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OF THE

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Wednesday, September 21, 1814.

1. At 10 o'clock, Brother WILLIAM BATCHELDER, according to appointment, delivered the introductory discourse from John i. 46. After which there was a collection for the widows and children of deceased ministers.

2. Chose Brother THOMAS BALDWIN, Moderator, and Brother E. WILLIAMS, Clerk.

3. Appointed Brethren, BALDWIN, WILLIAMS, and GRAFTON, a Committee, to count and make distribution of the money collected for the widows and children of deceased ministers.

The Messengers from sister corresponding Associations were invited to take a seat with us.—Adjourned till 2 o'clock.

4. Met pursuant to adjournment; after prayer, by Brother WILLIAMS, proceeded to read the letters from the Churches, and took the following account of the members added, dismissed, excluded, or who have died the past year, and the present number in each church.

N. B. The names of ordained ministers are in *small capitals*; licensed preachers in *italic*. Those ministers with this mark (*) were not present. Churches marked thus (†) we had no information from this session. Vacant Churches are distinguished by a dash ———

Churches.	Elders and Messengers.	Added		Dismiss.	Exclud.	Died.	Total.
		By Bap.	By Lot.				
2d Boston 1743	THOMAS BALDWIN ELISHA WILLIAMS Heman Lincoln Jacob Hiler	7	8	6	8	1	397
Haverhill 1763.	WM. BATCHELDER Amos George <i>Charles O. Kimball</i> Timothy Smith	16		6	4	2	304
Harvard 1776	ABISHA SAMSON Richard Haven Jeremiah Dyer	5			1	2	100
Newton 1780	JOSEPH GRAFTON Elijah Corey Ebenezer Hovey	20		3		1	209
Woburn 1781	————— Joseph Winn Jacob Richardson			1			98
Templeton† 1782	—————						114

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		<i>By B.P.</i>	<i>By Let.</i>				
Rowley 1785	JOSIAH CONVERS Silas Hardy Timothy Morfe, jr.	7		1	3	1	42
Weston 1789	CHARLES TRAIN Luther Fay Stephen Butterick David Fisk	6	5			1	45
Danvers 1793	JEREMIAH CHAPLIN Israel Hutchinson Seth Richardson	6		1			73
Charlestown 1801	WILLIAM COLLIER David Goodwin	7		5	1	3	66
Beverly 1801	————— Eleazer Wallis Nehemiah Roundy Francis Lamson, jr.		8	1	5	3	125
Salem 1804	LUCIUS BOILES <i>Nathaniel W. Williams</i> Niles Tilden Samuel West	12	3	12	2	2	307
Reading 1804	EBENEZER NELSON Jacob Eaton Aaron Sweetser						95
Malden	————— Ebenezer Harnden Samuel Wait, jr. Edward Newhall			1		1	107
Weare, N. H. 1783	EZRA WILLMARTH Abraham Merrill	3				1	87
Nottingham West, 1805	DANIEL MERRILL Justus Daken Samson Kidder	5	2		1		104
New Boston, N. H.	ISAIAH STONE* John Whipple, jr.	1					60
African Ch. in } Boston, 1805 } † Ipswich	THOMAS PAUL* John Hay JOHN BUTLER*	1			7	3	77
Newbury and } Newburyport } 1805	JOHN PEAK Stephen Bailey	1		2		1	73
3d Boston 1807.	DANIEL SHARP <i>E. Lincoln</i> Thomas Ford	10	38	4		1	125
Gloucester Marblehead	————— FERDINAND ELLIS John Fielding	1		4		1	32
Chelmsford	JOHN PICKENS James Baldwin	5		1		2	45

Churches.	Elders and Messengers.	Added		Dismiss.	Exclud.	Died.	Total.
		By Bapt.	By Let.				
Londonderry	_____ William Richardson Caleb Gooden	4		5	1	1	59
Dunstable	_____ Zimri Kendall Thaddeus Davis	1			1	1	38
Goffstown	ABRAHAM GATES						24
		118 64 53 35 28 29 17					

5. Read the Circular Letter prepared by brother WILLIAMS,* and voted to accept the same.

Also read and accepted the Corresponding Letter prepared by brother SHARP

6. Read a letter from brother RICE, addressed to the Association, on the propriety of taking up collections for missionary purposes during the meeting of the Association.

This communication was referred to the consideration of a committee.

Appointed brethren, BOLLES, CHAPLIN, and SHARP, for that purpose, and to report.

7. The Letter from the Second Baptist Church in Boston, having proposed to us the propriety and importance of forming an Education Society, to afford aid to those of our young brethren who are desirous of engaging in the ministry, in obtaining literary and theological information—It was *Voted*, that brethren, MERRILL, RICE, and *E. Lincoln*, be a committee, to take the subject into consideration, and report thereon

8. Voted, that we recommend to the Churches of this Association, to observe Thursday, the 29th day of the present month, as a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer, on account of the present afflicted state of our beloved country, and the low state of Zion.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning, 8 o'clock. Brother WILLMARTH concluded by prayer. At 4 o'clock brother S. S. NELSON preached from Acts iv. 23.

* Brother THOMAS WATERMAN, who was appointed to write the Circular Letter, having deceased, brother WILLIAMS was requested to prepare one for the occasion.

Thursday, Sept. 22.

Met according to adjournment. Opened with prayer by brother GANO.

9. Received communications from the following Associations.

<i>Associations.</i>	<i>Messengers.</i>	<i>Minutes.</i>
Warren	STEPHEN GANO, J. M. WINCHELL,	Minutes.
Cumberland	JOHN HAINES,	do.
N. Hampshire		do.
Dublin	JOHN PARKHURST, C. CUMMINGS,	do.
Sturbridge	B. WATERS,	do.
Westfield		do.
Danbury	GEORGE PHIPPEN,	do.
Philadelphia,		do.
Vermont		do.
Charleston,		do.
Savannah River,		do.

10. *Voted*, To correspond, by exchanging minutes, with Savannah River Baptist Association.

11. Appointed the following Messengers to Corresponding Associations. To the

Warren,	Brethren, E. NELSON, GRAFTON, BALDWIN, and BOLLES,
N. Hampshire,	Brethren, WILLMARTH and BATCHELDER.
Dublin,	Brethren, WILLMARTH and STONE.
Sturbridge,	Brother CHARLES TRAIN.
Vermont,	Brother LUTHER RICE.
Woodstock,	Brethren, L. RICE and ABRAHAM GATES.

12. Appointed Brother DANIEL MERRILL, to write the Circular Letter for the next year, and Brother ABISHA SAMSON, the Corresponding Letter, to be presented at the next meeting.

13. The interesting concerns of the Missionary Society were introduced.

A letter from Newton *Female Benevolent Society* was presented by Elder Grafton, covering \$70 for the Mass. Bap. Miss. Society. From Female Cent Society in Salem, \$75.23, by brother BOLLES. From Female Cent Society in Haverhill, by brother BATCHELDER, \$30.25. From Female Mite Society, in Attleborough, by brother E. WILLIAMS, \$17. Forwarded by Brother BENEDICT, of Pawtucket, 128 dols. Also, for Foreign Missionary Society, from New Rowley, by Brother CONVERS, \$24.27. From sisters in Weare, N. H. by brother WILLMARTH, \$2.50. From a friend, by brother SAMSON, \$3.

14. *Voted*, That the thanks of the Association be presented to those societies and individuals who have so generously contributed to support the cause of Missions.

15. *Voted*, That the ministers of this Association be requested to encourage their respective churches and congregations to make annual contributions for the support of foreign and domestic missions.

