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# MINUTES, &c.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 1815.

1. AT ten o'clock, A. M. brother ELISHA WILLIAMS delivered the introductory sermon from Habakkuk III. 2. *O Lord revive thy work,*

2. Chose brother WILLIAM HOOPER, 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; licenced 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, Noah Hooper,				1	72
1 Berwick,	————— <i>Jedediah Goodwin, jr.</i> William Frost, Samuel Hanscomb, Joshua Goodwin,					143
Sanford,	————— <i>Jonathan Powers,</i> Ezra Thompson, James Chadbourn, Ebenezer Linscott, Joseph Chaney,	1			4	85

		Added.	Dis'd.	Excp'd.	Died.	Total.
Gilmanton,†	*WALTER POWERS,					30
1 Wells,	*JOSEPH EATON,				1	68
	Jacob Perkins,					
	George Getchell,					
	David Littlefield,					
2 Berwick,	NATHANIEL LORD,	16	2		1	77
	Robert Ford,					
	Thomas D. Fernald,					
	William Perkins,					
	Nicholas Lord,					
	John Fall,					
Lyman,	SIMON LOCK,				2	71
	William Waterhouse,					
	Thomas Gould,					
1 Shapleigh,	WILLIAM GODING,	2			1	89
	John Larey,					
	Andrew Lord,					
	Samuel Heard,					
1 Waterborough,	HENRY SMITH,	26	4	1	2	90
	Archable Smith,					
	Humphrey Chadbourn,					
	George Roberts,					
	Oliver Whitten,					
Cornish,	*TIMOTHY REMICK,					74
	*ZEBEDIAH RICHARDSON,					
	Noah Jewett,					
Newtown,	*DAVID TUKESBURY,	6			1	52
Limerick,	—————	17	2	6	1	56
	Penuel Clark,					
	Jotham Day,					
	Atherton Clark,					
Parsonsfield,	WENTWORTH LORD,	4				144
	Caleb Marston,					
	Ebenezer Record,					
	Dominicus Ricker,					
	Samuel Knap,					
Buxton,	ABNER FLANDERS,	1		1		89
Lebanon & } Berwick, }	ZEBADDEE DELANO,	24			1	81
	Nathaniel Gubtail,					
	Benjamin Libbey,					
	Samuel Nock,					
Newmarket,†	—————					38
Exeter,	—————	1				64
	Charles O. Kimball,					
	Thomas Kimball,					
Timington,	—————				2	35

		Added.	Dis'd.	Excl'd.	Died.	Total.
In the East Parish in Wells,	EBENEZER P. KINSMAN, John Sevey,					
	JOSHUA ROBERTS, Davis Estes, John Wormwood,				2	69
Arundel,	ANDREW SHERBURNE, Josiah Hutchins,	7			2	87
2 Waterboro', †	_____					12
2 Shapleigh,	_____			2		34
Hollis,	Jonathan Ross, John Chadbourn, Whiting Stevens, Maturin Abbott,					
	TIMOTHY HODSDON, Ezekiel Biagdon,			1	1	27
Newfield,	_____	4	2		1	66
Effingham,	Joseph Dam, David Moulton, Gideon Straw, Gamaliel E. Smith,					
	LEVI CHADBOURNE, Jacob Mills, Elijah Davis,	2		2		84
3 Berwick,	WILLIAM CHADBOURN, Joseph Hubbard, Ebenezer Roberts,					17
Ossipee,	WILLIAM TAYLOR, Joel Fernald, Daniel Fernald, Samuel Lear,	1				22
Hiram, Salesbury,	_____			1		16
Gilford,	ORIS ROBINSON, <i>Jonathan Kitteridge,</i> William Cate, James Severence,	3			2	63
	_____			1	1	21
	Andrew Gillman, Ebenezer Smith, Jacob Blasdel,					
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4. The Circular and Corresponding Letters having failed, appointed brethren HODSDON, Thos. Kimball and Ezra Thompson to prepare and present them tomorrow morning.

5. Adjourned until 8 o'clock tomorrow morning. At 3 o'clock brother LUCIUS BOLLS delivered a sermon from Heb. VII. 25.

THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 1815.

Met according to adjournment. Opened with prayer by brother ELIAS TAYLOR.

6. Read and accepted the Circular and Corresponding Letters.

7. Took under consideration a request of the Baptist Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, and appointed brother TIMOTHY HODSDON a Corresponding Secretary.

8. Having received a communication from brother LUTHER RICE, one of the foreign missionaries, requesting this Association to correspond with the Baptist Board of Commissioners for Foreign missions, to aid in spreading the Gospel among the heathen; appointed brethren BATCHELDER, HODSDON, HAINS and Jewett, a committee to consider the same, and report.

9. Received communications from the following Associations.

<i>Associations.</i>	<i>Messengers.</i>	<i>Minutes.</i>
Boston,	WM. BATCHELDER,	Minutes.
Bowdoinham,	ELIAS TAYLOR,	do.
Lincoln,	GIDEON COOK,	do.
Cumberland,	JOHN HAINES,	do.

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

Warren & } Brethren HOOPER, ROBINSON, and SHERBURNE.  
Boston,

Bowdoinham, }  
Lincoln and } GODING, DELANO, FLANDERS, and ROBERTS.  
Cumberland,

Merideth and } ROBINSON, and brethren Ebenezer Smith and Jo-  
Woodstock, } seph Dam.

11. The Committee appointed to consider on brother RICE's communication. Reported to recommend to the Churches of this Association to form auxiliary societies to promote the design, accepted the report.

12. Appointed brother HENRY SMITH to write the Circular Letter for next year, and Brother TIMOTHY HODSDON the Corresponding Letter, to be presented at the next meeting.

13. Appointed brother HENRY SMITH Treasurer.

14. Voted to hold our next meeting at Effingham on the second Wednesday of June next, at 10 o'clock A. M.

15. The buisness of the Association being finished at 11 o'clock, the Moderator closed by prayer—Immediately after brother BATCHELDER delivered a Sermon from Eccle. XI. 9.

## CIRCULAR LETTER.

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

BELOVED BRETHREN,

THE Lord hath done great things for us as a nation, in restoring peace to our borders and tranquillity to our dwellings ; he hath done great things for us as a religious community, in reviving his work of grace, and adding to us such as we hope will be saved ; he hath done great things for us as individuals in preserving our souls from death, our eyes from tears and our feet from falling.

Our annual interview has been truly interesting to us, and we have found it good for us to be here. Surely the Lord is in this place, his presence has filled our minds with awe and veneration ; the word preached has been profitable, we believe to many.

Brethren, let us take encouragement from what has been wrought by grace—Let us unite in our solicitations to the throne of grace for the progression of this good work already commenced and that it may be carried on until the day of Jesus Christ—Let us mind the things of the Holy Spirit as they are described and recommended in the holy scriptures ; and let us prove all things by this criterion and adhere to, and retain nothing but that which is good. By this touch-stone let us endeavour to try and detect them which say they are Jews and are not. But let it be our first and principle concern to try ourselves ; to put ourselves to proof ; to investigate with a critic and impartial eye our own hearts, and endeavour to detect and discard every thing hostile to the gospel ; let us endeavour to ascertain what manner of spirit we are of by the gospel maxim. The tree is known by its fruit, and the spirit of truth is known by his fruits which are the very truth ; humility, patience, forbearance, meekness, gentleness, justice and goodness ; all these originate from that unfeigned charity shed abroad in the heart by the Holy Ghost, which is the fulfilling of the law. The spirit will lead us to believe nothing but truth, and to practice nothing as religious duties but what is plainly taught in the holy scriptures. They teach us that they who worship God must worship him in spirit and in truth : But in vain do we worship him if we teach and receive for divine truth, the commandments and precepts of men. When divine writ comes in competition with human precepts shall we hesitate which we shall obey ? Let God be true and every man a liar—let him be justified in his sayings and overcome when he is judged. By our habitual conformity to this standard we shall evince that our faith is genuine and shew the work of this divine law written in our hearts, our consciences bearing witness. Christian practice is the best commendation that we can give of our religion ; if this epistle of Christ is written in the fleshly tables of our hearts with the spirit of the living God, let it be read and known of all men.

Let us adopt the same rule to try others by and not be soon deceived by appearances of religion false and spurious, and turn away from all such with detestation as profess that they know God, but in works deny him ; but if we err at all in this respect let it be on the

side of charity ; be sparing of censure, judge nothing immaturity, charity thinketh no evil ; let our kindness be extended to all, but extend our fellowship with great caution ; come out from among the wicked and touch not the unclean thing and ye shall be manifestly the children of your Father in heaven, and he will receive you. Be careful to entertain strangers—To do good and to communicate, forget not, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Yours in the best of bonds—In behalf of the Association.

WILLIAM HOOPER, *Moderator.*

ANDREW SHERBURNE, *Clerk.*

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## CORRESPONDING LETTER.

*The New-Hampshire Association, to sister Associations, with whom they correspond.*

DEARLY BELOVED,

OUR correspondence with you has heretofore been pleasing, instructive, and frequently very refreshing to this Association. Dear brethren, by this epistle we address you in the bonds of love, and rejoice in the intelligence communicated by your Messengers and Minutes. The general interest that our associations are taking in the Foreign mission, excite pleasing anticipations. Although in many places infidelity seems to abound and the love of many waxes cold, yet Zion's God reigns and will reign until his glory is fully displayed in the earth and his *saving health among all nations*. By the power of his spirit he is now accomplishing this glorious work on the hearts of poor sinners, and although every faculty of the human heart is at enmity with God, and the work of his spirit he is nevertheless able to subdue all things unto himself and it is our rejoicing that his kingdom is advancing.

The intelligence from our churches generally is refreshing, and although the additions to them have not been great, still in many of them the Lord is now working by evident tokens of his power, and as we hope, bringing many sons and daughters to Glory.

O that this work may extend not only through this Association, but through every part of the globe for Jesus sake. Amen.

WILLIAM HOOPER, *Moderator.*

ANDREW SHERBURNE, *Clerk.*

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IT is the ardent wish of this Association that in future the Selectmen and other good citizens of those towns where this Association may hereafter convene, would use their influence to prevent the erection of tents and sheds about the meeting-house for the purpose of selling spiritous liquors, a practice which is discovered to be attended with innumerable evils, and if not otherway prevented, will oblige us to apply for Legislative interference.