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PHILADELPHIA, October 15, 1771.

THE Association met at Three o'Clock.—Divine Service being over, Rev. John Gano was chosen Moderator, and Rev. Morgan Edwards, Clerk.—Letters from Thirty-nine Churches were read, also from the VIRGINIA and WARREN Associations.—The Names of the Messengers enrolled, viz. Rev. Messieurs Samuel Jones, William Vanhorn, John Sutton, Robert Kelsay, John Davis, P. P. Vanhorn, Isaac Eaton, David Sutton, Morgan Edwards, Reunè Runyon, John Davis, Joshua Jones, Abel Griffiths, Nicholas Cox, Samuel Heaton, John Gano, David Branson, David Jones, James Benedict, Benjamin Miller, John Blackwell, James Sutton;—also, Messieurs Alexander Edwards, James Motte, Joseph Stillwell, George Drake, Isaiah Lewis, Seth Bowen, David Bowen, John Davis, George George, John Jewell, Thomas Davis, Andrew Bray, Anthony Yerkes, Arthur Watts, Joseph Moulder, Thomas Shields, Joshua Moore, Samuel Mead, Thomas Francis, John Brookfield, David Evans, Edward Kesby, John Carman, Samuel Edmonds, John Briggs, Benjamin Truax, James Sexton, Philip Ketcham, Richard Jones, Lines Pangburn, John Mayhew, David Philips.—Adjourned.—A Sermon in the Evening.

Oct. 16. A Church constituted at Manahawkin, August 25, 1770, their number 9; another constituted at Pittsgrove, May 15, 1771, their number 17; another at Vincent, constituted October 12, 1771, their number 52; another in the Northern Liberty, constituted October 29, 1769, their number 6, were all received into the Association. (2) By a letter from the VIRGINIA Association it appears that two Churches joined them, with an increase of members by Baptism to the number of 275, their Messenger

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fenger was Rev. Richard Major; and by another from the WARREN Association, that five Churches joined them, with increase of members 167. (3) The Church of Newtown desired the Association to appoint time and ministers to ordain Mr. Nicholas Cox; the Association reply, That the appointment of both properly belongs to his church. (4) It was queried in the letter from Goshen, What is to be done, when a member of a church that is dissolved, offers to become a member of another church? Advised, that enquiry be made, whether he was a member at the time of said dissolution, and whether his faith and practice are agreeable to the Gospel or not, and then proceed as the state of the case requires. (5) To a query from Dividingcreek, relative to washing the saints feet, the following reply was made, This query being founded on Joh. xiii: 1-17. can no otherwise be determined than by fixing the genuine sense of that scripture, which to do is earnestly recommended. (6) A motion being made in the Association, relative to the appointment of an EVANGELIST, it was universally agreed, that such an appointment promised much advantage to the Baptist interest: five ministers were put in nomination for the office, viz. Rev. Messieurs John Gano, Benjamin Miller, Samuel Jones, David Jones, Morgan Edwards; the choice fell on the last, which he accepted on the conditions that were then specified. (7) A motion being made for printing, in America, a book of Mr. Keach on the parables, it was advised, that endeavours should be used to see what number of subscribers can be obtained.—Adjourned.—Sermon in the evening.

Oct. 17. Appointed to write the Circular letter and the letter to the Association of VIRGINIA and WARREN, Rev. Messieurs Abel Griffiths, John Blackwell and William Van Horn; the messengers to the former are Rev. John Davis and David Jones; the messengers to the other, Rev. John Gano and Morgan Edwards. (2) The following Gentlemen were appointed trustees of Mrs. Hob's donation, and to settle accounts with her executors, viz. Rev. Samuel Jones, of Pennepek, Rev. Isaac Eaton, John Stout, Esq; and John Jewell, of New-Jersey. (3) The petition of Mr. Ebenezer David (student in Rhode-Island college) was granted to the amount of 14 £, he giving a bond to the trustees to return the money in case their intention and the intention of the benefactor should not be answered. (4) The Association to be in New-York next year; to begin the Tuesday after the second Sunday in October; Mr. Abel Morgan to preach,

