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WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY,

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JUNE 12, 1799.

A SERMON at ten o'Clock by Elder Isaac Root, from John vi. 44.

No man can come to me, except the Father, which hath sent me, draw him.

At 2 o'clock Elder William Batchelder preached the introductory Sermon, from Luke xii. 32.

Fear not little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

Chose Elder William Batchelder, Moderator, and Elder Wm. Hooper, Clerk.

Prayer by the Clerk.

Read Letters from the several churches; and took the following account of members who have been added, dismissed, excluded, or who have died the year past, and the whole number in each church, with the names of Ministers and Messengers present.

N. B. Ordained ministers names in *Italicks*.

* This mark to ministers not present.

Berwick and
Madbury,

{ *William Hooper,*
Joshua Roberts.

Berwick, at the
Great-Hill,

{ *William Beichelder,*
Benjamin Knight,
James Gray.

Brentwood and
its branches.

{ **Samuel Shepard,*
Broadstreet Gilman,
Jonathan Thing,
Thomas Cheswell,

Sanford,

{ *Otis Robinson,*
Eleazer Chadbourn,
Nathaniel Guptail,
Moses Watham,
Thomas Murry.

Gilmantown,

| *Walter Powers.*

Northwood,

{ *Simeon Knowles,*
Richard Hull.

Wells and
Berwick,

{ *Nathaniel Lord,*
Joseph Eaton,
Robert Ford,
Elisha Hatch.

Coxhall,

{ *Simon Lock,*
Samuel Burnham,
Samuel Woodson,

Shapleigh,

{ *Abraham Pugsley,*
John Bodwell.

Waterborough,

{ *Henry Smith,*
Nathaniel Hanes,
Ichabod Roberts.

Cornish,

{ *John Chastbourne,*
Andrew Sherburne,
John Watson.

Fryburg,

| *Zebediah L. Bradford.*

Salisbury,

{ *Ezra Flar*
William Watson,
Abner Flanders.

Newtown,

{ **John Peak,*
Daniel Tuxbury,

Canterick,

{ *Ebenezer P. Kingston,*
Jacob Mills,
Penuel Clark.

Parsonfield and
Newfield.

{ *Levi Chadbourn,*
John Doe.
David Marston,
Richard Hamilton.

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139	13	13	12	1420

Read letters and minutes from corresponding Associations, received by their messengers.

From Warren, Elder Shubael Lovell. From Meredith, Elder Isaac Root. From Bowdoinham, Elder Thomas Green, Isaac Case and Brother Elisha Williams. From Woodstock, Elder Robert Low.

Chose Elder Wm. Batchelder to prepare the Corresponding Letter.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning 8 o'clock.

June 13th, met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Elder Robinson.

Read and accepted the corresponding letter prepared by Elder Batchelder.

Chose Elders John Peak and Wm. Batchelder, our messengers to the Warren Association, to meet in Middleborough, Tuesday after the first Wednesday in September.

Chose Elders William Hooper, Walter Powers, Henry Smith, John Chadbourne & Otis Robinson, our Messengers to Bowdoinham Association to meet at Livermore, the fourth Wednesday in August.

Chose Elders Simon Lock and Levi Chadbourn, our Messengers to Woodstock Association.

Chose Elder Zebediah Richardson, Levi Chadbourn and John Chadbourne, our Messengers to Meredith Association.

Voted to dismiss the request of the churches in the District of Maine, respecting dividing the association.

Chose Elder Lock to prepare the Circular Letter for next year, and Elder Batchelder the Corresponding letter.

Voted to accept the circular letter prepared by Elder Kinsman.

A Sermon by Elder Thomas Green, at 11 o'clock from Psalm xxii. 28. Voted to adjourn.

3 o'clock, met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Elder John Chadbourne.

Voted to have the ordinance of the Lord's Supper administered at our next association.

Voted to send a missionary, to preach and administer the ordinances of the gospel in the eastern country.

Voted to raise money in the churches by contribution, or in any other manner, they shall think most convenient.

Contributed twenty dollars in the association for that use.

Chose Elder Henry Smith, Treasurer for this association.

Chose Elders Wm. Hooper, Henry Smith, and Wm. Batchelder to employ and agree with a suitable person to travel into the eastern country.

A sermon by Elder Robert Low, from Romans iii. 31.

Voted to hold our next association at Brentwood, second Wednesday in June, 1800.

Supplies for Northwood.

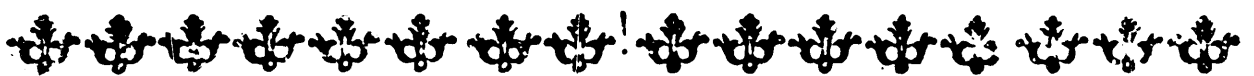
Elder John Chadbourne, last Lord's-Day in June.

Elder Walter Powers, second in July.

Elder Ebenezer P. Kinsman, last in August.

Elder Wm. Batchelder, first in October.

Elder Otis Robinson, second in January.



C I R C U L A R L E T T E R.

DEAR BRETHREN,

AS the prosperity of Zion is that in which we are so deeply interested, and as her peace and welfare depends so much on the union of saints, we ought ever to cultivate a spirit of peace and union, that we may continue to know by happy experience, how good and how pleasant it is for

brethren to dwell together in unity. We profess to worship, love and trust in one God and Father, who of his own will begat us by the word of truth. One Christ to believe in, by whose merits alone we are saved. One spirit who quickens, renews, seals and comforts us : One hope of our calling, the hope of a glorious immortality and eternal life ; professing to be one, tho' several members, and when thus united in love and standing in the council of God, "Look forth like the morning, whose rays are powerful and irresistible, comely as Jerusalem and terrible as an army with banners." And by their love and affection one to another, all know them to be the disciples of Christ ; by whose spirit, grace and doctrine they were thus united ; of how much importance is it then, dear brethren, that you should be kind and benevolent, disposed to bear each others burdens ; sympathize with each other under trials ; provoke one another to love and good works ; with one heart and mouth, glorifying God. What injury hath been done to the cause of religion ? what discords have been in the churches ? how many sorrowful hours have the dear disciples of Christ experienced, for neglecting to cultivate a spirit of union, and those things whereby one may edify another ? Let us all be exhorted, brethren, to fervor and diligence in our Lord's cause, in our several stations in life ; study those things that make for peace ; shewing ourselves to be the subjects of that peaceful kingdom, set up by the prince of peace ; striving together in our prayers to God, that peace may be within Zion's Walls, and prosperity within her Palaces.

We have in our present session been saluted with pleasing intelligence from various parts, that God is still carrying on his work ; enlarging the boundaries of the Redeemer's kingdom ; steadfastness and union in the churches ; and tho' error is coming in like a flood, the spirit of the Lord is lifting up a standard against it ; and we trust the Lord is saying to Zion, "Arise, shine, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee." Our present session has been harmonious, and favour'd with some tokens of God's divine presence.

BRETHREN FAREWELL.

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

The New-Hampshire Association,

To the Corresponding Associations, sendeth greeting.

BELLOVED BRETHREN,

WE are pleased to receive intelligence from the corresponding associations. This year we have received more messengers & intelligence than usual. We rejoice with you respecting the stability of many of your churches and the general unanimity in doctrine. We sympathize with you in your trials, as they particularly remind us of our past. But blessed be God, our churches are more unitedly established and engaged in the doctrine of the gospel. The noisy clamours of heresy so alluring to the unthinking, and gratifying to pride; are discarded by our churches in general, without hesitancy. External fallacy and irreligion are never so injurious to the church as internal; but generally excite the pious to firmness and brotherly love.—This is discoverable among us from the sameness of sentiment our brethren have adopted, for in proportion to the insults of hereticks and infidels we are excited to repair to the standard of Jesus the captain of our salvation. Our correspondence with sister associations have hitherto been profitable: we wish a continuance: may God ever make us useful to each other and spread his cause from the rivers to the ends of the earth, that the nations may crown Jesus Lord of all.

WILLIAM BATCHELDER,
Moderator.

WILLIAM HOOPER,
Clerk.