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WEDNESDAY, September 28.

AT ten o'clock, A. M. brother John Robinson preached the introductory sermon, from 1st Cor. i, 9. *God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Chose brother Robert Low, Moderator, and brother Thomas Francis, Clerk.

After prayer, read the letters from the several churches, and took the following account of members added, dismissed, excluded or died the year past, and the present number in each church.

N. B. The names of ordained ministers are in **SMALL CAPITALS**; licenced preachers in *italic*. The ministers names with this * mark, were not present; churches marked thus † we had no information from this session; †‡ cant churches distinguished by a —.

<i>Churches.</i>	<i>Elders & Messengers.</i>	<i>Added.</i>	<i>Dismissed.</i>	<i>Excluded.</i>	<i>Died.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
1st Bowdoin,	JOSEPH DENSLOW, David Buker, Asahel Polley,	5	4	2	2	85
2 1st Sidney,	ASA WILBER, William Ward,	1				58
3 1st Litchfield,	HENRY KENDALL, <i>Daniel Cunningham,</i> Joshua Weymouth, Levi Herriman,		4	5	2	170
† Lewistown,	BENJAMIN COLE, JAMES GARCELON, Josiah Mitchell,					59
† Readfield,	ROBERT LOW, ISAAC CASE, JOSEPH PALMER, William Richards, Luke Perkins,	16	1	2	3	96
† Fayette,	OLIVER BILLINGS, THOMAS MERRILL, Joshua Walton, Jeremiah Richards,	3	2		1	109

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7 Greene,	JOHN DAGGETT, JR. Jesse Coburn,	4	3	1	1	99
8 Wayne,	Constant Dexter,	1				16
9 1st Lisbon,	Joseph Killgore, MEPHIBOSHETH CAIN,		2	1		29
10 Clinton,	LEVI YOUNG,	1	1			45
11 New Vineyard,	JAMES PIERCE,			2	5	51
12 Wales,	Philip Jenkins, James Labree,	1	2		2	50
13 Mount Vernon,	PETER MOORE, Nathan Thomas, John Hovey, Nathaniel Rice,	3		1	2	66
14 Leeds,	THOMAS FRANCIS, James Lamb,	1	1		1	48
15 New Sharon,	Samuel Prescott,	9		1		38
16 * Bloomfield,	JONATHAN STEWART, ROBERT COBURN, Daniel Smith,	7			2	67
17 2d Sidney,	Asa Williams, Nathaniel Reynolds, John Sawtell, Benjamin Dyer,	1		7	1	31
18 2d Bowdoin,	ICHABOD TEMPLE, Ebenezer Temple, Samuel Smith,	4	13	1	2	77
19 Belgrade,	ELIAS TAYLOR, Shadrach Rollins, Sherabiah Clark,	5	1			50
20 Hallowell,	JOHN ROBINSON, James Hinkley, Peter Moore,	1		2	2	43
21 2d Lisbon,	John Ross, William Jordan, Nath'l. Spaulding,	2				21
22 Cornville,	Isaac Bridges, Samuel Elkins,	3	2			41
23 † Harmony,						35
24 † Farmington,						23
25 † Monmouth,	ELIAS NELSON, Joshua Smith, Samuel Shaw,	2		1	2	19
26 † Palmyra,						8

* Heretofore called Canaan.

<i>Churches.</i>	<i>Elders & Messengers.</i>	<i>Adm.</i>	<i>Dismissed.</i>	<i>Excluded.</i>	<i>Dead.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
27 New Portland,	_____	14				24
28 2d Litchfield,	William Moody, WILLIAM STINSON, William Crawford, Samuel Blanchard, Andrew Blake, Amos Stevens,	2		2	1	45
29 3d Livermore,	* THOMAS WYMAN, Zephaniah Bumpus, Cushman Bassett,	1				37
30 Bowdoinham,	DANIEL PIERSON, James Buker, Uriel Huntington, John Dennet,	12	1	2	1	59
31 Canaan,	_____	11				37
32 No. Five,	* LEMUEL JACKSON, AMAZIAH REED, Abel Holt,		1	2		61
33 Bakerstown,	_____	6				17
34 † Phillips, 2d Mount Vernon,	_____					14
	Ephraim Nicholson,					8
		116	38	32	30	1756

* The last mentioned church was admitted at this session.

Called for the messengers and minutes from Corresponding Associations, and received as follows :

<i>Associations.</i>	<i>Messengers.</i>
Warren,	Letter and Minutes.
Lincoln,	Letter and Minutes. Phinehas Pilsbury.
Cumberland,	Sylvanus Boardman.
New Hampshire,	Letter and Minutes.

Chose Elders Billings, Dagget and Robinson, a committee to examine the Circular and Corresponding Letters.

Appointed brethren Smith and Huntington, to apportion the expense for printing the minutes, &c. among the several churches.

Circular and Corresponding Letters were read and accepted.

Voted to adjourn to nine o'clock tomorrow morning.
Closed the meeting by prayer.

September 29th.—Met agreeably to adjournment. Prayer by brother Case. Elders Robinson and Wilber, who were appointed to settle with the Treasurer, reported that there was \$33 20 in the treasury.

Appointed brother William Richards Treasurer.

The Rev. Luther Rice, having by letter, addressed this association on the subject of "missions," and requesting that "an answer to his letter, with a copy of our minutes, be forwarded to Dr. Staughton, of Philadelphia; and that a regular correspondence and interchange of minutes may be gone into between this association and the Baptist board for foreign missions." It was voted that elders Low, Francis and Dagget be a committee to make arrangements (in concert with sister associations in the District of Maine, or otherwise) for carrying into effect the wish of this association to promote the laudable designs of the "Baptist board for foreign missions;" and that they forward to brother Rice an answer to his letter, and a copy of our minutes.

Voted to recommend to the churches of this association, that there be a contribution every three months, for the purpose of establishing a fund to promote the designs of the "baptist board for foreign missions."

Voted to correspond with the Warren and Boston associations, by an interchange of letters and minutes.

Appointed the following messengers to corresponding associations, viz. To the New Hampshire, brother E. Taylor, in case of failure, brother John Robinson. Lincoln, brother R. Low, in case of failure, brother Thomas Merrill. Cumberland, brother Thomas Merrill, in case of failure, brother H. Kendall. Nova Scotia, brother I. Case.

Voted to recommend the second Tuesday of October next, to be observed as a day of fasting and prayer by the churches of this association.

Voted to recommend to the members of the churches in this association the propriety of improving a portion of time every day, in humble, fervent, secret prayer; that God would be pleased to turn away from us his righteous dis-

