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B A P T I S T A S S O C I A T I O N,

HELD IN PHILADELPHIA, OCTOBER, 1785.

TUESDAY, P. M. OCTOBER 4th, 1785.

1. **T**HE Association was opened, with a suitable Discourse from John xvi. 8. by Brother SAMUEL JONES.

2. Brother OLIVER HART was chosen *Moderator*, and Brother WILLIAM ROGERS, *Clerk*. Letters from thirty churches were read.

N. B. Ministers names in *Italics*. Those marked with an *, not present. Churches marked with an †, no intelligence from. Dashes denote no text. † Minister.

Churches.	Ministers and Messengers.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excommunicated.	Deaths.	Members.
Peasopeck,	{ Samuel Jones, John Holmes, Jesse Duryan, Benjamin Duryan, Isaac Hough.	4	0	8	0	0	69
† Middletown,	{ Abel Morgan.	0	0	0	0	0	95
Effatawa,	{ Reunt Rogers, Abraham Monday.	0	0	0	0	2	39
Cohanse,	{ Robert K. Hays, Nathan Sheppard, Joel Sheppard.	2	2	2	2	3	116
Welsh Tract,	{ John Bagg, Andrew Edge, Thomas Anger.	10	2	3	0	2	60
Great Valley,	{ James Davis, Daniel Cartog.	2	0	2	0	1	30
Cape May,	{ Arto Sargant, Jonathan Hildroth.	13	2	2	0	6	72
Hopewell,	{ Oliver Hart, John Jewell, Nathaniel Stout.	1	0	2	4	5	190
Brandwine,	{ Abel Gray.	2	0	2	0	0	16
Montgomery,	{ David Pugh.	0	0	0	0	0	37
Kingwood,	{ Nicholas Co.	6	4	0	0	0	8
Southampton,	{ William Van Housen, Joseph Hart, Arthur Wain.	0	0	0	0	4	5
		37	9	14	6	22	82

Churches.	Ministers and Messengers.	Bap- tized.	Re- ceived by Letter.	Dis- miss'd by Letter.	Excom- muni- cated.	De- ceas- ed.	New born.
	Brought forward,	38	9	14	6	22	837
Philadelphia,	{ Thomas Ustick, William Rogers, Joseph Watkins, Samuel Davis, junior, Elisha Gordon	3	0	1	1	1	111
Cranberry,	{ Peter Wilson, Samuel Minor, John Hull.	23	0	0	0	1	71
Scots Plains,	{ Joseph Manning.	0	0	0	1	1	96
Morristown,	_____	3	0	1	0	0	52
Knowlton,	_____	10	1	0	0	0	35
New-Britain,	{ Joshua Jones, Edward Mathew.	1	0	0	0	0	37
Salem,	{ Peter P. Van Horne, John Briggs.	3	0	1	0	3	44
† Newtown,	_____	0	0	0	0	0	74
† Pawling's Precinct,	Samuel Walcott.	0	0	0	0	0	53
Dividing Creek,	_____	4	2	0	1	3	51
New-York,	{ John Gano, Stephen Gano.	55	1	1	2	1	136
Newmills,	{ Samuel Jones.	2	1	0	0	0	70
Upper Freehold,	{ John Blackwell, James Papcott, Christopher Morris.	9	0	2	0	1	86
Mount Bethel,	Abner Sutton.	7	0	0	0	0	30
Lions Farms,	_____	7	0	0	0	0	20
Pittsgrove,	{ William Worth, David Elwell.	1	2	0	0	4	86
† Tuckahoe,	_____	0	0	0	0	0	56
† Stamford,	_____	0	0	0	0	0	77
† Kingstreet,	John Dolge.	0	0	0	0	0	17
Cowmarsh,	_____	0	0	0	0	0	51
London Tract,	Thomas Flason	3	0	0	0	0	30
Hilltown,	{ John Thomas, Nathan Evans.	2	0	1	0	3	96
¶ Lower Smithfield,	David Fayac.	0	0	0	0	0	33
¶ Milpillon (Del. State)	Elphaz Dacey.	0	0	0	0	0	16
	Total,	167	21	21	11	41	2271

N. B. The two last mentioned churches marked with a ¶, were, after giving full satisfaction as to their faith and order, received among us at this annual meeting, and the names of their messengers enrolled accordingly.

3. Brother James Manning, President of Rhode Island College, being present, his company and assistance were desired.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning, half past eight o'clock,

WEDNESDAY, October 5.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

1. The minutes of our last year's Association were read.

2. A letter and minutes from *Charleston Association*, held at the High Hills of Santee, October 27th, 1783, were received from their annual committee and read.

3. A letter from the *Warren Association*, held at Wrentham, State of Massachusetts, September 14th, 1785, was delivered by their messenger, Brother *Hezekiah Smith*, and read, whereby it appears that in the neighbourhood of *Boston*, several persons of unblemished reputation were imprisoned the winter past, by reason of their refusing to support a way of worship, repugnant to the dictates of their own minds. Though the constitution under which they live equally secures their privileges, with those who, repugnant to all sound policy, continue to persecute them.

4. A letter from *Ketocton Association*, Virginia, held August 19th, 1785, was read-- Their Messenger Brother *Elijah Craig* took his seat among us.

5. Brother *Peter P. Van Horne* was requested to prepare a letter for *Charleston Association*; Brother *Thomas Ustick* for the *Warren*, and Brother *Thomas Fleson* for *Ketocton*--Messenger to *Charleston Association*, Brother *John Gano*; to the *Warren*, Brother *William Rogers*; to that of *Ketocton*, Brother *Eliphaz Dazey*.

6. The church of Philadelphia, having represented that a number of books lately taken from the City and committed to the care of the Association Librarian, belonged to said church; agreed that in order to bring the matter to an issue, our Brethren *S. Jones*, *W. Van Horne* and *Josiah Jones*, be a committee on behalf of the Association to meet a committee of Philadelphia church, that the right of said property may be adjusted.

Adjourned till three o'clock, P. M.

Met pursuant to Adjournment.

1. Our Brethren *Samuel Jones* and *Hezekiah Smith*, having in the morning been appointed to consider upon that part of the letter from *Great Valley church*, which requests information relative to a minute of last year, concerning "Jesus Christ as an object of prayer", reported "that the person, of whom the churches were then cautioned to beware and the cause whereon their procedure was founded, be all referred for further investigation and settlement to the church at *Upper Freehold*, whereof he is a member, though not their present minister," agreed that said report be adopted.

2. The Query from *Philadelphia church*, relative to the "administration of the Lord's Supper, among any of our Brethren and Sisters, however numerous they may be in any one place, during the period of their remaining unorganized or unconstituted as a distinct, regular church by themselves," requiring mature deliberation, it is thought best to postpone our final conclusion thereon till next association.

3. Brother *Samuel Jones* is appointed to copy into the Association book, all such Minutes, as by him may be judged of real utility and future advantage.

Adjourned

