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MINUTES

OF THE

DANBURY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HEREAFTER TO BE CALLED

THE

HARTFORD BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD AT THE

First Baptist Meeting-House

IN

SUFFIELD, (Connecticut,)

October 6 & 7, 1813.



MINUTES, &c.

WEDNESDAY, October 6.

1. **A**T 10 o'clock A.M. assembled for Public Worship. Agreeably to appointment, Brother Isaac Allerton delivered a discourse from i. John 4, 19. "We love him because he first loved us."*

2. Chose Brother Daniel Wildman, Moderator, and Brother George Phippen, Clerk. Adjourned for one hour.

3. Met according to adjournment. After prayer by the Moderator, proceeded to read the letters from the Churches. The following is a statement of the Members who have been added, dismissed, excluded, and who have died, in the course of the past year; as likewise the present number in each Church.

N.B. The names of ordained Ministers are in *small capitals*; licentiates in *Italic*. Those with this mark (*) were not present. From Churches marked thus (†) we had no information this session. Vacant Churches distinguished by a Dash (—)

CHURCHES.	MINISTERS & MESSANGES.	Added...	Dismissed	Excluded	Died	Total
Suffield - - -	ASAHEL MORSE	2	—	2	2	109
	JACOB WINCHEL					
	Judah Phelps					
	David King					
	Daniel Bestor					
Meriden - - -	SAMUEL MILLER	12	—	2	1	115
	James Roice					
Southington & Farmington - -	† —————					38
Litchfield - -	ASA TALMAGE	1	—	—	—	57
Stratfield . -	—————	17	1	—	2	173
	Lenis Edwards					
	Cyrus Silliman					
	John Turney					
		32	1	4	5	492

* In the evening there was preaching in different parts of the Town.

CHURCHES.	MINISTERS & MES- SENGERS.	Added.....	Dismiss'd	Excluded	Died.....	Total.....
	<i>Brought forward,</i>	32	1	4	5	492
Roxbury - - -	†					96
Warren - - -	{	2			5	30
Walcott & Bristol	John Barlow DANIEL WILDMAN			1	1	86
Colebrook - - -	{ RUFUS BARCOCK Elisha Stillman Ezekiel Remington James Seryn	20		1	3	160
2d Sandisfield -	{ Jonathan Smith, sen'r. Jonathan Smith Judah Fuller	1	7	3		156
2d Dover - - -	†					22
East-Hartford -	{ ELIADA BLAKESLY William Wallace Irenias Brown				1	31
Canton - - -	*† JARED MILLS					16
Newtown - - -	{ JOHN SHERMAN David Bennet	1	3	1	1	35
Hartford - - -	{ ELISHA CUSHMAN Ephraim Robbins John Bolles	4	1	5	1	88
1st Middletown -	{ GEORGE PHIPPEN Collins Roberts	3		1	2	88
Winchester - -						106
Sharon & Cornwall	{ HEZEKIAH WEST Oliver Hotchkin	1	4		3	66
Amenia Town -	{ John Gernsey	5			4	74
Granby - - -	{ Samuel Willet Thomas B. Gillet Amasa Holcomb Rodolphus Gillet	1		2		22
Milton - - -	{ Peter Osborn			1		32
Berlin - - -	{ *ENOCH GREEN Isaac Goodrich John Osgood	1				31
North-East Town	{ ISAAC ALLERTON Silas Roe James Winchel	2	1		2	81
Wethersfield - -					1	37
North-Haven -	{ JOSHUA BRADLEY Henry Lynes	8		1	2	63

4. Brethren from sister Associations were invited to take a seat with us, and give information agreeably to their respective appointments.

The following communications were received from the several Associations with whom we correspond :

<i>Associations.</i>	<i>Messengers.</i>	<i>Letters.</i>	<i>Minutes.</i>
Shaftsbury,	Brother Spalding,	Letter,	Minutes.
New-York,	{ Brs. Wm. Parkinson } { & Hervey Jenks, }	do.	do.
Stonington,	Br. Oliver Wilson,	do.	do.
Warwick,		do.	do.
Warren,		do.	do.
Sturbridge,		do.	do.
Rensselaerville,	Br. Peck,	do.	do.
Saratoga,		do.	do.
Union,	* Messenger,	do.	do.

5. Appointed the following Messengers to the Associations with which we correspond :

To the Shaftsbury, Brothers West and Morse—New-York, Brothers Phippen and Cushman—Stonington, Brothers Morse, Miller and Smith—Otsego, Brothers Wildman and Allerton—Warwick, Brothers Allerton and Derthie—Saratoga, Brother Morse—Warren, Brothers Babcock, Phippen, Morse and Blakesley—Groton Conference, Brother Blakesley—Sturbridge, Brothers Morse and Cushman—Rensselaerville, Brothers Cushman and Jenks—Union Brothers Sherman and Barlow—Boston, Brothers Bradley and Phippen.

6. Heard the Letter prepared by Brother Joshua Bradley, on the state of the Missionary Society, &c. and appointed Brethren Cushman, Jenks, Phippen, Morse and Allerton, with the Author, a Committee to examine it.—*Voted*, That the same Brethren, with the Authors, be a Committee to examine the Circular and Corresponding Letters.

7. Adjourned until 8 o'clock to-morrow morning. Brother Phippen concluded by prayer.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7.

3. Met according to adjournment. Prayer introductory to business, by Brother Cushman.

9. After hearing the report of the committee on the subject, Voted to accept the Letter prepared by Brother Bradley, and that the same be printed with the Minutes.

10. The Circular Letter prepared by Brother Daniel Wildman, was read and accepted. The Corresponding Let-

* Name not recollected.

ter, prepared by Brother Samuel Miller, was also read and accepted.

11. The Association having been requested from the Church in Bristol, to consider the propriety of changing their present name, on the ground that the Churches in DANBURY had left them—*Voted*, That this Association hereafter be called the “HARTFORD BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.”

12. Appointed Brother Eliada Blakesley to write the Circular Letter for next year, and Brother George Phippen the Corresponding, to be presented at our next meeting.

13. Appointed to hold our next Association at Stratfield, on the first Wednesday in October next, at 10 o'clock A. M.

14. Appointed Brother Eliada Blakesley to preach the Introductory Sermon next year: In case of failure, Brother George Phippen.

15. Appointed Brother Phippen to superintend the printing of the minutes.

16. *Resolved*, That the Churches of this Association continue to regard a day for prayer, agreeably to the recommendation in the 21st article of our last Minutes.

After the business of the Association was closed, Brother Parkinson preached from *ii Cor.* 3. 18. At 2 o'clock Brother Bradley preached from *Heb.* 7. 25.

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CIRCULAR LETTER.

The MINISTERS and MESSENGERS of the DANBURY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, to the several CHURCHES they represent, send Christian salutation.

CHRISTIAN BRETHERN,

IN the word of our testimony we are directed to stand fast, and hold the traditions which we have received. As a denomination, we unite in considering it our duty religiously to observe the first day of the week, as the christian Sabbath, or day of spiritual rest. The notions of some, and the careless behaviour of others, have, however, subjected us to reproach from our adversaries, as a people who regard not the day; and it is probable that in this, as well as in all other duties, we need our minds stirred up, more carefully and faithfully to “regard it unto the Lord.” In order to this, we will present you with a few reasons for this duty; then consider briefly the duty itself; and urge the faithful discharge of it.

