by the presentation of tax bills on account of said property.

Signed by committee,

S. A. Baker,
M. S. Trafton,
B. N. Goodspeed.

The Foreign Mission work was taken up by the Alliance, and on motion,

Resolved, that we accept Bro. and Sister Sanders as foreign missionaries of this Alliance and that the Alliance engage to take steps to send them out as soon as Bro. Sanders completes his medical course.

On motion, Alliance adjourned to meet at 2 p. m. Prayer by the President.

A. L. B. Sec'y.

SEVENTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, 2 P. M., June 30, 1899.

Alliance opened in usual form. Singing. Prayer by Bro. S. A. Baker. Minutes read and approved.

On motion, Resolved that the Alliance go into committee of the whole on Foreign Mission work.

On motion, Resolved that this Alliance engage to place Bro. and Sister H. C. Sanders in Africa and give them \$500 a year until their mission became self-supporting, and further

Resolved, that we request Sister Sanders to visit all our churches she can during the year in the interest of Foreign Mission work.

On motion, of Rev. G. W. McDonald the following resolution was passed:

"Whereas we believe the tendency of the times is toward extravagant living, and believing that we ought to set examples of economy and self-sacrifice in our Christian work,

Therefore Resolved, that we request the members of our church to set apart the first week in October as "Self Denial Week," and that a circular letter from this Alliance making the request, be sent to all the churches of the denomination.

On motion, Further Resolved, that a committee (Bro. C. K. Short) be appointed to prepare a card to be sent to all the churches, embodying the principle of this resolution, and that the amount thus saved in the self-denial week be stated on the card and for what purpose.

On motion, the report of committee of the whole was adopted.

Bro. C. K. Short from committee on grounds and tabernacle, presented a bill of \$150.58 for improvements.

On motion, the bill was referred to the auditor for examination and found correct.

On motion, Resolved that an order be drawn on the treasurer for the amt of \$16.00 for insurance on the Dormitory.

On motion, Resolved that an order be drawn on the treasurer for the amt of \$150.58, bill rendered by Bro. C. K. Short.

On motion, Resolved that Sister Kate McLeod be appointed Sunday School agent for the ensuing year.

On motion, Alliance adjourned to meet July 1st at 9 a. m. Closed by prayer.

A. L. B. Sec'y.

EIGHTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 9 A. M., July 1st, 1899.

Alliance opened in usual form. President in chair. Prayer by Bro. G. Grey. Roll called. Minutes read and approved.

The order of the day was the reading of the report of the corresponding secretary, Rev. S. A. Baker, a summary of which is here given.

STATISTICS SUMMARY.

No. of churches reported, 35
Added by baptism, 81
Added on experience, 34
Total additions, 115
Net increase, 68

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