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IN

BRENTWOOD.

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY,

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JUNE 11, 1800.

A SERMON at ten o'Clock by Elder Shu-
bal Lovel, from John iv. 11. *Beloved, if
God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.*

At 2 o'clock Dr. Hezekiah Smith preached
the introductory Sermon from Isaiah xl. 11. *He
shall feed his flock like a Shepherd: He shall
gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in
his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with
young.*

Chose Dr. Smith, Moderator; Elder Hooper,
Clerk.

Prayer by the Moderator.

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

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

* This mark to ministers not present.

		All.	Dif.	Exc.	Did.	No.
Berwick and Madbury,	{ William Hooper, Eliphalet Cloutman, Ephraim Foss, William Gunnison, David Hill, Joshua Roberts.	3			2	65
Berwick, at the Great-Hill,	{ William Batchelder, Benjamin Knight, Jedediah Goodwin, Jeremiah Hutchings, Aaron Roberts.	13			1	60
Brentwood and Branches,	{ Samuel Shepard, Jonathan Veazey, Edward Tuck, Jonathan Thing, John Thing, Moses Clark, Samuel Pottle, Henry Pottle, Benjamin Watson, Job Randel, Joshua Lane, Thomas Norrifs, Broadstreet Gilman, Thomas Cheswill, Nathaniel Brown, Moses Williams, John Prescott, Peter More, Jabez True, David Carrier, Thomas Flanders.	86			10	488
Sanford,	{ Otis Robinson, Nathaniel Guptail, Moses Witham, Samuel Jallison, Ebenezer Linscot.	33		3		144
Gilman town,	{ Walter Powers, Thomas Edgerly, Dudley Young, Jonas Flagg,	9		6		76
Northwood,	{ Simeon Kowls, Richard Hull,			2		98
Wells and Berwick,	{ Nathaniel Lord, Joseph Eaton, Robert Ford, William Perkins.		1			63

		Add.	Dism.	Exc.	Died.	No.
Corhall,	{ * Simon Lock, Hezekiah Drew, Ebenczer Dow.	7	13			30
Shapleigh,	John Bodwell.		1	1		53
Waterborough,	{ Henry Smith, Nathaniel Hanes, Samuel Dame, Edward Scribner.	1			1	68
Cornish,						48
Fryburgh,	* Zebediab Richardson,					39
Salisbury,	{ * Ariel Kentzsch, Benjamin Silley, Samuel Kimball,			1	1	119
Newtown,	{ John Peak, John Morse, Thomas Currier, Nathaniel Currier.	11				59
Limerick,	{ Ebenezer P. Kinsman, Jacob Mills, John Sevey.		14	3		40
Parsonfield and Newfield,	{ Levi Chadbourne, John Doe, David Marstin, Caleb Marstin, James Marstin.	25	2		1	90
Buxton,	{ Samuel Woodson, John Dennet.					14
Effingham,	{ Ezra Tole, Samuel Lovring, Joseph Tole.					
		189	32	14	16	1560

The two last mentioned churches, were received this session of the association.

Voted to examine the letters from churches before they are read in public.

Voted that the Ministers from sister associations take a seat with us.

Voted that Elders Robinson and Batchelder prepare the circular letter.

Adjourned until tomorrow eight o'Clock.

June 12 met according to adjournment.

Chose a committee of seven Elders to take into consideration the expediency of administering the holy ordinance of the Lord's supper, as was proposed last year, viz. Samuel Shepard, John Peak, Henry Smith, Elias Smith, William Batchelder, Shubael Lovel and Otis Robinson.—They reported that it would not be expedient.

Voted to accept the report.

Received minutes and messengers from the following associations, viz. Warren, by their messengers, Dr Hezekiah Smith, Elder Elias Smith, and Elder Shubael Lovel ; Meredith, Elders Nicholas Folsom, Isaiah Stone, John Crockett, and John Drew.

Woodstock ; minutes, but no messengers.

Bodoinham, no minutes nor messengers.

Received by the hand of brother William Brame, minutes of Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Charleston associations. Also, Goshen, Ketockton, Portsmouth, Dover, Roanoke, and Middle District, in Virginia, and minutes of the general Committee, held at Buckingham County.

Voted that Elder Shepard prepare the circular letter and Elder Hooper the corresponding letter for next year.

Voted

Voted to receive the circular letter prepared by Elders Batchelder and Robinson.

Chose Elders Hooper, Peak, and Batchelder, messengers to Warren. Elders Powers and Chadbourn, and Brother Flanders to Bodoingham; and Elder Powers and Elder Robinson to Meredith; and Elder Robinson and Deacon William Gunnison, Elder Henry Smith, to the Woodstock associations.

Chose Elders William Hooper, Henry Smith, and William Batchelder to employ a suitable ordained Elder as a missionary to travel into the eastern parts to preach and administer the ordinances of the gospel.

Contributions: Berwick church at the Great-hill six dollars; Waterborough, four dollars and fifty cents; Newtown ten dollars.

Contributions not yet made in the other churches, when collected to be paid to Elder Henry Smith, Treasurer.

Collected by contribution, twenty-five dollars seventy cents in the association.

Chose William Hooper, Broadstreet Gilman, Eliph't Cloutman, & Jonathan Veazey a committee to make a new arrangement in the churches respecting money for printing the minutes.

Supplies for Northwood, Ezra Tole third Lord's day in June; Elder William Hooper, last in June; Dr. Shepard first in July; Elder Kinsman, first in August; Brother Abner Flanders, first in February, and first in March.

Voted to hold our next association at Parsonfield, second Wednesday in June 1801.

A Sermon by Elder Stone, at two o'clock, Solomon Song viii. 12. A Sermon five o'clock by Elder Elias Smith, from Deuteronomy xxxiii. 16. And many exhortations and prayers by others.



Circular Letter.

The Ministers and Messengers of the New-Hampshire Association to the Churches whom they represent, sendeth christian salutation.

BELOVED BRETHREN,

WE cannot salute you more pleasingly and profitably than by recommending brotherly love ; which is the cement of society, the tie of private friendship, the christian badge, and the enemy of discord. This was the antient characteristic of believers, and was so essential that it became proverbial. The antient believers used no artificial methods to exhibit their love ; and ought not we to be equally careful. Dear brethren, let us ever keep its origin in view ; and bless God, that it flows freely from our heavenly Father, through the streaming blood of our kind Redeemer. Behold what manner of love ! Is it not astonishing, soul winning and truly animating.— Let us, like little children, breath out the pure language of love in artless accents, that we may mingle souls, and strengthen the weak lambs of the flock. It is a remarkable day of God's power thro' the land ; let us live in the spirit of love, that we may not be guilty of that harsh uncharitableness that so often marks the biggot ; produces strife, and wounds the tender part of the flock. Let the time past of our lives suffice us, to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when
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we lived in malice, hateful and hating one another. If we are disposed to blow up the coals of strife, our vicious, jealous and self-seeking passions will readily furnish us with a pretence of being just in our own cause. Beloved let us strive for the things which make for peace, and love one another with a pure heart, fervently. Our present meeting has been agreeable, and we have received refreshing intelligence from many parts of the Union. May the LORD inlarge Zion's borders, in spirit her ministers, and establish her converts.

AMEN.

The New-Hampshire Association to the Corresponding Associations sendeth christian salutation.

BELOVED BRETHREN,

UNDER the auspicious smiles of heaven we see our churches generally advancing in love. There have been pleasing revivals in several churches the year past; and glory to God, the work appears to increase. However we are not wholly exempt from trials, for in many places irreligion raises her indignant clamor to attack christianity, and her children with pointed raillery and impious defamation.—But comparatively we have little reason to complain; for through the condescension of our heavenly Father, the persecuting reign of tyranny and religious oppression are greatly suppressed, and the inhuman barbarity experienced by our ancestors, is now generally contemned by the civilized part of community; and blessed be God, an enraged multitude, blood-thirsty accusers and partial judges, are not permitted to desolate the church, as in ages past,—But, in this eventful period, under the mild form of our political government, and the religious freedom enjoyed; we are sensible of the necessity of vigilance, firmness and fervor in the cause we have espoused. Should we relinquish our zeal, confederate with popular applause, and shew an indifference to Bible truth, would it not make us a defenceless prey to those demoralizing principles which are industriously propagated to destroy the christian religion, and introduce anarchy?

Dear

Dear Brethren, let us contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints and suffer no man to take our crown. May we mutually cultivate brotherly love and suffer no enemy to sever us by discord. We pleasingly received your messengers in union with us at our present meeting: Our meeting has been agreeable, and among us the Lord evidently reigns. Brethren, pray for us, and may the Lord direct your hearts increasingly into the love of God and into the patient waiting for Christ. We solicit a continuance of your correspondence, and subscribe ourselves your brethren in the Gospel.

HEZEKIAH SMITH,

Moderator.

WILLIAM HOOPER,

Clerk.