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OF THE

New-Hampshire Association,

HELD AT

ELDER ROBERTS'

MEETING-HOUSE,

Second Parish in Wells, (Maine,)

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1. AT ten o'clock the Introductory Sermon by Elder CALEB BLOOM, was delivered from First Epistle of John 2 Chap. 28th Verse. *"And now little children abide in him; that when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming."*

2. At 2 o'clock Elder OTIS ROBINSON delivered a Sermon from Galatians, Chap. 1, Verse 10.

3. Close Elder ROBINSON Moderator, Elder WILLIAM HOOPER, Clerk.

4. Proceeded to read letters from the several 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 with the names of Ministers and Messengers present.

N. B. The names of Ordained Ministers in small CAPITALS, Ministers not present marked thus (*) Churches marked thus (+) were not represented.

Churches.	Elders & Messengers.	Added.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.
Madbury,	WILLIAM HOOPER, Ephraim Foss, John Hooper,	4		1		76

1st. Berwick,	JOSHUA CHASE, Josiah Littlefield, William Frost, Jotham Junkins, Thomas Teal, Iry Emery, Jedediah Goodwin,			4	4	166
Brentwood,	*SAMUEL SHEPARD, Moses Clark, Henry Veazey.	28			5	685
Sanford,	Eleazer Chadbourne, Jonathan Powers, William Woster, Ezra Thompson, Nathan Powers, John Libbey.	2		3	3	92
Gilmanston,	WALTER POWERS,	1			3	54
1st. Wells,	JOSEPH EATON, Jacob Perkins, Benjamin Hatch, Thomas Bragden, Robert Gatchell,	2		1		70
2d Berwick,	NATHANIEL LORD Robert Ford, Thomas D. Fernald, William Perkins, John Faul.	1	1		1	66
Lyman,	SIMON LOCK, John Waterhouse, Jacob Waterhouse, Thomas Gould.	1		1	1	72
1st Shapleigh,	WILLIAM GODING, Paul Varnum, John Witham, Andrew Lord.					100
1st Waterborough	HENRY SMITH, Ichabod Roberts, Archibald Smith, Jeremiah Frye.	1	1		3	81
Cornish,	ZABEDIAH RICHARDSON, TIMOTHY REMICK,	22		3	2	81

James Lord,
William Chadbourne,
Noah Jewett.

New town, †

Penual Clark,
James Gould,

Limerick,

Patrick Furlong.

Parsonfield,

WENTWORTH LORD,

David Marston,

Caleb Marston,

Simon Moore,

John Moore.

Buxton,

ABNER FLANDERS,

Samuel Woodsum,

Abner Woodsum,

Benjamin Elwell,

Thomas J. Sawyer.

Lebanon &

ZEBEDEE DELANO,

Berwick,

Nathaniel Gubtail,

Benjamin Libbey,

Richard Yeaton,

Edman Stackpole,

Newmarket, ()*

Exeter,

Samuel Hatch,

Lemington,

George Finex,

Thomas Spencer

2d Parish in

JOSHUA ROBERTS,

Wells,

John Buckler,

John Wormwood,

David Estes.

Arundel,

ANDREW SHERBURN,

Samuel Smith,

James Tarbox,

Nathaniel Walker,

Nahum Tarbox.

2d Waterborough, John Hill.

2d Chafleigh,

Jonathan Ross,

John Chadbourne,

Miturin Abbot,

Phillipsburg,

TIMOTHY HODGSON,

Ezekiel Bragdon,

					71
					44
5			1		140
					90
3	2	1	1		
					59
		1	1	1	
					58
					65
					37
3	1			1	
4		1			67
7					
3		1	2		66
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18					34
2					27

	Samuel C. Hight				
	B—— Edgcomb,				
<i>Newfield,</i>	Joseph Dame,	3			54
	Gideon Straw,				
	Daniel Jones,				
	Edward Harmon,				
	Gamaliel C. Smith.				
<i>Effingham,</i>	STEPHEN WEBBER,	10	3	1	81
	Levi Chadbourne,				
	Jacob Mills,				
	Joseph Drake,				
	Abraham Drake,				
	Simeon Leavitt,				
<i>3d Berwick,</i>	WM. CHADBOURNE,				17
<i>Ossipee,</i>	* WILLIAM TAYLOR,	4			17
	Joel Fernald,				
<i>Hiram,</i>	John Watson,				18
<i>Salisbury,</i>	OLIVER ROBINSON,	10			26

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Adjourned until to-morrow.

Met according to adjournment.

Chose a Committee to consider the request from Brentwood Church. Elders Blood, Hooper, Smith, Sherburne and Robinson ; which-report,

In answer to request of the Church at Brentwood, we can only say, that if they wish to be dismissed from their connection with us, as an Association, we have no objection, but we view it not consistent to consider or to correspond with them, as an association so long as they view themselves but one Church ; for we view an association to be a combination of Churches.

Voted to accept the report of the Committee.

Chose Elder Henry Smith, Treasurer.

5. The circular letter prepared by Elder Goding, and the Corresponding Letter prepared by Elder Hodgdon, were read and accepted.

6. Received accounts from corresponding Associations as follows : from Warren, minutes by Elder Samuel Abbot. From Bowdoinham, minutes by Elder James Hooper. From

Meredith, minutes by Gustavus Sumner, received minutes from Woodstock. Received minutes from Lincoln, by Elder Hanes.

7. Appointed the following Brethren to corresponding Associations, Elders Lock, Sherburne, and Webber, to Warren; Powers, Smith, Goding and Delano, to Rodolpham; Robinson and Morrisson, to Woodstock; Robinson, Chase, and Brother Goodwin, to Meredith. Chose Smith, Roberts, and Helgdon, to Lincoln.

8. Voted, that Elder Roberts, prepare the Circular Letter, and Elder Sherburne, the corresponding letter, for next year.

9. Voted, to recommend it to the churches of this Association, to have a contribution, in the month of July, for our Brethren at Newburyport, to be sent to our Treasurer, Henry Smith, and forwarded by him to the Brethren.

10. Voted, to recommend it to the churches of this Association, to send to the clerk the time when their churches were constituted, and the number of members when they were constituted, to be inserted in brother Benedict's History.

11. Voted, to hold our next Association at Salisbury, New-Hampshire, second Wednesday June, at 10 o'clock, 1812. A prayer meeting at sun rise. A Sermon at 11 o'clock, by Elder Samuel Abbot, of Middleborough.

Circular Letter.

The Elders and Messengers of the New-Hampshire Association to the Churches whom they represent,

BELOVED IN THE LORD CALLED TO BE SAINTS ;

GREETING.—

WE declare unto Brethren by the word of God that we who now address you are under obligation to contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the Saints ; we therefore ask your attention to a few reflections on this important subject : And first, the Saints believed that God is the Almighty God; holy, holy, holy and unchangeable, the great, the just and merciful God. Secondly, they believed that by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin, and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned. But many strong prejudices have arisen in men's minds against such important truths. Our nature and pride is hardly brought to stoop to such a humbling and abasing consideration. But whatever opposition this may meet with from men of corrupt minds, the whole tenour of the Bible every where considers, directs and treats us as fallen sinful creatures. And David saith, behold I was shaken in iniquity and in sin, did my mother conceive me ; thus all have sinned and all have gone out of the way. No words can be used more fully to express the universality of the pollution of original sin. Sin has not only entered into the world, but all, without exception, have sinned ; which leads us to observe, thirdly, that the righteousness of Jesus Christ is necessary unto salvation, for by it we are justified and saved from the wrath to come. Therefore as by the offence of one, judgment came upon all men to condemnation, even so by the righteousness of one, the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life. Now beloved Brethren if the scope and design of the Apostles reasoning be considered, it will be found, that He is there comparing Adam with Christ and running the parallel between them as they were both public persons and representatives of their posterity. He also shews us that all Adam's natural posterity whom

he represented were without exception, chargeable with sin and guilt and in a state of condemnation ; even so all Christ's spiritual seed whom he represented, are all, without exception, partakers of his righteousness unto justification of life. Therefore, being justified by faith, we have peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, who was delivered for our offences and was raised again for our justification.

Jesus how glorious is thy grace when in thy name we trust our faith receives a righteousness that makes the sinner just. Finally Brethren, the sum of the matter is, all our hope of pardon is from the merit of the Cross and obedience of Christ. All our hope of Salvation is from Christ's having fulfilled all righteousness for us ; and it is through faith that we have an evidence of his love. We beseech you therefore Brethren by the mercies of God that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy acceptable unto God which is your reasonable service. We further add that if we are to have our dependence upon what Christ has done and suffered for us we are taught that we must depend upon him in the way of carefulness to maintain good works. (Titus 3, 8.) and we cannot safely trust in or depend upon him in any other way, all other dependences exclusive of this care of exemplary living is not faith but presumption for faith without works is dead. So then they that have faith unfeigned dwelling in them will endeavour to live Godly in Christ Jesus. Thus the faith of God's Elect is a justifying faith as well as is a sanctifying and purifying faith unto the praise of God.

AMEN.

Corresponding Letter.

The New-Hampshire Association convened at Wells, June 12th & 13th, 1811. To Corresponding Associations sendeth Christian Salutation.

BELLOVED BRETHREN,

THROUGH divine goodness we have had another Anniversary interview, and recognizing the particular benefits resulting from our mutual intercourse, shall we address you upon the fellowship of the gospel. Fellowship with the father and with his son Jesus Christ, is indispensably necessary to Fellowship with the saints; this is essential to the Christian Character, and without it there can be no true religion: There is no friendship so pure, strong and lasting as that, which is formed in the Gospel; the constitution being holy, the objects are worthy of rational and immortal beings. It is indissoluble being first, formed between Christ and the soul; and in him, united to his disciples; they are all one in him; with this agree the words of our Lord, "Holy Father keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are; again, there is one body and one spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and father of all, who is above all, and thro' all, and in you all. Conformity of Character is essential to permanent friendship, and unanimity to Christian Fellowship: "Can two walk together except they be agreed," If we walk in the Truth as it is in Jesus, we shall all undoubtedly be of one mind and of one Judgment, speaking the same thing, and have Fellowship one with another; and truly our Fellowship will be with the Father and the Son Jesus Christ, by whom we have received the spirit of Adoption, and are constituted Fellow-Citizens with the Saints and of the household of God. The degree of fellowship which we have one with another will ever correspond with that, which, we have with the great head of the Church. While we keep the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace our efforts may be conducive to the advancement of the Re-

deemers Kingdom, and we may leave to posterity memorials of our wisdom, Industry and perseverance. Although we should be assiduous to improve our fellowship ; yet we should be careful, not to extend it beyond the limits divinely prescribed ; Our charity should be universal ; but our fellowship should be particular. The documents of our holy religion re-monstrate against discord among brethren, and incite to amity ; and our fellowship with any, who, do not conform to the christian directory is divinely interdicted. Although a person under the habitual influence of saving faith, may inhibit error, yet there is no connection between truth and error, faith is the belief of the truth, and on this it terminates

Let us then seek for the things that make for peace and whereby one may edify another. We have been much gratified in receiving your messengers and minutes, and renew our solicitations for a continuance of your correspondence.

Pray for us, that we may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God. Our present meeting has been solemn and agreeable, and we trust, crowned with success. That brotherly love may continue and our fellowship be finally completed in the society of blessed spirits, are the earnest prayers of yours in the best bonds.

OTIS ROBINSON, *Moderator.*
WILLIAM HOOPER, *Clerk.*