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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9, 1813.

1. AT ten o'clock, A. M. brother OTIS ROBINSON, delivered the Introductory Sermon, from Romans XIII. 12. *Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.*

2. Chose brethren OTIS ROBINSON, Moderator, and ANDREW SHERBURNE, Clerk.

3. After Prayer by the Moderator, appointed brother ABNER FLANDERS, to prepare the Circular Letter; brother WILLIAM HOOPER, who was appointed for that purpose last year, having failed.

4. Chose brethren SIMON LOCK, HENRY SMITH and WILLIAM GODING, a Committee to apportion the money upon the Churches for the expences of the Association the present year.

5. Read letters from the several Churches, and took the following account of the members added, dismissed, excluded, or who have died the past year, and the present number in each church.

N. B. The names of ordained ministers are in SMALL CAPITALS; licensed preachers in *Italic*.—Those ministers with this mark (*) not present. Vacant churches distinguished by a dash

Churches.	Elders & Messengers.	Added	Dismiss'd.	Excluded.	Died.	Total
Madbury.	*WILLIAM HOOPER,					75
x. Berwick,	*JOSHUA CASE, Gideon Ricker, William Frost, Ira Emery,					166
Sanford,	Eleazar Chadbourn, Jonathan Powers, John Libby		x		x	90

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Gilmanton, 1. Wells,	*WALTER POWERS, *JOSEPH EATON, Jacob Perkins,					30 70
2 Berwick,	NATHANIEL LORD, Robert Ford, Thomas D Fernald, William Perkins, Nicholas Lord, John Fall, Jabesh Perkins,	1		2		65
Lyman,	SIMON LOCK, Thomas Gould, Foss Grant,	1			1	72
1. Shapleigh,	WILLIAM GODING, John Witham,	2			1	90
1. Waterborough,	HENRY SMITH, Nathaniel Hanes, Michael Bowden, Dominicus Ricker,					81
Cornish,	TIMOTHY REMICK, ZEBEDEAH RICHARDSON, David Ranlet,			1	1	77
Newtown,	<hr/>					71
Limerick, Parsonfield,	*Daniel Tuckbury, <hr/>					43 140
	WENTWORTH LORD, Caleb Marston, Samuel Knap, John Mores, Caleb Burbank.					
Buxton,	ABNER FLANDERS, Samuel Woodson, William Merrill,	2			3	90
Lebanon and Berwick,	ZEBEDEE DELANO, Nathaniel Guptail, Benjamin Libbey, Richard Yeaton, Samuel Nock,	2				60
Newmarkets, Exeter, Limington,	<hr/>					38 65 37
	*EBENEZER P. KINSMAN, James Lord, Barzella Small,					
East Parish Wells,	JOSHUA ROBERTS, John Wormwood,	1			1	65
Arundel,	ANDREW SHERBURNE, Nathaniel Walker,	4		1		77
2. Waterborough,	<hr/>				3	12
3. Shapleigh,	John Hill, <hr/>			1		37
	Jonathan Ross, John Chadbourn, Benjamin Pillsbury,					
Hollie, Newfield,	*TIMOTHY HOBSDON, <hr/>	2			1	29 54

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Effingham,	Joseph Dam, James Ayer, David Moulton, LEVI CHADBOURN, Jacob Mills, John Drake, John S. Dearborn,			1	2	34
3 Berwick, Offispee,	* WILLIAM CHADBOURN, WILLIAM TAYLOR, Joel Fernald, Benjamin Hodsdon,	2		1		18 23
Hiram. Salisbury,	OTIS ROBINSON, William Cate, Simeon Conner,	19				18 55
Gillford,‡	URIAH MORRISON, Andrew Gilman, Ebenezzer Smith,				1	23
<i>Total.</i>		36	3	6	14	1855

‡ Formerly 2nd in Gilmanton.

6. Adjourned until tomorrow morning 8 o'clock. At 4 o'clock, P. M. brother Sylvenus Boardman, delivered a sermon from Jeremiah 23. 6.

Thursday, June 10.

7. Met according to adjournment. Prayer introductory, to business by brother Thomas Wyman.

8. Read and accepted the Circular Letter, prepared by brother Flanders; and also the corresponding letter prepared by brother Remick.

9. Received from sister associations accounts as follows, viz.

<i>From</i>	<i>Messengers.</i>
Warren,	
Boston,	
Bowdoinham,	Letter and Minutes Brother Thomas Wyman.
Meredith,	Letter and Minutes Brother Nicholas Folsom.
Woodstock,	Letter and Minutes Brother <i>Enoch Hunting.</i>
Lincoln,	Letter and Minutes Brother Lemuel Rich.
Cumberland,	Letter and Minutes Brethren Bray and Boardman.

10. Chose the following brethren Messengers to the sister Associations, viz. to the

Warren, brother Andrew Sherburne.

Boston, brethren William Hooper, and Otis Robinson

Meredith, brethren Wentworth Lord, Roberts, Morrison, Robinson, Eleazer Chadbourn and Joseph Dam.

Woodstock, brethren Taylor, and Morrison.

Bowdoinham, brethren Goding, Lock & Flanders.

Lincoln, brethren Lock, Goding & L. Chadbourn.

Cumberland, brethren Lock and Flanders.

11. Appointed brother William Hooper, to write the Circular Letter ; and brother Henry Smith the Corresponding Letter for next year.

12. Chose brother Henry Smith Treasurer.

13. Voted—To recommend to the Churches that the 4th day of July next be observed as a day of worship.

14. Voted to hold our next annual meeting in brother Nathaniel Lord's meetinghouse in Berwick, on the second Wednesday of June next.

15. Voted that brethren Smith, Lock, Goding, Sherburne, Roberts, Delano and Hodsdon be a committee to visit and inquire into the state of the first Church in Berwick, and make report at our next meeting.

The business of the association being ended brother Folsom delivered a sermon from Acts 16, 17.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

The Ministers and Messengers of the NEW-HAMPSHIRE ASSOCIATION, to the several Churches they represent, send Christian Salutation.

DEARLY BELOVED IN THE LORD,

SUFFER us at the close of this solemn and agreeable interview, to send you a few thoughts on that passage of Divine Truth, which is recorded in Romans 15. 13. *Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.* Observe, that the scriptures clearly express what God is in himself, and also what he is to his people. In the text above mentioned he is represented as the God of hope.

First. God manifested in the flesh, is the foundation of our hope. The Lord by the mouth of the Prophet says, Behold I lay in Zion for a foundation, a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation. The Apostle says, for other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Secondly. It is God who gives us this hope. He is represented as having given us everlasting consolation, and good hope through grace.

Thirdly. He supports our hope. By the consolations of his Spirit, the truths, promises, and encouragements of his word—by the dispensations of his providence and grace he strengthens us with strength in our souls, and enables us to hope in his mercy. Dearly beloved Brethren! How often should we have given up our hope and sunk in despair, had not God the foundation, giver and supporter of our hope enabled us to trust in him.

We will now consider the blessings which they

enjoy who possess this hope. These are expressed in the text, and the Apostle prayed that his brethren might be filled with them, viz.

All joy and peace in believing. We cannot suppose that the Apostle intended all kinds of joy and peace. But such as are peculiar to the christian and perfectly consistent with the exercise of true faith in Christ. It is not rejoicing in iniquity, but rejoicing in the truth—They rejoice in God as their God and portion forever—They have joy in the Holy Ghost—They have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: This peace is like a river which increases until they launch into the ocean of eternal peace.

There we shall bathe our weary souls
 In seas of heavenly rest ;
 And not a wave of trouble roll
 Across our peaceful breasts.

Dearly beloved, let us be exhorted to examine ourselves whether we be in the faith.

Do we possess that hope which is described and recommended in the holy Scriptures ? Do we rejoice in hope of the glory of God ? And while we hear of wars, and garments rolled in blood—distresses of nations, and afflicting judgments—do we rejoice in God and joy in the God of our salvation ?

Dear brethren, what greater blessings can we wish than to be filled with all joy and peace, and to abound in hope through the power of the holy Ghost ?

Our meeting has been solemn, harmonious and refreshing. Finally brethren farewell ; Trust in the Lord for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength.

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

The NEW-HAMPSHIRE ASSOCIATION, convened at Parsonsfield Maine, June 9th and 10th, 1813, to corresponding Associations, sendeth Christian Salutation.

BELOVED IN THE LORD,

THE day in which we live, is dark. We hear of wars and rumors of wars ; but, *be ye not troubled* is the word of Christ to his followers—Zion must live because her King lives ; The government is on his shoulder—The signal judgments with which he chastises the nations of the earth, are famine, pestilence, and the sword ; and with one of these the Lord hath visited our once highly favoured land. It therefore becomes us who are of the day to be sober and watch unto prayer ; putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and for an helmet the hope of salvation.

We rejoice to hear of the growing empire of our Immanuel in the eastern, as well as in the western world ; and we are confident that the day is hastening when the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heavens, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most high.

We rejoice to meet your messengers and to receive your communications. We solicit a continuance of your correspondence. As the dew upon the new mown grass, and as cold water to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country.

Brethren, we desire your prayers to God for us.

Our meeting has been agreeable and we trust advantageous. By our minutes you will learn the general state of our churches.

OTIS ROBINSON, *Moderator.*

ANDREW SHERBURNE, *Clerk.*