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OF THE

New-Hampshire Association,

HELD AT THE

BAPTIST MEETING-HOUSE

OF THE

SECOND CHURCH IN BERWICK,

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 1814.

1. AT ten o'clock, A. M. brother WILLIAM BATCHELDER delivered the introductory sermon from Ephesians II. 19. *Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God.*

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

3. After prayer by the Moderator, read the Letters from the Churches, and took the following account of the members added, dismissed, excluded and deceased the year past, and the present number in each church.

N. B. The names of ordained ministers are in SMALL CAPITALS; licensed preachers in *Italics*.—Those ministers with this mark (*) were not present. Churches marked thus, (†) have not been represented the present session. Vacant churches are distinguished by a dash —

Churches.	Elders & Messengers.	Added.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.
Madbury,	WILLIAM HOOPER, Eliphalet Cloutman, Eli Demeritt,				2	73
† Berwick,	— <i>Jed'h Goodwin, jr.</i> Eben'r Blasdell, Sam'l Hanscomb, Hercules Fernald,		18			145
Sanford,	— <i>Jonathan Powers,</i> Eleazer Chadbourn, John Libby, Nathan Powers, William Woster, Stephen Hatch,			2		88

		Added.	Dis'd.	Excl'd.	Died.	Total.
Gillmanton,† 1 Wells,	*WALTER POWERS, JOSEPH EATON, Jacob Perkins, Benja. Hatch,				1	30 69
2 Berwick,	NATH'L LORD, Robert Ford, Tho's D. Fernald, Isaac Perkins, John Fall,				1	64
Lyman,	SIMON LOCK, John Burbank,	1				73
1 Shapleigh,	WILLIAM GODING, John Larey, Andrew Lord,			1	1	88
1 Waterborough,	HENRY SMITH, Michael Bowden, Benja. Pierce, Archibald Smith, jr.	1	1			81
Cornish,	TIMOTHY REMICK, *ZEBEDIAH RICHARDSON, John Peas, Abraham Barns, jr.		1		2	74
New-Town,† Limerick,	*Daniel Tukebury, ----- Penuel Clark, Patrick Furlong,	1				71 43
Parsonsfield,	WENTWORTH LORD, James Remick, Caleb Marston, James Brackett,	2			2	10
Buxton,† Lebanon & Berwick,	*ABNER FLANDERS, ZEBADEE DELANO, Nath'l Guptail, Benja. Libby,		1		1	90 58
Newmarket,† Exeter,	----- Charles O. Kimball, John T. Moses,	2		2	1	38 63
Limington,	----- EBEN'R P. KINSMAN,	3				40
In the East Par- ish in Wells, }	JOSHUA ROBERTS, John Taylor, Joseph Taylor, Davis Estes,	6				71
Arundel,	AND'W SHERBURNE, Samuel Fairfield,	8		1	2	82
3 Waterborough,†	-----					12

		Added.	Dis'd.	Excl'd.	Died.	Total.
2 Shapleigh,	Jonathan Ross, John Chadbourn, Whiting Stephens, Lemuel Twombly,			1		36
Hollis,	*TIMOTHY HODSDON, Sam'l Bradbury,		1		1	29
Newfield,	Nathan Nock, Joseph Dam, Gamaliel E. Smith, Samuel Stone,	12		1		65
Effingham,	LEVI CHADBOURN, Jacob Mills, John Drake, John S. Dearborn,	2	1	1		84
3 Berwick,	WILLIAM CHADBOURN, Charles Shorey, Joseph Hubbard, Sam'l Heard,	1			1	17
Ollipee,	*WILLIAM TAYLOR, Joel Fernald,			1	1	22
Hiram,† Salisbury,	OTIS ROBINSON, William Cate,	7				18 62
Gillford,	URIAH MORRISON,					23
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4. Adjourned until tomorrow morning 8 o'clock. At 3 o'clock, brother Henry Kendell delivered a sermon from Psal. 46, 5.

Thursday, June 9.

5. Met according to adjournment. Prayer, introductory to business, by brother Goding.

6. Read and accepted the Circular Letter prepared by brother Henry Smith; and also the corresponding letter by brother Hooper.

7. Received Messengers and intelligence from sister Associations as follows, viz.

Associations.	Messengers.	Letters.	Minutes.
Warren,		Letter,	Minutes.
Boston,	William Batchelder,	do.	do.
Bowdoinham,	Henry Kendell,	do.	do.
Merideth, Woodstock, Lincoln, Cumberland,	William Allen,	Letter,	Minutes.

8. Appointed the following Messengers to Corresponding Associations. To the

Warren, } Brethren Hooper and Robinson.
Boston, }

Merideth, Brethren Robinson and Morrison.

Woodstock, Brethren Wm. Chadbourn and Roberts.

Bowdoinham, } Brethren Lock, Goding, Sherburne, Delano, and
Lincoln, } Joseph Dam.
Cumberland, }

9. Appointed brother Remick to write the Circular Letter for next year, and brother Kindsman the Corresponding Letter, to be presented at the next meeting.

10. Chose brother Henry Smith Treasurer.

Voted to recommend the fourth day of July for religious purposes.

Voted that brethren Hooper, Wm. Chadbourn and Remick be a committee to visit and enquire into the state of the Church of Newmarket and report at our next meeting.

Voted to recommend to the Churches to abstain from presenting or introducing any matter of Church labor into the Association; as it is not the province of the Association to interfere with the independence, discipline or government of Churches.

Voted to hold our next meeting at brother Delano's meeting house in Lebanon, on the second Wednesday of June next at ten o'clock A. M.

At 12 o'clock the business being finished, brother William Allen preached to a very full assembly, from I. Cor. 3, 9.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

*The Elders and Messengers of the NEW-HAMPSHIRE
Baptist ASSOCIATION to the Churches they represent,
send christian salutation.*

BELOVED IN CHRIST JESUS.

WE have once more had the pleasing opportunity of meeting and renewing our correspondence and experiencing how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity; and are ready to say that it is like the precious Ointment poured on Aaron's head that run to the skirts of his garments, or as the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion. The season has been refreshing to many, and the pleasing intelligence from the churches and sister associations by their Messengers and letters have been to us as cold water to a thirsty soul. To perpetuate such joys as these, our correspond-

ence should be continued, that our fellowship may increase; we should dwell in love, that we might dwell in God—Therefore let brotherly love continue.

The day in which we live is a day of darkness and trouble, and our political divisions have greatly marred our happiness, and the enemy of our souls has taken an advantage of us; his object is to break our union and prevent our fellowship with each other. Brethren, these things ought not so to be. Our political opinions ought never to hinder our fellowship and united efforts to promote the interest of the precious cause of our LORD JESUS CHRIST. In this cause we profess to be agreed and have fellowship, and this bond of union is never to be dissolved. Shall we desert the truth, our brethren, and the ministers of the gospel of our blessed Lord Jesus, in this dark day? Are we not bound by ties immortal to strive for the things of the kingdom, and sacrifice our party feelings and ambition, and unite in the glorious cause of God? Never had we more need of union than at this day. Errors are spreading. The Immanuel God with us is at this day represented as a man only; but if this be a truth our faith is vain and our hopes of salvation but a delusion. But we believe him to be the God, man and Mediator; the rock on which Zion rests, the chief corner stone although rejected of the builders.

Dear brethren, union in kingdom, or state, church, or society, is their strength and happiness. United they stand, divided they fall.

To be united in doctrine and discipline, is essential to our strength, growth or fame—To be perfectly joined together in the same mind—to be workers together with God—to run the race set before us, and fight the good fight of faith, so as to fin-

ish our course with joy, having fellowship with the Father and with the Son Jesus Christ, and one with another.

May the God of peace dwell among us and bless us.

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

The Ministers and Delegates of the NEW-HAMPSHIRE ASSOCIATION, to sister associations, with whom they correspond.

BELOVED BRETHREN,

THE period at which we have arrived is portentous ; and in many respects trying and teachable to the Church of Christ—through the mercy of God we are preserved in these troublous times, and enjoy a measure of gospel stability and harmony in our Churches.

We realize the benefits of correspondence with sister associations, by which we attain a knowledge of the state of Zion in various parts, and are encouraged in our progress. We are happy to learn that amidst the jarring systems inculcated at the present day our brethren are determinately pursuing the good old way, and are prompt to repel the errors of the times. May the Lord enlarge Zion and preserve her from every foe—Dear brethren, continue your correspondence ; by your messengers and letters, at this time we have realized signal favours.

Our interview has been very pleasant, many of Gods dear children have been revived and strengthened, and we trust that some poor strangers have been pricked in the heart by the arrows of the Almighty.

OTIS ROBINSON, *Moderator.*

ANDREW SHEKBURNE, *Clerk.*