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OF THE

BOWDOINHAM ASSOCIATION,

HOLDEN AT THE

Baptist Meeting-House in

Bloomfield, (Me.)

SEPTEMBER 22 & 23,

1819.

TOGETHER WITH THEIR

CIRCULAR AND CORRESPONDING

LETTERS.



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MINUTES, &c.

BLOOMFIELD, Wednesday, September 22.

At ten o'clock, A. M. brother Jer. Chaplain preached an Introductory Sermon from Psalms 68, 3 verse.

Adjourned one half hour—Met by adjournment and

1. Chose brother Sylvanus Boardman, Moderator.
2. Chose brother Josiah Houghton, Clerk; and brother Winthrop Morse, Assistant Clerk.

3. After prayer by the Clerk, chose brethren Chaplain, Martin and Wilbur, a Committee to examine the Circular and Corresponding Letters.

4. Appointed brethren Hovey, Dagget and Kendall, a Committee to proportion the expenses on the Churches for printing the Minutes, &c.—to receive the money, and settle with the Treasurer.

5. Called for the Messengers and Minutes from Corresponding Associations, and received as follows:

ASSOCIATIONS.		Letters and Minutes.		MESSENGERS.	
YORK,					
LINCOLN,	do.	do.	do.	Phinehas Pillsbury.	
CUMBERLAND,	do.	do.	do.		
N. SCOTIA & N. B.	} do.	} do.	} do.	Edward Manning	
BRUNSWICK,					
EASTERN MAINE,		Letter.		Wm. Johnson.	

Invited the Messengers from Sister Associations to sit in council with us.

6. Read the Letters from the several Churches, and took the following account of Members added, dismissed, excluded, and deceased the year past, and the present number in each Church.

N. B. The names of ordained Ministers are in SMALL CAPITALS; licensed preachers in *italic*. The ministers' names with this mark*, were not present. Churches marked thus †, we had no information from this session: Vacant Churches distinguished by ———.

Churches, Elders & Messengers

Churches, Elders & Messengers	Added		Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.
	R. Bapt.	Y. Labor.				
Bowdoinham,				1	1	62
1st Bowdoin,	6	3	1	4	5	129
1st Sidney,			3	1	1	46
1st Litchfield,	3	1	4	7		150
Lewiston,				1	1	67
Readfield,	1		2		3	98

Fayette,	JESSE MARTIN, OLIVER BILLINGS,* Benjamin Palmer, Joseph Anderson.	14	1	3	1	100	
Greene,	JOHN DAGGET, Jesse Coburn, Aaron Dagget, Reuben Curtis	1	2	2	1	135	
Wayne,	— — — Samuel Brown.	2		1		11	
Lisbon,	JAMES STUART.		6		1	59	
Cluton,	MA. HIBOSHEH CANE, Francis Powers, Joseph Spears, Jr.	6	1	12	3	97	
Wales,	JAMES PIERCE, James Labree, David Jenkins.	1			1	48	
Mt. Vernon,	ARTHUR DRINKWATER,* John Hovey, Barnard Kimball, Nathan Robinson.		1			72	
Leeds,	THOMAS FRANCIS,* <i>Martin Leonard,</i> Giddins Lane, Barnabas Howard, Joseph Gould.	5			4	1	79
Industry,	— — — Robert Lambert, Benj. Cottle, Rowland Luce, Martin Mower.	21	5	2	2	2	57
New Sharon,	SYLVANUS BOARDMAN, Samuel Prescott.	2	4		1	1	59
Bloomfield,	JONATHAN STEWARD, ROBERT COBURN, Thomas Steward.	8	1	10	3	1	62
Ed Sidney,	— — — Edmund Howard, Jonathan Mathews, Jeremiah Thayer.	22	7	1			54
Ed Bowdoin,	— — — William Lydson, Isaac White,			1	4		97
Belgrade,	ELIAS TAYLOR, Shadrack Rollings, John Holmes, Isaac Fletcher, Joel Spaulding.	3	3		4	1	61
Hallowell,	WINTHROP MORSE, James Hinkley, Henry Mallis	5	1				65
Ed Lisbon, Cornville,	WILLIAM FROST,* — — — Samuel Fogg, Joseph Whicher,	2	6			2	22 34
Harmony,	BENJAMIN BISBE, John Evans, James Leighton.	2		7	3	1	48
Farmington,	— — — Eliphalet Bucher, William Parker.	2			1		50
Monmouth,	— — — David Woodcock						35

Falmora,	JOSEPH BLASDEL, John White, David H Jewett.							44
2d Litchfield,	WM. STINSON,* Wm. Bartlett, Samuel Blanchard, Enoch Hill, Benj. Shaw.	3	5		4			56
3d Livermore,	ELIAS NELSON, Jonathan Libby, Eben'r Turner					2		100
Canaan,	— — — Eliakim Ames, Joseph Ireland.	6	5	2				34
Weld,	AMAZIAH REED, LEMUEL JACKSON.*	2			2	1		40
Moscow,	— — — John Smith, Jacob Temple, Thomas Chase.	19	1	3	1			31
Phillips,† Topsham,	— — — HENRY KENDALL, WINSLOW STAPLES,*	3	4	2	2			10 60
Gardiner,	— — — LEVI YOUNG, THOMAS MACOMBER, Robert Herring.					2		32
Guilford,	— — — JEREMIAH CHAPLAIN, Thomas Parke <i>John Turney, jr.</i>				2	1		34
Waterville,	— — — ZENAS HALL, William Brewster.	7	10	3	1			33
Parkman,	— — — Seth Browning, Samuel Door.	13	3		1			31
Northhill,	— — — Nathaniel Hubbard.	5	6					24
3d Canaan,	— — — David S. Trask							15
Norridgewock,	— — — Ebenzer Cole.							10
Athens,								10
		157	73	62	58	20	21	35

N. B. The three last named Churches were received the present session.

7. Voted to adjourn until tomorrow morning, 9 o'clock

Preaching in several parts of the town and vicinity in the evening.

THURSDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.—Met agreeably to adjournment—

- Prayer by the Moderator.
- 8. Passed the following vote—Whereas *Olever Peabody*, has been in the habit of travelling in different parts of our land, and of offering his gift as an Elder of the particular Baptist denomination—This is to certify that said Peabody is an excluded member, and that this Association feel it to be their duty to state that in their opinion said Peabody ought by *no means* to be countenanced in such procedure.
- 9. Voted to open a correspondence with the Eastern Maine Association.
- 10. Voted to allow the messenger to the Eastern Maine Association eight dollars, and to the Cumberland two dollars.
- 11. Voted Wm. Richards Treasurer of the Association.
- 12. Chose brother Francis Secretary of the Association.
- 13. Chose Elders Dagget, Martin and Kendall, a Committee to nominate messengers to corresponding Associations.
- 14. Chose brother Francis, Agent of Foreign Missions.
- 15. Read the Circular and Corresponding Letters and accepted them.

16. Chose brother Morse to prepare the Circular, and brother Martin the Corresponding Letter for next year.

17. Chose brethren Francis, Chaplain and Dagget, a Committee to correspond with the Board of Foreign Missions.

18. Appointed messengers to sister Associations, viz: Daggett to the Cumberland, Taylor to the York, Houghton to the Lincoln, Morse to the New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, Pierce to the Eastern Maine.

19. Voted to recommend to the Churches that they contribute to the support of Elder Job Macomber; and a contribution was taken in the Association of \$9,33 for his benefit.

20. Passed the following resolve, viz: Understanding that the Trustees of the Maine Lit. & Theol. Institution are about to erect a large building for the use of that Seminary—Resolved, that we recommend to the Churches composing this Association, to use their best endeavors to assist the said Trustees in this arduous undertaking.

21. Voted, the Clerk superintend the printing of the Minutes, and that 1600 copies be printed.

22. Voted the next Association be holden in the south Meeting-House in Lewiston, on the fourth Wednesday of Sept. next, at 10 o'clock, A. M. and that brother Boardman preach the Introductory Sermon.

23. Voted that the committee charged with money for the Foreign Mission, forward the same to Dr. Baldwin.

24. Chose Messrs. Hovey, Houghton and Morse, a committee to request of brother Chaplain a copy of the Introductory Sermon for the press.

☞ Supplies for the Church in Wayne.

☞ Supplies for the Church in Monmouth.

Elder Pierce, first Lord's day in November.
Elder Taylor, do. do. January.
Elder Francis, do. do. May.
Elder Taylor, do. do. June.

Elder Pierce, first Lord's day in June.
Elder Taylor, third do. do.

RECEIVED FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Church & Society in Wales,	dls. 4.20	Female Society in Topsham,	12.00
Do. do. Fayette,	4.63	Do. do. Littlefield,	8.25
Do. do. Lewiston,	1.75	Do. do. Fayette,	19.50
Do. do. Bowdoin,	5.47	Do. do. Garwiner,	9.50
Do. do. York,	4.78	Do. do. Bowdoin,	.25
Ep. Socy. in Madison,	4.90	Do. do. Greene,	14.11
Methodist Socy,	4.00	Do. do. Wayne,	4.37
Ep. Socy. in Wayne,	1.00	Do. do. New Sharon,	19.84
Nathaniel Blake,	.50		
		Total, dls. 109.18	

RECEIVED FOR HOME MISSIONS.

Female Society in Mount Vernon,	dls. 10.22	Contribution in Greene,	dls. 7.10
Do. do. Readfield,	17.90	Contribution of Bowdoinham Association,	37.69
Do. do. Greene,	14.10		
Church and Society in Readfield,	4.73	Total, dls. 99.99	

CIRCULAR LETTER.

The Elders and Messengers of the Bowdoinham Association, to the Churches they represent, Christian salutation.

DEAR BRETHREN.

SCRIPTURE and experience both assure us that the people of God enjoy fellowship with him. This is a truth as precious as it is certain, and may well inspire us with a devout and grateful astonishment. There is an infinite disparity between the High and Lofly One who inhabiteth eternity and the most exalted of his creatures. Such, however, is his condescension, that he deigns to commune not only with the seraphs who surround his throne, but even with the meanest of our sinful race who humble themselves before him, and present him the sacrifice of broken and contrite hearts. This, as it is a most striking proof of the freeness and sovereignty of that love which passes knowledge, so it affords believers the noblest pleasures; pleasures which assimilate their souls to God, and constitute their chief felicity both in the present and future world.

But important and interesting as this subject is, we cannot at present pursue the contemplation of it. The fellowship to which your attention, brethren,

