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

HELD AT PHILADELPHIA, OCTOBER 7, 8, & 9, 1794.

T U E S D A Y, O C T O B E R 7, 1794.

1. **A**T 3 o'clock, P. M. Rev. Brother JOSHUA JONES delivered the Introductory Sermon, from 2d Corinthians ii. 2. "For I determined not to know any thing among you save Jesus Christ, and him crucified."
  2. After worship business was opened with prayer by brother OLIVER HART.
  3. Preceded to business.—Brother WILLIAM ROGERS D. D. was chosen *Moderator*, and Brother THOMAS MEMMINGER, *Clerk*.
  4. Letters from twenty-eight Churches were read.
- N. B* Ministers names in *Capitals*. Licensed Preachers in *Italics*. Those to whose names an \* is affixed were not present. From the churches marked thus †, we had no intelligence. Dashes denote no settled Minister.

Churches.	Ministers and Messengers.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Dissolved by Letter.	Refused.	Excommunicated.	Deceased.	Numbers.
Lower-Dublin,	SAMUEL JONES, D. D. John Holmes, Joseph Wright.	—	—	—	—	—	—	62
Middletown,	BENJAMIN BENNET, John Smock °.	9	—	—	—	4	5	144
Cohansey,	HENRY SMALLEY, A.M. Nathan Sheppard, Jeremiah Brooks.	2	—	—	—	—	6	122
Welsh Trgt,	JOHN BOGGS °, Ephraim Stoops °, Francis Goteer °.	33	—	—	—	—	6	158
Great Valley,	Isaac Abraham, Jonathan Phillips, George Palfield.	—	—	6	—	—	—	71
Cape-May,	JOHN STANCLIFF. °	—	—	—	—	—	—	49
Carried over,		45	9	10	—	5	18	556

Churches.	Ministers and Messengers.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Dismissed by Letter.	Referred.	Excommunicated.	Deceased.	Members.
	Brought forward,	45	2	10	—	—	18	—
Hopewell,	OLIVER HART, A. M. JOHN BLACKWELL, ° David Stout.	4	—	6	2	5	5	—
Brandywine,	JOSHUA VAUGHAN, ° John Powell, ° Robert McCoy, ° John Vaughan.	8	4	—	—	—	2	82
Montgomery,	JOSHUA JONES, Charles Humphrey.	—	1	—	1	—	1	21
† Kingwood, Haight's Town,	PETER WILSON, A. M. Peter Groom.	33	—	14	—	2	6	255
Philadelphia,	THOMAS USTICK, A. M. WILLIAM ROGERS, D. D. MORG EDWARDS, A. M. Hugh Gorley, George Ingels, John McLeod, Samuel Davis. °	7	14	6	—	—	17	122
Southampton,	Thomas Menninger, A. M. William Watts, William W. Folwell.	8	1	—	—	1	3	59
† Knowlton, Hartford,	DANIEL VAUGHAN. ° JOHN DAVIS. °	—	—	—	—	—	—	43
New Britain,	Edward Mathew, ° Joseph Dungan.	—	—	—	—	—	—	26
Salem,	ISC. SKILLMAN, A. M. ° Ephraim Lloyd, ° John Briggs.	9	4	—	1	—	7	69
Dividing Creek,	GARNER HUNT, ° William Mason, ° Sylvanus Tubman, ° Nathaniel Loring. °	36	1	1	—	3	3	80
New Mills,	Mar. Carline, Benjamin Briggs, David Gaffill.	2	—	2	—	1	1	90
† Konoloway, † Coram, Upper Freehold,	JOSEPH POWELL, ° D. V. LOOFBOURROW.	—	—	—	—	—	—	30
		—	—	6	—	—	5	61
Carried over,		152	27	45	4	14	65	187

<i>Churches.</i>	<i>Ministers and Messengers.</i>	<i>Baptized.</i>	<i>Received by Letter.</i>	<i>Dismissed by Letter.</i>	<i>Restored.</i>	<i>Excommunicated.</i>	<i>Deceased.</i>	<i>Numbers.</i>
	Brought forward,	152	27	45	4	14	68	1897
† Pitt's Grove,	_____	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
† Manahawkin,	_____	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Vincent,	_____	2	—	—	—	—	2	23
† Tuckahoe,	THOMAS FLEESON. ISAAC BUNNELL. *	—	—	—	—	—	—	46
Cow Marsh,	JOSEPH FLOOD, Job Meredith.	3	—	—	—	1	2	54
London Tract,	THOMAS FLEESON.	—	3	—	—	—	1	39
Hill-Town,	JAMES McLAUGHLIN, * Philip Miller, Griffith Owen. *	1	1	3	—	—	—	99
† Lower-Smithfield,	DAVID JANE. *	—	—	—	—	—	—	26
Baltimore,	LEWIS RICHARDS, * WILLIAM CLINGAN, * Charles P. Polk. *	3	6	—	1	2	2	( )
Bryn Sion, Duck Creek.	JAMES JONES, * JOHN PATTON, * GIDEON FEKKOL, James Davis.	2	—	7	—	4	6	66
Wilmington,	THOMAS AINGER. *	8	2	2	—	1	3	54
Jacob's Town,	BURG. ALLISON, A. M. * William Snowden, James Cox.	2	—	—	—	—	1	59
† Pitt's Town, Marcus Hook,	JAMES FINN. * ELIPHAZ DAZEY.	—	—	—	—	—	—	134 20
Roxbury,	_____	—	—	—	—	—	—	48
	William White, John Levering, Charles Nice.							
Penn's Manor, Sideling-Hill, West Creek,	ALEX. McGOWAN. THOMAS RUNYAN. *	3 6 5	— 2 2	1 5 2	— — —	— — —	2 1 —	35 49 34
	<b>Total,</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2732</b>

th. The business of the day was closed with prayer by the Moderator.

Adjourned until nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

W E D N E S D A Y, O C T O B E R 8.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

6. The business of the day was opened with prayer by brother Morgan Edwards.
7. A letter was received and read from the church in Buffalo Valley, Northumberland county and state of Pennsylvania, requesting to be received into this Association. Postponed—no Messenger appearing to receive the Right-Hand of Fellowship.
8. Letters were received and read from the Associations of New York of 1791 and 1794, Vermont of 1791, Shafisbury of 1794, Charleston of 1792 and 1793, Danbury of 1793, and Stonington of 1792 and 1793; and printed minutes from those of New York of 1793, Vermont of 1791 and 1794, Warren of 1793, Shafisbury of 1792, 1793, and 1794, Danbury of 1793, Charleston of 1792 and 1793, Middle District South of James' River of 1791, and Bethel of 1792.
9. Brother Van Horne attended and was received as a Messenger from the New-York Association; as did Brother Webb from that of Shafisbury.
10. The following Brethren to write to the corresponding Associations, viz. Samuel Jones to that of New York, Peter Wilson to that of Warren, David Loofbourrow to that of Shafisbury, Isaac Carlisle to that of Vermont, William White to that of Danbury, Oliver Hart at his leisure to that of Charleston, and Thomas Ustick to that of Stonington when convenient.
11. The churches of Cow-Martin, Welsh-Tract, Duck Creek, and Wilmington, request the approbation and dismission of this Association to join another. It is considered and decided that the churches have an undoubted right to depart from this Association and to join any other they may see fit; but this Association, having been happy in their connection, with them to continue in union with them as long as (consistently with their own interests) they can; but if they choose to withdraw, and join any other, we consent.
12. Resolved, that it be recommended to the different churches in this Association to institute the catechizing of children in their respective congregations at stated seasons.
13. Two queries from the church at Philadelphia, viz. 1st. Whether the word *exhibited* would not be preferable to the word *offered*; in question 34th of the Catechism; and in other places where it is used in the *same sense*? Determined that the word *offered* be expunged and the words *held forth* be inserted in the place thereof. And that a committee consisting of Brother Samuel Jones, Brother William Rogers, and Brother Thomas Ustick, be appointed to revise the whole of the Catechism, and and to recommend such alterations to the next Association as to them may seem proper.
2. Would it not be advisable for the churches in this connection to make it their invariable practice to transmit a return of the reception of persons by letter to the churches by whom they were dismissed? Determined in the affirmative.
14. Resolved, That it be recommended that the minutes of the different Associations in correspondence with this be printed in quarto.
15. A query from the church at Sideling Hill; viz. Shall the evidence of a non-member, be taken as valid against a member? Determined that it be left to every church to judge for themselves in every instance of this nature.
16. Brother William Vanhorne some years past having been appointed Librarian to this Association, begs leave to resign. Determined that his resignation be accepted, and Brother Thomas Niemman be appointed Librarian in his stead.
17. The business of the morning was closed with prayer by Brother Peter Wilson.

Adjourned until 3 o'clock P. M.

