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## NEW HAMPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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A sermon by brother James Hooper, from Matt. 5. 48.

1. AT 2 o'clock Brother TIMOTHY HODGDON delivered the introductory sermon from John 8, 31. *If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed.*

2. Chose Brother ANDREW SHERRBURNE, moderator, and Brother WILLIAM HOOPER, clerk.

After prayer by the Moderator,

3. Proceeded to read letters from the Churches, and took the following account of members added, dismissed, excluded or who have died in the year past, and the present number in each church.

N. B. The names of ordained ministers in small capitals. Ministers not present, marked thus (\*.)

Churches marked thus (†) were not represented.

Adjourned until to-morrow morning, 8 o'clock.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Brother WENTWORTH LORD.

At 11 o'clock Brother WILLIAM BATCHELDER preached from Psalms 25, 9.

Churches.	Elders and Messengers.	Added.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.
Madbury,	WILLIAM HOOPER. James Church.	2				75
1st Berwick,	* JOSHUA CHASE,					198
Brentwood,	* SAMUEL SHEPHERD.	197	1	1	4	662
and branches,	* Eliphalet Merrill. * Jonathan Thing. Broadstreet Gilman.					

Sanford,	Eleazer Chadbourne. Jonathan Powers. Nathan Powers. Ezra Thompson,	5	4	96
Gilmanton,	URIAH MORRISON. Andrew Gilman.	1		2 56
1st Wells,	JOSEPH EATON. Jacob Perkins. Benjamin Hatch.	3	1 4	1 69
2d Berwick,	NATHANIEL LORD. Robert Ford. Thomas D. Fernald. William Perkins. Nicholas Lord.		1 2	67
Lyman,	SIMON LOCK. John Burbank. Jacob Waterhouse. Samuel Dennet.	2		74
3d Shapleigh,	WILLIAM GODING. John Bodwell. Aaron Hubbard. Nathan Bracket.	1	1	98
1st Waterboro'	HENRY SMITH. Samuel Dame. Eastman Hutchins. Arc'ibald Smith.			84
Cornish,	TIMOTHY REMICK. ZEBEDIAH RICHARDSON. William Chadbourne. David Rundlet. James Lord.	9	18 2	1 64
Newtown †				71
Limerick,	Paul Clark. James Gould. Simon Fogg.		8	44
Parsonfield,	WENTWORTH LORD. James Remick. Hardy Marris. Caleb Marston Simeon More.	6	14 1 1	137

Buxton, ABNER FLANDERS.	7			91
William Merrill.				
Collins Richards.				
Lebanon and ZIBEDEE DELENO.			1	62
Berwick, Nathaniel Gubtail.				
Benjamin Libbey.				
Richard Yeaton.				
Newmarket, †				38
Exeter, Thomas Kimball.	17	1	2	64
Lemington, George Finix.	2	1	1	34
James Lord.				
Amos Chase.				
2d Wells, JOSHUA ROBERTS.	4		1	60
John Taylor.				
David Smith.				
Joseph Taylor.				
Arundel, ANDREW SHERBURNE.	7		3	66
James Tarbox.				
Nathaniel Currier.				
Nathaniel Walker.				
Benjamin Thompson.				
Goffstown, †				15
2d Waterboro' John Hill.				16
Abraham Bean.				
Paul Chadbourn, jr.				
2d Shapleigh, Nathaniel Coffin.	1	1	2	16
John Chadbourn.				
Phillipsburg, TIMOTHY HODGDON.				27
John Simpson.				
Newfield, WILLIAM GOODWIN.	12			51
Joseph Dame.				
Edward Hermon.				
Gideon Straw.				
Enoch Sterns.				
Effingham, *STEPHEN WEBBER.	21	2		68
LEVI CHADBOURN.				
John Drake.				
Abraham Drake.				
Jacob Milk.				

3d Berwick, WILLIAM CHADBOURNE.	3			17
Joseph Hubbard.				
Charles Shorey.				
Offispee, WILLIAM TAYLOR.				13
Joel Fernald.				
Hiram, John Watson.				18
Salisbury, OTIS ROBINSON.				16
	294	50	21	16
				2647

The three last churches added this year.

4 The Circular Letter prepared by Brother Robinson, also the Corresponding letter by Brother Goding, were read and accepted.

5 Received accounts from sister Associations as follows : from Warren, letter and minutes by Brother Wm. Batchelder, from Bodoingham, letter and minutes by Brother James Hooper ; from Meredith, letter and minutes ; from Woodstock, no messenger nor minutes ; from Lincoln, by brother John Ring received minutes :

6. Appointed the following brethren to corresponding associations :

Elders Lock and Robinson, to Warren.

Elders Deleno and Goding, to Bodoingham.

Elders Webber, Kinsman, and Brother Mills to Meredith.

Elders Deleno and Roberts, to Lincoln.

7. Chose Henry Smith, Treasurer.

8. Appointed brother Goding to prepare the Circular Letter, and brother Hodgdon the corresponding letter for next year.

9. Voted to postpone the request of Brentwood Church until next association.

10 Voted to hold our next association at Brother Roberts' meeting house, second parish in Wells, second Wednesday in June, 1811, at 10 o'clock.

Brother John Ring preached in the afternoon, from Psalms 25, 14.

We have had in our meeting many solemn exhortations and prayers, which have made our hearts rejoice. We believe that God has been with us ; for we have been made to sit together under the sweet influences of his Blessed Spirit, with great delight.

## CIRCULAR LETTER.

*The Elders and Messengers of the New-Hampshire Association  
to the Churches whom they represent, send Christian  
Salutation:*

BELOVED BRETHREN,

AS the great head of the Church has favoured us with another anniversary meeting, and granted us some of the sweet clusters of the heavenly vine, we feel under renewed obligation to address you by letter, according to our usual practice. We adopt the words of the inspired penman, viz. "Our heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel, is, that they might be saved." Doubtless many have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. Such is the condition of fallen men, and so depraved is the human heart, that a false zeal, (which is head-strong and fierce, and breathes out a revengeful spirit against our Divine Lord, his purposes, designs and eternal truths,) is received by many, for true religion, and highly applauded by many of the unregenerate. While on the other hand, true zeal is that pure and heavenly flame, which is mild and merciful, supplied by the fire of Divine Love, and governed by the word and spirit of God. We exhort you, dear brethren, (as there are many false prophets gone out into the world) to believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God, by the standard of Divine Truth.

Faithfulness not only affords inward peace and rest, but is ornamental to the Christian Religion, and will ever meet the approbation of our Lord, and every serious well disposed mind. We ask your attention, to a few reflections on Revelation 2 chap. 10 v. "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life." To be of the class thus addressed, we must have that faith which works by love; we mean the faith of God's elect which is his free gift. And to be faithful in the sense of the text, is to believe on Jesus unto death, to exercise our faith constantly on him as our dear Saviour, whose blood has atoned

for our sins; whose righteousness justifies our persons, and has perfectly reconciled us to God, and ever lives to love, pray for, and save us to the uttermost; steadily to believe his word of truth, and the doctrine which is according to Godliness, and sincerely obey the precepts which adorn his Gospel; and to live upon him as our only title to glory; thus faithfully to confess him our all in all, and ourselves nothing in the great work of Salvation. To be faithful unto death is to renounce our own righteousness and faithfulness, and consider them as filthy rags in point of justification before God. It will be expected that the followers of the Lamb, will have a respect to all his commands, will live soberly, righteously, and Godly in this present evil world, will be watchful and prayerful, and will give evidence unto those that are without, that they not only have been with Jesus, but that it is their meat and drink to do the will of their Heavenly Father. Dear Brethren, if we are found faithful in our several callings, unto our Divine master, to our brethren and fellow men, we may expect tribulation and persecution; but it will be short. Sorrow may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning. While the disobedient are filled with a fearful looking for of judgment & fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries; the faithful in Christ Jesus may be looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God, and our Saviour, Jesus Christ, with the brilliant crown of eternal life.

The special tokens of Divine favor, which have been experienced by many the year past, within the circle of our acquaintance, confirm the truth of God's word, that "there is a reward for the righteous." Though the vision tarry, wait; he that shall come, will come, and will not tarry. The days of mourning will soon be ended. Jesus will lead you through the cold stream of Jordan, and land you safe within the gates of the celestial city, to join the countless throng in songs of unceasing praise to him who sitteth upon the throne, and to the Lamb forever and ever. Amen.



## CORRESPONDING LETTERS.

*The New-Hampshire Association convened at Waterborough,  
County of York, June 13 and 14, 1810, to the Elders  
and Brethren of our beloved sister associations,*

GREETING.

DEARLY BELOVED IN THE LORD,

**G**OD has favoured us with another opportunity of meeting here on earth to transact business relative to the kingdom of our dear Redeemer; and we hope, we really consider that God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of his saints, and to be had in reverence of all that are about him. Poor worms that we are! How incapable of such a service without the immediate assistance of God! and if so, how little reason have we to be proud of our best performances! There is not a just man upon earth that doth good and sinneth not. How then doth grace make its own way to our hearts, to do us good, though evil be present with us? Yet we delight in the law of God, after the inward man, and find that expression of our Lord a truth, "without me ye can do nothing." Still it remains a question with some, whether some act of regenerate souls may not be free from sin? But experience teaches us, my brethren, that evil is present with us in all we do, let us then plead the righteousness of Jesus Christ for acceptance with God, and hold fast our profession, for we have not an high priest who cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities, but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. ever considering that that which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the spirit is spirit. For the flesh lusteth against the spirit, & the spirit against the flesh. And these are contrary one to the other, so that ye cannot do the good that ye would. But some enquire, Do ministers have such trials? Yes;

with all the called and chosen of the Lord, are sanctified and poor people; and they call upon the name of the Lord, who hath said I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me. Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter. Fear God and keep his commandments. For this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil. And now brethren we commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, unfeignedly soliciting the continuance of your correspondence, praying for you and wishing for an interest in your prayers. We only add our present meeting has been solemn and delightful, and we trust we have help from God.

ANDREW SHERBURNE, *Moderator.*

WILLIAM HOOPER, *Clerk.*