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EXETER:

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9, 1790.

AT two o'clock, P. M. Elder *Hooper* preached an introductory sermon from *Math. 5th chap. 16th verse.*

2. Proceeded to the choice of a Moderator and Clerk.

3. Read the Letters from the several churches, and took the following account of the members who have been added, diminished, excluded, or died the last year.

<i>Churches.</i>	<i>Messengers.</i>	<i>add.</i>	<i>adm.</i>	<i>excl.</i>	<i>died.</i>	<i>No.</i>
<i>Berwick & Maabury,</i>	Elder <i>William Hooper</i> <i>Stephen Hodgdon.</i>					52
<i>Brintwood</i>	<i>Moses Clarke,</i>				2	171
	<i>John Prescott,</i>					
	<i>William Turrel,</i> <i>Nathaniel Brown.</i>					
<i>Gilmantown,</i>	Elder <i>Walter Powers,</i>	3			1	32
	<i>Thomas Edgerly,</i>					
	<i>Dudley Young.</i>					
<i>Sanford,</i>	E! <i>Zebedi. Richardson</i>	16				86
	<i>Lauc Walker.</i>					
<i>Northwood,</i>	Elder <i>Edmund Pilsbury.</i>					41
<i>Wells,</i>	Elder <i>Nathaniel Lord.</i>					43
<i>Coxhall,</i>	Elder <i>Simon Lock,</i>					33
<i>Shaftleigh,</i>	Elder <i>Nehemiah Davis.</i>					23

4. Read minutes of the *Philadelphia* and *Warren Associations.*

5. Read a letter and minutes from the *Woodstock Association*, received by their messengers, Elder *Thomas Baldwin* and Elder *Joseph Call*, requesting union and correspondence with us by messengers and letters. They were accordingly received by the right hand of fellowship.

6. Received and read a letter from the *Meridith Association*, by hands of Elder *Nicholas Folsom* and Elder *Cotton Haynes*.

7. Voted to receive the members of the Sister Churches to act with us in this conference.

8. Elder *Hooper* appointed to prepare letters to the corresponding Associations.

9. Elder *Richardson* and Elder *Baldwin* were chosen to prepare a circular letter to the Churches.

10. Adjourn'd until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Elder *Baldwin* delivered a sermon in the evening, from *Deut. 33—29*.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Met according to adjournment.

11. Read and approved the letters to the sister Associations, prepared by Elder *Hooper*.

12. Read the Circular Letter prepared by Elders *Richardson & Baldwin*.

13. The question whether it is the duty of Christians, having the gift of singing, to learn themselves, and instruct their children so gifted or cause them to be instructed in the art of Psalmody, so that that part of divine worship may be performed with more decency and good order ?

Answered unanimously in the affirmative.

14. A question by a member of the Church in Brintwood, “ Whether we ought to hold a brother in fellowship who lives in the constant neglect of prayer in his family ; and justifies himself on a point of principle ?—We answer,

That although there may not be an express command, yet we think it is fully implied in a number of instances. Our LORD has taught us to say *our* Father, not *my* Father ; and give *us* this day our daily bread. We are also directed to pray with all prayer, which will include family prayer. Again, we are told that “ every creature of God is good ;” and is “ sanctified by the word of God and prayer.” Then consequently if we act with our families, we ought to pray with them.

We find that the Saints of old were a praying people ; but did they sound a trumpet before them, or tell of it them-

