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MINUTES

OF THE

NEW-YORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Held in the City of New-York.

MAY 19th and 20th, 1813.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19th.

1. At half past 2 o'clock P. M. assembled at the Meeting-House of the First Baptist Church in the City, for Public Worship. Brother **JACOB F. RANDOLPH** delivered the Introductory Sermon, from John, 18th chap. part of 38th v. "*What is Truth.*"
2. After Sermon business was opened with Prayer by brother **Mc LAUGHLAN**; when brother **JACOB F. RANDOLPH** was chosen *Modcrator*, and brother **ROSEWELL GRAVES**, *Clerk*.
3. Ministering brethren present in good standing in their respective churches, were invited to a seat with us.
4. Letters from the Churches were read.

N. B. The names of Ordained Ministers are in **CAPITALS**; Licentiates in *Italics*; an * denotes no settled Minister; from Churches marked thus † we received no intelligence.

CHURCHES.	MESSENGERS.	Baptised.....	Received by Letter.....	Dismissed by Letter.....	Res. red.....	Excluded.....	Deceased.....	Total Number...	Time of Constitution.
Piscataway.....	JAMES Mc LAUGHLAN, <i>Jacob Sutton,</i> Asa Runyan, John F. Randolph, James Conklin.	4	1	—	—	2	4	145	1689
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CHURCHES.	MESSENGERS.	Baptised.....	Received by Letter.....	Dismissed by Letter.....	Restored.....	Excluded.....	Deceased.....	Total Number...	Time of Constitution..
	<i>Brought forward,</i>	4	1	—	—	2	4	145	
Scotch Plains.....	{ Dugal Ayres, Aaron Ball.	1	—	3	—	—	3	104	1747
King-street.....	{ † - - - - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	62	1747
Oyster Bay.....	{ † - - - - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	104	1748
Morris-Town.....	{ SAMUEL TROTT, - - Thomas Osborne.	—	—	—	—	3	—	83	1752
First New-York...	{ WM. PARKINSON, - - SAM. CARPENTER, - JOHN SEGER, George Hadley, John Bedient, James Duffie, John Moore, Edward Mecks. Rosewell Graves.	17	9	2	1	11	4	485	1762
Mount Bethel.....	{ Oliver Still, - - - - -	—	—	—	1	1	3	129	1767
Lyon's Farms.....	{ JAMES WILCOX, - - - John Mulford	—	—	—	—	—	—	29	1769
Bethel, N. York,	{ Francis Secor, - - - - - Wm. M. Powers, — Jones.	7	10	—	—	1	—	100	1770
Statcn-Island.....	{ * - - - - - Joseph Barton, Henry Cruiser.	—	—	2	—	—	3	42	1786
Northfield.....	{ MOSES EDWARDS, - A'ner Ball	—	—	6	—	—	—	85	1786
Samp-Town.....	{ J. F. RANDOLPH, . - ROBERT F. RANDOLPH, Joseph F. Randolph, James Martin.	6	—	1	—	1	1	97	1792
Middletown.....	{ * - - - - - James Blauvelt, Isaac Sherwood.	7	—	—	—	—	—	45	1793
Newark.....	{ † - - - - -	—	—	—	—	—	—	64	1801
		42	20	16	1	19	18	1520	

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	<i>Brought forward,</i>	42	20	16	1	19	18	1520	
Randolph.....	{ * Jeremiah Batts.	—	—	—	—	—	—	24	1802
South-River.....	{ Charles Gilmore.	4	—	—	—	—	—	49	1805
Welch Ch, N. Y.	{ Dissolved, members united to other Churches.								
New-Rochelle.....	{ DRAKE WILSON . . John Horton, Erving Smith, Nathaniel Stilwell,	6	—	1	—	—	1	40	1807
North Ch. N. Y.	{ †	—	—	—	—	—	—	37	1809
Southold.....	{ †	—	—	—	—	—	—	18	1809
New-Town.....	{ J. W. GRIFFITHS, Jonathan Furman, John Boyd.	4	1	—	—	—	—	25	1809
Coram.....	{ Letter	—	—	1	—	—	1	37	1810
Jefferson Village.	{ J. GILDERSLEEVE, Obediah Hedden,	—	—	—	—	—	—	18	1810
Abysinian.....	{ Joseph Allen, John Jones, —Tucl.	3	1	—	—	6	1	73	1809
Niagara.....	{ †	—	—	—	—	—	—	22	1808
Hudson.....	{ HERVEY JENKS . . William Foster,	5	6	1	—	—	1	36	1810
Byram.....	{ EBENEZER JANE . .	9	2	14	—	1	—	29	1810
Masonicus.....	{ †	—	—	—	—	—	—	12	1812
First Church Frankford.	{ Jacob B. Maxwell, . . Ephraim House.	—	—	—	—	—	—	12	1813
		73	30	33	1	26	22	1952	

5th. Adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Brother Wilcox concluded by prayer: [Sermon this evening by brother Smally, from the New-Jersey Association.]

THURSDAY, MAY 20th.

6. Met agreeably to adjournment. Brother Ball prayed.

7. A Letter was presented from the Church at Frankford, Sussex County, New-Jersey, by their Messengers, Jacob B. Maxwell and Ephraim House, requesting to be admitted into this body, under the name of the "First Church in Frankford;" and which was referred to a Committee consisting of brethren Jayne, Blauvelt, Wilcox, and R. Randolph, who reported favourably; whereupon on motion, it was resolved to receive them, and which was done by giving them the right hand of fellowship.

8. Received Communications from the following Associations: From the *Warwick*, minutes, by their Messengers brethren Charlock and Ball. *New-Jersey*, minutes, by their Messenger brother Smalley. *Stonington*, minutes by their Messenger brother Oliver Wilson. *Warren*, Messenger brother Benedict. *Danbury*, Messenger brother Philo.

9. Messengers were appointed to the several Corresponding Associations, viz. to the *Warwick*, brethren Parkinson, Wilson and Seger. *New-Jersey*, brethren Parkinson, Mc Laughlen and Wilcox. *Stonington*, brethren Parkinson, R. Randolph and Hadley. *Warren*, brethren Griffiths, Sutton and Jenks. *Danbury*, brethren Parkinson and Jenks.

10. Brother Wilcox to write the Corresponding, and brother Jenks the Circular Letter, for the next year.

11. *Resolved*, That this association hold their annual meetings, alternately, in this City and with some one of the churches belonging to this body, in the State of New-Jersey.

12. *Resolved*, That in future, the time for the meeting of this association, be on the *Second Wednesday* in May.

13. *Resolved*, That the next association be held in the Meeting House of the Baptist Church in Samptown, New-Jersey, on the 2nd Wednesday in May next, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

14. Brother Carpenter appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon the next year, and in case of failure, brother Mc Laughlen.

15. The following supplies were granted to destitute churches, viz.

MOUNT BETHEL. Brother Sutton 2nd Lord's day in June and July. Brother Hadley 3d Lord's day in July and August. Brother Griffiths 3d Lord's day in November. Brother Mc Laughlen 4th Lord's day in August. Brother Jacob F. Randolph, 4th Lord's day in October. Brother Seger 3d Lord's day in October. Brother Parkinson 4th Lord's day in September. Brother Wilcox 2nd Lord's day in September. Brother Robert Randolph 2nd Lord's day in December.

SOUTH RIVER. Brother Sutton 4th Lord's day in June and 2d in August. Brother Hadley 2nd Lord's day in July and August. Brother Seger 3d Lord's day in July. Brother R. Randolph 1st Lord's day in June and July. Brother Jacob F. Randolph 4th Lord's day in September. Brother B'shop 4th Lord's day in July.

MIDDLETOWN. Brother Seger 1st Lord's day in July, and 2d in August. Brother Hadley 4th Lord's day in July. Brother R. Randolph 1st Lord's day in September. Brother J. F. Randolph 1st Lord's day in October. Brother Elliot 3d Lord's day in August. Brother Griffiths 3d Lord's day in June.

ABYSSINIAN. Agreed that the ministering brethren of this Association render them such supplies as they conveniently can, through the ensuing year.

16. Adjourned to meet again at three o'clock P. M. Brother Benedict prayed.
17. Met again agreeably to adjournment. Brother Oliver Wilson prayed.
18. *Resolved*, That the Clerk to this Association, together with brethren Bedient and Griffiths, be a Committee to examine and superintend the printing of the minutes.
19. As the Circular and Corresponding Letters have not come to hand, brother Trott was appointed to draft the latter, and in case the Circular should arrive in time * the Committee appointed to superintend the printing the minutes were directed to revise it (if necessary) as also the Corresponding Letter, and insert them with the minutes.
20. Adjourned. Concluding prayer by the moderator.



Circular Letter.

The Elders and Messengers of the New-York Baptist Association, assembled in the City of New-York, on the 19th and 20th of May, 1813 ; to the churches in their connection, send Christian salutation.

DEAR BRETHREN,

As we addressed you last year on CHRISTIAN LIBERTY, permit us now to propose, for your meditation its necessary companion, CHRISTIAN FAITHFULNESS.

In pursuing the subject, we propose the following method.

1. To describe what we understand by the term *Christian Faithfulness*.

2. Shew the end it is designed to answer.

I. We understand the term *Christian Faithfulness*, to have special regard to the three following things, viz: To character sustained—to trust reposed—and to attachment professed.

1. *The Character Sustained*—Is, that they are “born from above—of the spirit—of incorruptable seed—unto a lively hope—to be God’s children—people—portion and inheritance—partakers of the Holy Ghost—Christ’s bride—the Churches members—Zion’s converts—the saints and faithful in Christ Jesus.”

2. *To trust reposed*—The faithful are intrusted with a good conscience—an invaluable treasure this!—being enlightened by the word and spirit, and sprinkled with the blood of Jesus—with which they “come to the throne of grace with boldness,” obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need—with which they may sing in an inner prison—wade to glory through seas of trials and afflictions—without it, they cannot approach God acceptably—“therefore they are to labor to keep a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward man.—They are also intrusted with the *word of truth*.—“To them is committed the oracles of God”—“lively oracles,” the Old and the New Testament, from which are derived their consolations—and in which, are contained precious promises of their sure and certain perseverance through grace to glory—being kept by the mighty power of God,

* *The Circular Letter did arrive in time to be inserted in the Minutes.*

through faith unto salvation.”—To them are also committed the ordinances and discipline of the Church: “as they were first delivered to the Saints,” by the Lord and lawgiver in Zion.—To the faithful is also intrusted, the means of promoting the blessed cause of Christ, in spreading the glorious “gospel of the grace of God” among the destitute, and those “ready to perish for lack of vision,” and of supporting and strengthening the hands of those who are commissioned to “preach that gospel to every creature,” by imparting to them a portion of what is so liberally bestowed on us by our heavenly father.

The Lord commits to their trust, the poor of his kingdom; “the poor ye have always with you;”—to the poor the gospel is preached. If we consider where the Lord found us, involved in sin and misery, poverty and wretchedness, we certainly cannot withhold our attention to his poor members; particularly as he will abundantly reward us in a coming day—for “inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these,” my poor disciples, “ye have done it unto me; enter thou into the joys of thy Lord:” let us “therefore as we have opportunity to do good unto all men, *but especially unto them of the household of faith.*”

3. *To attachment professed.*—This is founded on their relation to God, and the extent of favor received from him. Christian attachment arises from the views they have of God, as their God—they love him as their father—and possessing the spirit of adoption, they address him as children, “Abba Father”—they view him in Christ Jesus as well pleased, and as in covenant with him—hence it is they feel disposed to serve him, and suffer for his sake. This attachment is moreover founded on benefits received—“we love him because he first loved us” They recollect that the Lord found them when they were in their blood, and said unto them “LIVE.” They recollect the awful danger from whence he rescued

them through Christ, and say “what shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits;”—and of the many deliverances they have had while passing the desert—and add—“thou hast been our helper in every time of trouble.” Are they Christ’s subjects? they crown him Lord of all.—Are they inhabitants in Zion? they seek and pray for her peace.—Are they brethren? they love one another with a pure heart fervently.—Are they citizens? they seek the liberty and happiness of the City where they dwell.—Are they Ministers? they “determine to know nothing among men, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified,” and, “are not ashamed of the gospel of Christ.”

II. *Christian faithfulness*, in the END, is designed to glorify God, all whose dispensations are considered by them, as best calculated for their good. Are they in the furnace of affliction? they speak well of his name, and say “it is the Lord, let him do what seemeth him good”.—If they are on a bed of sickness, pain and distress—they lodge all their concerns in his hands, and trust in him even unto death.—They rejoice and hail the welcome messenger who is to deliver them from this body of sin and corruption,—dissolve the bonds—and set their souls at liberty, that they may be “forever with their Lord.”

Another end is, to *exemplify the purity of their religion*, for whilst the nominal professor is “tossed with every wind of doctrine,” the believer knows the TRUTH, and the “truth makes him free,” whilst many walk no longer with Jesus.—He says, ‘Lord to whom shall I go, thou hast the words of eternal life;’ whilst others fall into sin and perdition.—He through grace says, “how can I do this great wickedness and sin against God:” while others apostatise.—If through the infirmities of his nature he fall from his steadfastness, he thinks on his ways, and turns to God, confesses his transgression unto the Lord, who forgives the iniquity of his sin. In a word—is

he “the light of the world”—men will behold him, and take knowledge of him, that he has been with, and learned of Jesus.

It is also calculated to *encourage and strengthen the Church*. When the Israelites were in captivity, it was consoling to witness the zeal of Shadrach, Mesheck, Abednego and Daniel, who rather than worship the Gods of the Babylonians, and fall down to dumb idols, suffered themselves to be cast into a fiery furnace, and the lion’s den.—So when Church members walk in the fear of God, although there be no special outpourings of the spirit, yet the Church will realize the comforts of the holy spirit, and the shinings of Gods countenance:

may, faithfulness gives the saints a formidable appearance, and are “like an army with banners.”

Lastly—It is calculated to promote Peace and comfort in all their Journey, through the wilderness, to keep them from sinking while passing the floods of Jordan, and finally to land them on the shores of the promised land, the heavenly Canaan.—“Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.”

We remain dear brethren,

Your servants for Jesus sake,

JACOB F. RANDOLPH, *Moderator.*

ROSEWELL GRAVES, *Clerk.*

Corresponding Letter.

The New-York Baptist Association, Assembled in the Meeting-House of the First Baptist Church, in Gold-street, in the City of New-York.

BELOVED BRETHREN,

Many, very many are the means with which the great Head of the Church is pleased to favor his people, even in this state of warfare and trials, for their edification, comfort and refreshment; and (next to our more immediate approaches to God through his word, ordinances, &c. by which we are enabled to draw these things from the very fountain head) none are more precious than Christian fellowship and mutual correspondence. Hence are derived the advantages of the association of Churches; the which, when kept within due bounds, and conducted under proper regulations, brethren have an opportunity of becoming personally acquainted with each other; of conversing freely and cordially on the affairs relative to the kingdom of their beloved Lord and Master; of communicating their trials, their deliverances, their joys and

their prospects—the state and growth of the different Churches; thus mutually enkindling in their breasts the pleasing affections of love, sympathy and fellowship for each other.

One of these refreshing seasons, brethren, we trust we have enjoyed at our present session. Through divine mercy we have been permitted to meet and deliberate in peace and love; and though we have received no very flattering intelligence from the respective churches, with regard to revival, and ingathering of souls to the Lord, yet there has been some additions made—but rather we have to lament that a general coldness and barrenness appears to prevail among us, notwithstanding which the oneness of soul that has been manifested in our consultations, and the united zeal to promote the declarative glory of God, we trust, are presages that the Lord is about to

afford a season of refreshing from his presence, and shine with beams of love into the hearts of his purchased possession.

Brethren, we cannot close this epistle, and do justice to our feelings, without acknowledging with gratitude the satisfaction we have enjoyed from your correspondence, and the friendly visit of your messengers to us, and it is our ardent desire and prayer to God, that he may in his kind providence continue a christian fellowship and correspondence between us, and

overrule all commotions whether in church or state, for his own glory and the furtherance of the gospel of the blessed Jesus, and that he would support and defend his own people wherever they are, under all their trials, and finally bring them out, purified as gold, better fitted and prepared for their masters use.

Finally, brethren farewell, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all—*Amen.*

JACOB F. RANDOLPH, Moderator.
ROSEWELL GRAVES, Clerk.



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CONTAINING
A HISTORY OF THE ORIGIN
OF THE
First Baptist Church,

IN THE CITY OF NEW-YORK,
And its progress during the first fifty years since its Constitution.

DELIVERED IN THE MEETING-HOUSE OF SAID CHURCH, JANUARY 1, 1813.

BY WM. PARKINSON, A. M. PASTOR.



To which are annexed a Narrative of Facts,
Interspersed with remarks; and an Appendix; all relating to the Reports that have gone abroad concerning the Pastor of the above named Church; showing their incredibility, and so the innocence of the Church in retaining him in office, those reports notwithstanding.

BY THE ACCUSED.

CONSTITUTION

Of the New-York Baptist Missionary Society.

ART. 1. THIS Society shall be distinguished and known by the name of the New-York Baptist Missionary Society.

ART. 2. The Society shall consist of such members only, as shall subscribe and pay in advance, at least one dollar* annually to its funds.

ART. 3. The object of this Society shall be, to send the Gospel, and other means of promoting the knowledge of God, among such of our fellow creatures, as either from local, or other circumstances are destitute of such advantages; and that, either stationary or occasional as prudence may dictate, and our funds admit.

ART. 4. The members at their first meeting, and at their annual meeting ever after shall, by ballot appoint a President and Vice-President, a Treasurer and Secretary, also twelve Directors. The President and Vice-President, the Treasurer and Secretary as also eight of the Directors shall be Baptists, and of good standing in some Church of that faith and order. The other four may be chosen out of the Missionary Society in general. These sixteen officers shall compose our board of directors, of which the President and Secretary of the society shall be Chairman and Clerk.

ART. 5. The President by, and with the consent of a majority of the Directors, shall have power to call a meeting of the Society, whenever to him it shall appear necessary,

also, as chairman of the board, he shall have power at his discretion, to call a meeting of the directors, and it shall be his duty, to call such meeting whenever requested by three members of the board.

ART. 6. The Chairman with eight other members of the board, shall form a quorum to do business, in case of his absence, any nine members.

ART. 7. The board of directors shall have power to apply the funds of the society according to their discretion, in all cases, in which they shall not be restricted by the special direction of the society.

ART. 8. They shall have power to appoint and dismiss missionaries, to pay them, and to transact all other necessary business of the society during its recess.

ART. 9. The board of directors shall annually exhibit to the Society a particular account of the missionaries employed by them, the places to which they are, or have been sent. Their prospects of success. The state of the funds. The receipts and expenditures, and whatever else relates to the institution.

ART. 10. The Treasurer of the Society shall exhibit both to the Society, and directors, the state of the Treasury whenever called on for that purpose.

ART. 11. The Secretary shall correctly and fairly record the proceedings, both of the Society, and of the board, each in a separate book furnished at the expence of the society.

* Such as are able, it is hoped will subscribe more.

ART. 12. The Society shall meet annually, on the Tuesday † before the last Wednesday but one in May, at 9 o'clock A. M. in the Meeting House of the first Baptist Church in the city of New-York (until other-

† *This day is fixed on, because it being the day before the annual meeting of the New-York Baptist Association.*

wise ordered by the Society) for the purpose of electing their officers, who shall on the same day enter upon their respective offices, and continue in them for one year.

ART. 13. The Society shall have power at their annual meeting, from time, to time, to make such alterations and additions to this constitution, as experience may dictate.

The following Persons were chosen Officers for the present Year.

REV. JOHN WILLIAMS, PRESIDENT,
— WILLIAM PARKINSON, VICE-PRESIDENT,
Mr. ABRAHAM BAUDOUINE, TREASURER,
— FRANCIS WAYLAND, SECRETARY,

DIRECTORS.

REV. JOHN STEVENS,
— DANIEL HALL,
— CHARLES LAHATT,
— PETER BRYANT,
— NICHOLAS COX,
Mr. JOHN BEDIANT,
— JOHN DUFFIE,
— CALEB B. BOWERING,
— SAMUEL PRINCE,
— JOHN CAULDWELL,
— NATHANIEL SMITH,
— JACOB SMITH.

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