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# MINUTES

OF THE

## Danbury Association, *connection*

HELD IN NEW-HARTFORD [Sept. 19th, and 20th,] 1792.

I. Elder Seth Higby delivered the introductory Sermon from John iii. 3. *Jesus answered and said unto him, verily, verily I say unto thee, except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.*

II. Made choice of Elder Adam Hamilton moderator—Deacon Samuel Heart, clerk.

III. Letters from the Churches in our connection and corresponding associations were read, which afforded us matter of agreeable intelligence.

N. B. Ministers names in Capitals. Those to whom an \* is affixed, were not present. From Churches marked thus † we received no letters. Dashes denote no settled ministers.

*Doctor Higby*  
*from*  
*Felstich.*

# MINUTES OF THE DANBURY ASSOCIATION.

## CHURCHES.

## MESSENGERS.

*Suffield.*

**JOHN HASTINGS,**  
**JACOB WINCHEL,**  
Deacon Ephraim Robins,  
Joseph Rice.

*Stratfield.*

**SETH HIGBY,**  
Deacon John Edwards.

*Warren.*

**ISAAC ROOTS,**  
Truman Beeman,  
Amos Tuttle.

*Westfield.*

**ADAM HAMILTON,**  
Deacon Israel Dewey,  
Aaron Dewey.

*1st. Danbury. †*  
*Torrington.*

**STEPHEN SHEPHERD,**  
Deacon Noah North.

*2d. Danbury.*

**DANIEL WILDMAN.**  
**CALVIN HULBERT,**

*Farmington.*

Deacon Samuel Heart,  
Daniel Griffis  
Cornelius Cornwell.

*South Britain.*

**SAMUEL WHELPLEY, A.M.**

*New-Hartford.*

Deacon John Sherman.  
**EPAPHRAS THOMSON.**  
Deacon Samuel Benham,  
Isaac Lane,  
Zechariah Watson,  
John Lewis.

*1st. Wallingford.*

**NATHANIEL NORTON.**  
Isaac Hall,  
Jed Ives.

*New-Milford. †*  
*2d. Watertown.*

Edmund Todd,  
Oliver Dutton.

*2d. Wallingford.*

Deacon Jesse Dickerman,  
Ward Johnson.

*Carson.*

Joseph Wadsworth,  
Elijah Whitney.

*1st. Watertown.*

Samuel Smith,  
Levi Mos.

*Arminia Town. †*

**ELIJAH WOOD. \***

Baptized.	Received by Letter	Dismissed by Letter.	Restored.	Excommu- nicated.	Died.	No.
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[ N. B. ] The 2d. Church in Wallingford, was cordially received into our Fellowship the present year.

*between*

- 6th. Elder Calvin Hulbert appointed to write to the Shaftsbury Association.
- Brother Ashbel Hosmer to the Stonington,
- Brother Truman Beeman to the New-York,
- Elder Adam Hamilton, to Philadelphia *at our house.*

[Adjourned till to morrow morning 9 o'Clock.]

Public worship this evening in various parts of the Vicinity.

- 7th. Met pursuant to adjournment. *Sept 20th*
- 8th. Sermon by Elder Samuel Waldo from John. xiv. 6. *I am the way.*
- 9th. Letters to the Corresponding Associations were read and approved.
- 10th. Appointed the following named Elders and Brethren, as our Messengers to the associations in our connection.

- Brother Joseph Wadsworth to the Shaftsbury.
- Elder Hulbert to the Stonington.
- Elder Hamilton to the New-York.
- Elder Roots and Hamilton to the Philadelphia.

11th. The circular letter written by Elder Calvin Hulbert was read and approved and voted to be printed with our minutes.

12th. The following Questions presented by different Churches were discussed and Answered.

Quest. From the 1st. Church in Wallingford. viz. Has an ordained Deacon a right to Administer Ordinances? Answered in the Negative.

Quest. From the Church in New-Hartford. viz. Is it agreeable to the principles or constitution of this Association to commune occasionally with the Members of other Churches who were Baptised only by Sprinkling, though it were upon profession of their Faith? Answered in the Negative.

Quest. From the Church in Farmington viz. Whether the doctrine of the Final Salvation of all men, and the full and complete restoration of the whole Intelligent System, to a state of perfect happiness, in a voluntary subjection to the moral government of God, is to be deemed Heresy; and that such as profess to believe it, are to be excluded from the fellowship of Christian Churches, in the ordinances of the gospel? Answered in the Affirmative.

Voted Elder Samuel Whelpley and Brother John Waldo, to prepare a piece to have read to this Association at our next Annual Meeting, wherein the above Heresy may be more fully Discussed and detected than time at the present juncture would admit of.

13th. The following Supplies for destitute Churches were appointed.

<i>Wesfield.</i>	{	Elder Jacob Winchell,	Second Lords day in October.
		Elder John Hastings	Last Lords day in October.
		Elder Epaphras Thompson,	Second Lords day in November.

<i>Canaan.</i>	{	Elder Norton,	Second Lords day in October.
		Elder Shepherd,	Second Lords day in December.
		Elder Hulbert,	Second Lords day in February
		Elder Hamilton,	Second Lords day in April.
		Elder Roots,	Second Lords day in June.

<i>St. Warrtown.</i>	{	Elder Roots,	First Lords day in September.
		Brother Hosmer,	Third Lords day in November.
		Elder Whelpley,	Second Lords day in February.
		Brother Hosmer,	Last Lords day in February.
		Elder Hulbert,	Third Lords day in May.

*on the offer & invitation of the gospel*

Voted] our next annual meeting to be held at the Baptist Meeting House, in Southington, on  
third Wednesday in September next at 1 o'Clock. A. M.

Voted] Elder Roots to preach the Introductory Sermon, in case of Failure Elder Hastings.

Voted] Elder Hamilton to write the Circular letter for the next year] and also to superintend the  
printing of our Minutes for this year.]

# CIRCULAR LETTER.

DEAR BRETHREN,

**T**HE last year we addressed you upon the great and important Doctrine of Grace. We would now call your attention to the invitations and offers of salvation that are freely made to all, in the glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ. That salvation is freely offered to all and that all are invited to come to Christ and be saved, is evident.

I. From the extent of the atonement of Christ: "He gave himself a ransom for all: for every man, and is the propitiation for the sins of the whole world." We are not to consider the atonement of Christ necessary, in order to purchase the love and favour of God to be extended to sinners; for "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son to die for them."

What rendered the atonement of Christ necessary, was, that sinners might be pardoned: and yet the honour of the Divine law and government be maintained. "To justify the wicked nation to the Lord." "He will, by no means, clear the guilty." The rights of God's moral government must be secured, or sinners could not be pardoned. By the atonement of Christ, a righteous foundation is laid, whereby God can, consistently pardon the sinner, and bestow upon him eternal life; and this is agreeable to the declarations of scripture respecting the atonement of Christ. See Rom. iii, 24, 25, 26. "Being justified freely by his grace, through the redemption that is in Jesus Christ; whom God has set forth to be a propitiation, through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; to declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him that believeth in Jesus." Eph. i, 7, "In whom we have redemption, through his blood, the forgiveness of sins," &c. "He (that is Christ) shall magnify the law, and make it honourable." Christ has removed every obstacle out of the way of the pardon, justification, sin and eternal salvation of all sinners, of Adams race, but what remains in their own hearts, in their own voluntary opposition to the character and work of Jesus Christ. Hence we must then conclude that the Gospel salvation is free for all.

II. That all are invited to come to Christ and be saved, that salvation is freely offered to all in the Gospel, is farther evident from the commission our Saviour gave to his Apostles, which was "Go into all nations." "Go into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature." Our Saviour gave particular directions to his Apostles, to go and preach the Gospel to the Jews, to the Gentiles, to the