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# MINUTES

OF THE

## Philadelphia Baptist Association,

HELD

At PHILADELPHIA, October 4th, 5th, & 6th, 1796.

TUESDAY, October 4th, 1796.

At 3 o'clock, P. M. Brother THOMAS USTICK preached the Introductory Sermon, from Rom. i. 15, 16. "So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also. For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation, to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile."

After Sermon business was opened with prayer by Brother USTICK, when Dr. SAMUEL JONES was chosen Moderator, and Brother BURGESS ALLISON, Clerk.

Letters were read from twenty-seven Churches.

N. B. Ministers names in *Capitals*. Licenced Preachers in *Italics*. Those marked \*, not present. From Churches marked †, no intelligence. Dashes denote no settled Minister.

| Churches.   | Ministers and Messengers.   | Baptized. | Received.<br>by Letter. | Dismis'd<br>by Letter. | Excluded. | Deceased. | Total. |
|-------------|---|-----------|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------|
| Dublin,     | SAMUEL JONES, D. D.<br>Benjamin Dungan,<br>Joseph Green,<br>Joseph Evans.                   | 3         | 7                       | 1                      |           | 2         | 70     |
| Wilmington, | BENJAMIN BENNET.  | 1         |                         |                        |           | 5         | 140    |
|             | HENRY SMALLEY, A. M.<br>David Elwell,<br>Jeremiah Brooks.                                   |           |                         | 4                      | 1         | 4         | 117    |
|             | DAVID JONES, A. M.<br>JENKIN DAVIDS,<br>Jonathan Philips,<br>Isaac Abram,<br>Daniel Cornog. |           |                         | 2                      |           | 4         | 63     |
|             | Carried over,   | 4         | 7                       | 7                      | 1         | 15        | 390    |

## Churches.

## Ministers and Messengers.

Brought forward.

| Churches.       | Ministers and Messengers.   | Baptized. | Received<br>by Letter. | Dismissed<br>by Letter. | Excluded. | Deceased. | Total. |
|-----------------|---|-----------|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------|
| Cape May †,     | JOHN STANCLIFF*.  | 4         | 7                      | 7                       | 1         | 15        | 32     |
| Hopewell,       | { JAMES EWING,<br>Jared Sexton,<br>David Stout.   |           |                        | 5                       | 1         | 3         | 47     |
| Brandywine,     | { JOSHUA VAUGHAN,<br>John Powell,<br>Robert M <sup>c</sup> Coy.   | 1         | 2                      | 3                       | 1         |           | 141    |
| Montgomery,     | { JOSHUA JONES,<br>Charles Humphrics,<br>Isaac Johnston,<br>Silas Hough,<br>Joseph Hubbs,<br>Edward Pennington.   | 7         | 1                      |                         |           |           | 85     |
| Kingwood,       | GARNER HUNT.  | 2         |                        | 2                       |           |           | 2      |
| Hights Town,    | { PETER WILSON,<br>Nehemiah Die,<br>Peter Job,<br>Thomas Appleton.  | 8         |                        | 14                      |           | 4         | 27     |
| Philadelphia,   | { THOMAS USTICK, A. M.<br>WILLIAM ROGERS, D. D.<br>Isaac Carlisle,<br>George Ingles,<br>John M <sup>c</sup> Leod,<br>Benjamin Thaw,<br>Joseph Keen,<br>Nathaniel Davis. | 19        | 17                     | 2                       | 4         | 3         | 117    |
| Southampton,    | { THOS. MEMMINGER, A. M.<br>Arthur Watts,<br>Abel Marple,<br>Elias Yerkes, jun.   | 6         |                        |                         |           | 1         | 87     |
| † Knowlton,     | DANIEL VAUGHAN*.  |           |                        |                         |           |           | 43     |
| New Britain,    | { WILLIAM WHITE,<br>Joseph Matthews,<br>Edward Matthews,<br>Joseph Dungan.  | 10        |                        |                         |           |           | 34     |
| Salem,          | { ISAAC SKILLMAN, A. M.<br>John Walker,<br>Joseph Lloyd.  | 5         | 2                      | 3                       |           | 2         | 70     |
| Dividing Creek, |   |           |                        | 1                       |           | 4         | 70     |
| New Mills,      | { Benjamin Hedger,<br>David Galkill.  | 2         | 1                      | 3                       | 2         | 5         | 82     |
|                 | Carried over,   | 64        | 30                     | 40                      | 9         | 17        | 157    |

| <i>Churches.</i>    | <i>Ministers and Messengers.</i>   | <i>Baptized.</i> | <i>Received<br/>by Letter.</i> | <i>Dismissed<br/>by Letter.</i> | <i>Excluded.</i> | <i>Deceased.</i> | <i>Total.</i> |
|---------------------|--|------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|
|                     | Brought forward,   | 64               | 30                             | 40                              | 9                | 37               | 1586          |
| Konoloway,          | JOSEPH POWELL*.  | 4                |                                |                                 |                  |                  | 34            |
| † Coram,            | _____  |                  |                                |                                 |                  |                  | 30            |
| Upper Freehold,     | _____  |                  |                                |                                 |                  | 5                | 52            |
| † Pittsgrove,       | _____  |                  |                                |                                 |                  |                  |               |
| † Manahawkin,       | _____  |                  |                                |                                 |                  |                  |               |
| Vincent,            | THOMAS FLEESON.  |                  |                                |                                 |                  | 2                | 19            |
| Tuckahoe,           | PETER GROOM.   |                  |                                |                                 |                  | 1                | 25            |
| London Tract,       | THOMAS FLEESON.  |                  |                                |                                 | 1                |                  | 37            |
| Hill Town,          | { JAMES M'LAUGHLIN*,<br>Philip Miller,<br>Enos Morris,<br>Joshua Dungan. | 6                |                                |                                 |                  | 1                | 104           |
| + Lower Smithfield, | DAVID JANE*.   |                  |                                |                                 |                  |                  | 26            |
| Jacobs Town,        | { BURGESS ALLISON, A. M.<br>WILLIAM STAUGHTON,<br>William Snowden.       |                  | 2                              |                                 |                  |                  | 61            |
| + Pitts Town,       | _____  |                  |                                |                                 |                  |                  | 184           |
| Marcus Hook,        | ELIPHAZ DAZEY*.  | 1                |                                | 1                               |                  |                  | 19            |
| Roxbury,            | { John Levering,<br>Michael Conrad,<br>John Walraven.                    | 2                |                                |                                 |                  |                  | 47            |
| Penns Manor         | ALEXANDER M'GOWAN.   |                  |                                | 1                               |                  |                  | 26            |
| Sideling Hill,      | { THOMAS RUNYAN*,<br>John Occoman.                                       | 1                |                                |                                 |                  |                  | 50            |
| West Creek,         | { PETER GROOM,<br>David Lore.  | 1                |                                |                                 |                  | 2                | 32            |
| Shemokin,           | JOHN PATTEN.   | 34               | 8                              |                                 |                  | 1                | 50            |
| Total.              |  | 113              | 40                             | 42                              | 10               | 49               | 2332          |

Business closed with Prayer by the Moderator.

Adjourned until 9 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

[Sermon in the evening by Dr. Foster, from 2 Cor. xii. 10. *For when I am weak, then am I strong*]

**WEDNESDAY, October 5th.**

Met pursuant to adjournment.

4. Business was opened with Prayer, by the Moderator.

5. A Church newly constituted at Shemokin, having made application to be admitted as a Member of this Association, was accordingly received.

6. Brother John Blackwell, having been appointed at the last Association to write the Circular Letter for the present year, but not having sent it forward; it is requested that at the next association he will give reasons for such omission.

7. Brother Staughton is requested to write a Circular Letter to accompany the Minutes.
8. Received Letters from the following Associations. Welsh Tract, with a Messenger;—Charleston, with their Minutes;—Warwick, with their Minutes;—New York, with their Minutes, by Doctor Foster as Messenger; and Stonington, with their Minutes.
9. A copy of the Charter for incorporating the Association, was brought forward by Dr. Samuel Jones, and read, and he appointed to proceed with all expedition in obtaining said Charter.
10. The Committee appointed, in Sect. 28, last years Minutes, to revise and publish Mr. Edwards's History of the Delaware Baptists, report, that they have omitted proceeding in the business, on account of a request from the Delaware Association that it might be postponed in order to rectify some mistakes.
11. A Letter being read, from a Committee of the New York Association, appointed to confer with us respecting a new Edition of the New Testament, wherein the terms of Baptism are proposed to be translated agreeably to their original import; this Association conclude to defer the same until next year for farther consideration.
- Concluded with Prayer by Doctor William Rogers.—Adjourned until 3 o'clock, P. M.

3 o'clock, P. M. Met pursuant to adjournment.

Business opened with Prayer by Brother Peter Wilson.

12. Brother Joshua Jones, from Lincoln in Old England, producing proofs of his having been Pastor of a Baptist Church there of the same faith and order with us, was invited to take a seat among us

13. The proposed amendments to the Catechism were brought under consideration, but for the present set aside.

14. Dr. Samuel Jones, to whom was referred, last year, the revision and amendment of our System of Discipline, having given satisfactory reasons why he had not yet brought forward the same, is appointed to go on in the business, and bring forward such amendments at next Association.

15. In answer to the Query from Dividing Creek, this Association think it inexpedient to admit Mr. German to administer the ordinances amongst them, inasmuch as those of his Society will not commune with us; and also, as it may be productive of confusion and disorder.

16. Brother Fleson to write the Letter, and, accompanied by Brother William White, to go as Messenger to the Delaware Association—Brethren Rogers and Wilson, as Messengers to that of New York. Brother Wilson to write the Letter. Brother Memminger to write to that of Warwick; and Brethren White and Groom to go as Messengers. Brother Rogers to write to that of Charleston—Brother White, to that of Stonington, and Brother Groom to Shaftesbury; to which he is also appointed a Messenger.

17. A Letter from the Warren Association, dated September 1794, was received and read, and Brother James Ewing appointed to write to them.

Brother Joshua Jones concluded by Prayer.—Adjourned until to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock. [Sermon in the evening by Brother Skillman, from Isaiah xlv. 22. and Eph. ii. 28.]

**THURSDAY, October 6th.**

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Opened with Prayer by Brother Wilson.

18. Brother Skillman to preach the Introductory Sermon next year, and in case of failure Brother Burgess Allison.

