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MINUTES

OF THE

ANBURY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD

AT PAULINGSTON, OCTOBER 2d and 3d, 1799.

together with their Circular and Corresponding Letters.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2.

ASSOCIATION met according to appointment at Paulington; Introductory Sermon delivered by Brother Clark, from Mathew VII, 14, *Because Strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.*

Proceeded to business Brother Daniel Wildman chosen Moderator, and Brother Hezekiah West Clark.

Letters from the several Churches in our connection, presented, read, and the following list taken.

N. B. In the list Ministers Names in Capitals; Licenced Ministers in Italics; those to whose names an * is affixed were absent; — dashes denote no settled Ministers; from those marked thus † we received no letters.

<i>Churches.</i>	<i>Messengers.</i>	Added,	Disin.	Excom.	Died.
Suffield,	{ JOHN HASTINGS, John Hastings, Jur.	14		1	
1st. Danbury,	{ William Rundal, Seth Burnum,		9		
2d. Danbury,	{ John Scribner, Thomas Dickman,	5		1	
Canaan,	{ Dea. Joseph Kellogg, Gideon Barns,				
† 1st. Walling- ford,	_____				
2d. Walling- ford,	{ _____ Daniel Chaterton, NEHEM. DODGE,	4		1	
Southington & Farmington,	{ Dea. Eben. Howley, Ezra Clark, Joseph Wright,	14		1	1
Litchfield,	{ John Todd, William Grant, STEPHEN ROYCE, Nathan Bulkley,	8			
Stratfield,	{ John Staples, Abel Gregory, Phillip Mallett,	5			1
Roxbury,	{ Abijah Fairchilds, Isaac Fuller,			2	
Amena Town,	{ ELIJAH WOOD, * William Bentley,	1		2	
Wolcott.	{ DANL. WILDMAN, Edmond Todd,	21			1
Warren,	{ Ananias Dethick, Deacon Asahel Wedge,		2		
New Hartford and West Bri- ton,	{ EPAPH'S THOMSON Dea. Hezekiah West, Ichabod Stark,		2	1	
Colebrook,,	{ RUFUS BABCOCK, Dea. Eleazer Bidwell,	24		1	4
Sharon,	_____				
New Milford,	_____				

Ches.	Messengers.	Added.	Dism.	Excom.	Disd.	No.
Sandersfield*	BENJ. BALDWIN,	50		1	1	38
Paulingston,	SETH HIGBY, Dea. David Simmons, Thomas Wheeler, Joseph Beldin,		1	2		50
Hartford,	—					34
bury,	—					7
town,	JOHN SHERMAN, Nathaniel Northrop, Elijah Sherman, Samuel Churchil,	5	2			33
Paulingston,	Asbel B. Hall, Samuel Stephens, Andrew German, Thomas Shelden,		10		2	35
Edletown,	— Joseph Coe,					27
Massed,	ISAAC BELLOWS*	2				16
Total		157	30	12	8	1160



Members and Brethren from Corresponding Associations, were desired to take a seat with us.—

10th. Voted that Brother Babcock, Brother Dodge, & Deacon Welpley, be a Committee to examine our Circular and Corresponding Letters.

11th. Adjourned till to-morrow morning eight o'clock A. M. Thursday, October 3d met according to Adjournment.

Meeting opened by prayer, by Brother Herrick.

12th. Brother Royce's Circular Letter, and Brother Wilder's Corresponding Letter was read and approved.

13th. Heard the reports of the Committees, that were appointed to look into the state of delinquent Churches, and found the Church at Danbury under trials yet pursuing.—After hearing the report, of the Committee that was appointed to visit New-Milford Church; Voted to continue their name in our Minutes, and leave their number out, and appointed Brethren Sherman, and Sherman, as a committee to look into their circumstances.—Likewise appointed Brethren Wood, Higby, Sim-

mons, and Shepard to Sharon.—After hearing the situation of Torrington Church; Voted to leave them out of our Minutes.

8th. Heard the report of the Committee, that was appointed to visit Westfield Church, on the account of their restoring Adam Hamilton to Office-Work in the Church.—After hearing the report of said Committee, and the defence made by the Church and Hamilton in their favor. We are agreed that so and so many are the repeated crimes of this man. Viz. Avarice, Intemperance, & falsehood, &c. That notwithstanding confession and their forgiveness. As they had not the advice of a public Council in restoring him, and but a very few and a small number of them.—We conclude it not for the honor of God and the good of his cause for Said Hamilton and his former connections to be fellowship'd by us as a body; Either direct or indirect; and as a token of our entire disapprobation.—Voted to drop Said Church out of our minutes and fellowship.

9th. Received a Letter and minutes from the New-York Association by Brother Wheeler, likewise a letter and minutes from the Otego Association by Brother Herrick, likewise a letter and minutes from the Shaftsbury Association by Brother Abel Brock, also a letter and minutes from the Stonington Association by Brother Dodge,—and by Brother Broome, minutes from the Ketoson,—Goshen.—North-Carolina and Dover Association and minutes of the general Committee held in Buckingham County.

10th. Appointed Brother John Sherman to prepare our Circular Letter, and Brother Dodge the Corresponding letter for the ensuing year.

11th. Appointed Brethren Sherman, Thomson, and Babcock to the Shaftsbury; Brethren, Royce, Babcock, and Dodge to the Stonington; Brethren, Higby & Royce, to the New-York; Brethren, Baldwin, and Hall, to Otego Associations.

12th. Appointed Brother Daniel Butler to superintend printing and distributing the minutes.

13th. Voted that this Association be holden the next year the 1st. Wednesday in October next, at one o'clock P. M. at Elder Hastings Meeting House in Suffield.—Brother Royce preach the introductory Sermon, in case of failuer by Brother Wildman. Business being finished, Brother Dodge delivered a Sermon from 2d Peter 1st, 10. *“Wherefore the rather, Brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: if ye do these things ye shall never fall,—Likewise Brother Butler preached a Sermon from 1st John 11, 2. “And he is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.*

14th. It is requested, for the benefit of the Clerk; that the Clerks of the several Churches, would insert the names of

