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HELD AT THE

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IN

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 1812*.

1. **A**T ten o'clock Brother William Hooper delivered the introductory sermon from John v. 23.

2. Chose Brother Otis Robinson, *Moderator*, and Brother Andrew Sherburne *Clerk*.

3. After prayer by the Moderator, proceeded to read the letters from the Churches, which are represented as follows :

N. B. The names of ordained ministers are in SMALL CAPITALS ; licenced preachers in *italic*. Those ministers with this mark (*) were not present. Churches marked thus (†) were not represented this season. • Vacant churches are distinguished by a dash —

Churches and when constituted	Messengers.	Added	Dismisſed	Excluded	Died	Total
Madbury 1768	WILLIAM HOOPER	1		1	3	75
1. Berwick† 1768	* JOSHUA CHASE					166
¶ Brentwood 1771	SAMUEL SHEPHERD					685
Sanford 1772	—	1		1	1	91
	William Worster					
	John Libby					
1. Gilmanto'nt '72	* WALTER POWERS					30
1. Wellst 1780	* JOSEPH EATON					70

* At three o'clock brother AARON LEALAND, delivered a very edifying discourse from Rev. XIV. 6.

¶ It is not ascertained by the Clerk, whether this Church yet considered itself a member of this association.

Churches and when Constituted. Messengers.

Churches and when Constituted.	Messengers.	Add.	Dis.	Ex.	Yield	Total.
2. Berwick† 1804	*NATHANIEL LORD					66
Lyman 1782	*SIMON LOCK				1	72
1. Shapleigh 1781	*WILLIAM GODING		4	3	4	82
	John Witham					
1. Waterboro'† 1791	*HENRY SMITH					81
Cornish 1792	TIMOTHY REMICK				2	79
	*ZEBEDIAH RICHARDSON					
Newtown† 1796	_____					71
Limerick 1796	_____				1	43
	Penuel Clark					
Parsonfield† 1796	*WENTWORTH LORD					140
Buxton† 1798	*ABNER FLANDERS					90
Lebanon and Berwick 1801	ZEBEDEE DELANO				1	58
	Richard Yeaton					
Newmarket† 1801	_____					38
Exeter 1802	_____					65
Limington 1802	_____					37
	*EBENEZER P. KINSMAN					
2. Wells 1803	JOSHUA ROBERTS	1		2		65
Arundel 1803	ANDREW SHERBURNE	8			1	74
2. Waterboro'† 1804	_____					15
2. Shapleigh 1785	_____	6		1	1	38
	James Ross					
*Hollis† 1807	*TIMOTHY HODSDON					27
Newfield 1807	_____					54
	Gamaliel E. Smith					
	Joseph Dame jr.					
Effingham 1808	*LIVI CHADBOURN	7		2		87
	*STEPHEN WEBBER					
	Abraham Drake					
3. Berwick 1808	*WILLIAM CHADBOURN	1				18
Offipeet† 1810	*WILLIAM TAYLOR					17
Hiram† 1810	_____					18
Salisbury 1810	OTIS ROBINSON	11			1	36
	<i>Jonathan Kitteridge</i>					
	Michael Sergeant					
	Daniel Parker					
2. Gilmanton‡ 1811	URIAH MORISON					24
	Andrew Gillman					
	Samuel Rowe					
	Ebenezer Smith					
		36	4	10	16	1736

* Heretofore called Philipsburg.

‡ Set off from the first church in Gilmanton.

4. Adjourned until 8 o'clock to-morrow morning. Brother Sherburne concluded by prayer.

THURSDAY, JUNE 11.

5. Met according to adjournment. Prayer introductory to business by Brother CHAPIN.

6. Read the Circular Letter prepared by Brother Roberts; and voted to accept the same: And also the Corresponding Letter prepared by Brother Sherburne.

7. Received from sister Associations accounts as follows: viz.

<i>From.</i>	<i>Messenger.</i>
Warren	} no intelligence.
Bowdoinham	
Meredith Letter and Minutes.	Brother WILMARTH
Woodstock do.	Brethren AARON LELAND ARIEL KENDRICK JOSEPH WHEAT
Lincoln do.	Brother PHINEAS PILSBURY
Cumberland do.	

8. Voted to open correspondence with the Cumberland and Boston Associations.

9. Chose the following Brethren, Messengers to Sister Associations, viz. to the

Warren	Brother Otis Robinson.
Boston	Brethren Hooper and Robinson.
Meredith	Brethren Morrison and Kitteridge.
Woodstock	Brethren Robinson Morrison, Kitteridge & D. Parker.

Bowdoinham	} Brethren Timothy Remick and A. Flanders.
Lincoln and	
Cumberland	

10. Appointed Brother Hooper to prepare the Circular Letter; and Brother Remick the Corresponding Letter for next year.

11. Chose Brother Henry Smith Treasurer.

12. Voted that we hold our next Association at Parsonfield on the second Wednesday of June next at ten o'clock A. M.

The business of the Association being closed the Moderator concluded by prayer.

After a few minutes intermission the Assembly convened for public worship : Sermon by Brother WILLMARTH from Psal. LXVIII. 11. And at three o'clock assembled for public worship again. Sermon by Brother SEMANS, from Num. X. 2. The meeting closed with warm exhortations from several ministering and other Brethren, and solemn prayer by Brother KENDRICK.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

The ELDERS AND MESSENGERS of the NEW-HAMPSHIRE ASSOCIATION to the CHURCHES which they represent, send Christian salutation.

BELOVED BRETHREN,

AS our divine Lord has preserved us through the past year and brought us together in another annual meeting, may we review past favours and be truly humble before the Lord, under a sense of his greatness and our unworthiness to transact business under the great Lord of the harvest, and may we be favored with that wisdom which is from above, nor ever depart from the Lord by leaning to our own understanding, but cleave unto him with purpose of heart.

Notwithstanding, dear brethren the purpose of God which he hath purposed in himself and will accomplish according to the good pleasure of his will, is evil spoken of,

it is not the less precious to the soul who knows God.

The natural man boasteth of his own wisdom and righteousness ; but ETERNAL TRUTH pronounces our wisdom foolishness, and all our righteousness as filthy rags. Therefore *true* wisdom and righteousness are the principal things. And Christ is of God made unto us wisdom and righteousness, 1st Cor. I. 30. by means of which such simple creatures are made to know something of his holy character, the nature and extent of his holy law, and the blessings of the gospel which brings peace and pardon to the soul. But we conclude that wisdom is the most beneficial when put into practice by us. If we are disposed to do this we shall have respect to all God's holy commands.

There is a daily cross for us to bear in our abstaining from all appearance of evil, and our heartily acknowledging, and faithfully testifying the doctrine of Christ, the institutions of the gospel, and the discipline of the church as recorded in the new testament, and indeed in the practice of every Christian virtue ; and the soul who esteems it his privilege to take up this cross will find wisdoms ways pleasantness and all her paths peace ; but when we have done

all, we are constrained to acknowledge we are unprofitable servants ; for we have done no more than we ought to do, while our souls will thirst for a perfect righteousness which is found only in Christ who is the lord our righteousness ; relying upon the infinite merit of his blood for salvation which is accounted in the court of divine justice as though it were truly our own.

This is the Lord's doings, and it is marvellous in our eyes ; and it will be to the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved. Eph. I. 6.

Dear Brethren, may we stand fast in the faith of the Gospel, and keep the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace, wishing to enjoy peace in our own souls and be profitable in the cause of Christ; always remembering that should we fail to maintain a well ordered life and Godly conversation, our testimony will bear but little weight.

Therefore may we be sober and watch not only unto public, but unto secret prayer, and live in our families and in all the circle of our acquaintance, so that they may take knowledge of us that we have been with Jesus, knowing that our dependence is upon God to enable us to discharge our duty.

Be encouraged, dear brethren for in the Lord we have righteousness and strength, and no weapon formed against Zion shall prosper. It shall be our fervent prayer that your whole spirit, and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

The NEW-HAMPSHIRE ASSOCIATION convened at SALISBURY N. H., June 10th and 11th, 1812. To CORRESPONDING ASSOCIATIONS sendeth Christian salutation,

BELOVED BRETHREN,

BEING once more convened in association by the good hand of our God, we do indeed, esteem it our duty to address a short, though friendly epistle to you. You will permit us to inform you that in our present interview, we have had a very pleasant and refreshing repast: A moments reflection will revive in your remembrance the pleasure which Christian Brethren realize in meeting, after an interval of a year, or years—we had anticipated a pleasure in meeting your Messengers; so far as you have been represented we have not been disappointed.

We solicit a continuance of your correspondence; it is profitable to us.

Our meeting has been harmonious, and we have enjoyed *an unusual degree of consolation*, for we have sat together in heavenly places and the *word preached* has been sweet to our taste. May the God of all grace grant you a like precious season. You will notice by our ~~Minutes~~ ^{note} that our churches have been but partially represented—The uncommon season, and great distance they must have travelled will be a sufficient apology for them.—Brethren farewell.

OTIS ROBINSON, *Moderator.*

ANDREW SHERBURNE, *Clerk.*