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# MINUTES

OF THE

## DANBURY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD AT WALLINGFORD,

OCTOBER 6 and 7, 1802.

TOGETHER WITH THEIR CIRCULAR AND  
CORRESPONDING LETTERS.

WEDNESDAY, October 6.

1. ASSOCIATION met according to appointment at Wallingford; introductory Sermon delivered by Brother Afahel Morse, from 1 Cor. xiv. 12. *Forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek that ye may excel, to the edifying of the Church.*

2. Proceeded to business. Brother Daniel Wildman was chosen Moderator, and Brother Hezekiah West, Clerk.

3. Letters from the several churches in our connection were presented, read, and the following list taken:

N. B. In the list, Ministers' names in capitals; licenced Preachers in italics; those to whose names an \* is affixed were not present; ——— dashes denote no settled Ministers; from Churches marked thus † we received no letters.

Churches.	Messengers.	Added.	Dism.	Excom.	Died.	No.
Suffield,	{ JOHN HASTINGS, Dea. Judah Phelps, Daniel Bester,	5	4			139
1st Danbury,	{ NATHAN BULKLEY, John Bebee,	2		6	3	37
† 2d Danbury,	—————					57
1st Wallingford,	{ Ambrose Hough, Samuel Miller,	2		1		55
2d Wallingford,	{ SETH HIGBY, Dea. Jesse Dickerman, Samuel Hickox,	1	3			49

<i>Churches.</i>	<i>Messengers.</i>	Added	Dismiss.	Excom.	Died	No.
Southington & Farmington,	NEHEMIAH DODGE, Dea. Ebenezer Hawley, Stodard Whitman,				1	97
Litchfield,	Dea. Levi Morfe, John Todd,	2		1	1	31
Stratfield,	Dea. John Staples, Dea. David Silliman, Stephen Jenning.	2			2	115
Roxbury,	Isaac Fuller, Ebenezer F. Bennet, Edman Richman,	5		1		52
Wolcott & Bristol,	DANIEL WILDMAN, Dea. Austen Bishop, Hezekiah West,	2		2	1	107
Amenia Town,	ELIJAH WOOD,*					24
Warren,	Ananias Dethick, Eli Dayton, Eben. Strong,	9				54
Colebrook,	RUFUS BABCOCK, Dea. Thomas Miner, Sohn Stephens, Joshua Osbourn,	4	2	1		92
2d Sandersfield,	BENJAMIN BALDWIN,	3		2		174
2d Paulington,	Seth Higby,				1	48
East-Hartford,	ALAS BRUMBLEY, Dea. John Keney,	5			2	40
† Simsbury,						8
Newtown,	JOHN SHERMAN,* Elijah Sherman, Joseph Lewis,	1				31
1st Paulington	Joseph Allis,			6	1	29
Middletown,	Joseph Coe, Wait Cornwell, Michael Braddock,	1		1		25
Winsted,	ASAHEL MORSE, ISAAC BELLOWS, Elisha Spencer,	1				36
Hartford,	DAVID BOLLES, Dea. Ephraim Robins, Dea. John Bolles,	23		1		92

<i>Churches.</i>	<i>Messengers.</i>	<i>Added</i>	<i>Dismiss.</i>	<i>Excom.</i>	<i>Died</i>	<i>No.</i>						
Wilbraham,	{ STEPHEN SHEPARD, Dea. Israel Bennet, Aaron Chapin, Uriel Day,	16				76						
							New-Hartford,	{ _____ Asahel Churchil,	6			20
Sharon & Corn- wall,	{ _____ Abraham Hotchkin,					23						
		68	39	17	12	1556						

N. B. The last mentioned Church was received the present session.

*Elders and Brethren from Corresponding Associations, were desired to take a seat with us.*

4 Voted, that Brethren Wildman, Baldwin, Gray and Morse, be a committee to examine our Circular and Corresponding Letters.—

5 Voted to not continue Canaan Church in our minutes.

6 Voted to adjourn till to-morrow morning, nine o'clock, A. M.

*Thursday, October 7th, met according to adjournment.*

Meeting opened by prayer by Brother Gray.

7 Brother Dodge's circular letter, and Brother Robins' corresponding letter were read and approved.

8 Received a letter and minutes from the Shaftsbury Association by Brethren Gray and Barns; also received a letter from the New-York Association; likewise received a letter and minutes from the Stonington Association; by Brethren Whitman, Atwell and Welch; likewise received a letter and minutes from the Otsego Association.

9 Query: "Is it agreeable with the Gospel, and consistent with the constitution of us, Baptists, to fellowship those Baptist Churches, and to commune with those Baptist members who by the General Court are established, and incorporated into Baptist religious societies, and as such are known in civil law?"

Answer: We would refer our Brethren to something like our answer to a query presented to this Association at our last session, with regard to the certificate law.

10 Appointed brethren Baldwin and Morse to the Otsego, brother Robins to the New-York, brethren Wildman, Baldwin, Dodge and Morse to the Shaftsbury, and brethren Babcock, Morse and Bester to the Stonington Associations.

11 Appointed elder Bolles to prepare our circular letter, and elder Morse the corresponding letter for the year ensuing.

12 Our next Association to be holden on the first Wednesday in October next, at 10 o'clock, A. M. with the first church in Danbury.

Brother Nehemiah Dodge to preach the introductory sermon; in case of failure, brother Daniel Wildman.

13 Appointed deacon Robins to superintend the printing and distributing our minutes.

14 Concluded by prayer, by brother Bulkley.

[Sermon in the afternoon by brother Whitman, from Ephesians ii. 19, 20, 21.]

*Supplies for destitute Churches.*

Litchfield,	{	Brother Bellows,	1st	Lord's-day	in May.
		Brother Baldwin,	1st	do.	in June.
		Brother Babcock,	3d	do.	in August.
		Brother Morse,	1st	do.	in July.
		Brother Robins,	1st	do.	in December.
		Brother Hastings	the	Lord's-day	before the next
		Association.			
Middletown,	{	Brother Shepard,	1st	do.	in December,
		and	1st	do.	in May.
N. Hartford,	{	Brother Shepard,	3d	do.	in January,
		and	3d	do.	in May.
		Brother Derhick,	2d	do.	in January.
		Brother Robins,	1st	do.	in May.

*Signed in behalf of the Association.*

DANIEL WILDMAN, *Moderator,*  
HEZEKIAH WEST, *Clerk.*

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## CIRCULAR LETTER.

*The Elders and Messengers of the Churches composing the Danbury Baptist Association, convened at Wallingford, October 6th and 7th, 1802, to the Churches whom they represent, send greeting.*

DEAR BRETHREN,

THROUGH the mercy of a good God, we have been indulged with another general interview together, and have partaken of a mixed cup from the hand of the Lord. Our hearts have been made to rejoice, while we have heard good news from different places, as our minutes will shew: Yet our joy has been mingled with bitterness and sorrow, while we thought upon the deaths that have taken place amongst our connections, since our last annual meeting; and in special, the death of our much respected Brother Royce calls for mourning and deep humiliation among all our Churches. It is a loss for any good man to die: Yea, death is always a solemn and affecting event; but sometimes circumstances render it peculiarly so;—and this is now

