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OF THE

P H I L A D E L P H I A

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD

At LOWER DUBLIN, Philadelphia County, State of PENNSYLVANIA,

October 3d, 4th, and 5th, 1797.

TUESDAY, October 3d, 1797.

1. **AT** 3 o'clock, P. M. Brother **PETER WILSON**, in consequence of the non-attendance of the Brethren who were appointed last year, was requested to preach the Introductory Sermon, which he did from *John vii. 46.* "*Never man spake like this man.*"
2. After Sermon business was opened with prayer by Brother **SAMUEL JONES**, when Brother **WILLIAM ROGERS** was chosen Moderator, and Brother **PETER WILSON**, Clerk.
3. Letters were read from twenty Churches.

N. B. Ministers names are in *Capitals*. Licenced Preachers in *Italics*. Those marked with an * were not present. From Churches marked thus †, we received no intelligence. Dashes denote no settled Minister.

<i>Churches.</i>	<i>Ministers and Messengers.</i>	<i>Baptized.</i>	<i>Received by Letter.</i>	<i>Dismissed by Letter.</i>	<i>Excluded.</i>	<i>Deceased.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Lower Dublin,	{ SAMUEL JONES, Benjamin Dungan, Jesse Dungan, Joseph Miles.	1				1	70
Middletown,	{ BENJAMIN BENNET.	1		1		2	138
Cohansey,	{ HENRY SMALLEY*, Joel Shepard.	2	1	5	1	6	108
Great Valley,	{ DAVID JONES, JENKIN DAVID.	1		1			64
† Cape May,	{ JOHN STANCLIFF*.						47
Carried over,		5	1	7	1	9	427

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	Brought forward,	5	1	7	1	9	427
Hopewell,	{ JAMES EWING *; Nathan Stout, David Stout.			1	13	5	120
† Brandywine,	JOSHUA VAUGHAN *.						85
Montgomery,	{ JOSHUA JONES, Charles Humphrey, Silas Hough, David Davis, Joseph Hubbs.			1		1	27
Kingwood,	GARNER HUNT *.	2		2	1	2	77
Hights Town,	PETER WILSON.	11		4	1	2	281
Philadelphia,	{ THOMAS USTICK, WILLIAM ROGERS, Isaac Carlile, George Ingels, Joseph Keen, John M'Leod, Heath Norbury.	3	12	5	3	10	148
Southampton,	{ THOMAS MEMMINGER, Arthur Watts, Thomas Folwell, Elias Yerkes, jun.	1				1	87
† Knowlton,	DANIEL VAUGHAN *.						43
New Britain,	{ WILLIAM WHITE, John Dungan, Joseph Dungan, Edward Matthew.	3				1	36
† Salem,	ISAAC SKILLMAN *.						70
† Dividing Creek,							70
New Mills,	{ Benjamin Hedger, Jacob Wolfson.	18	1			2	91
† Konoloway,	JOSEPH POWELL *.						34
† Coram,							30
Upper Freshhold,	{ ANDREW HARPENDING, James Tapscott.	3	1			1	66
† Pittsgrove,	_____						19
† Manahawkin,	_____						26
† Vincent,	_____						38
Tuckahoe,	_____	1					26
London Tract,	THOMAS FLEESON.						38
Carried over,		42	15	20	19	34	1775

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	Brought forward,	42	15	20	19	34	1775
Hill Town,	{ JAMES M'LAUGHLIN, Philip Miller, Isaac Morris.	7					110
† Lower Smithfield,	DAVID JANE °.						26
Jacobs Town,	{ RURGIS ALLISON °, WILLIAM STAUGHTON, William Snowden.	5				1	65
† Pitts Town,	_____						134
† Marcus Hook,	_____						19
Roxbury,	{ John Levering, Michael Conrad.						46
Penns Manor,	{ ALEXANDER M'GOWAN. Caleb Jeffers.	1				1	26
† Sideling Hill,	THOMAS RUNYAN °.						50
West Creek,	PETER GROOM °.				2		31
† Shemokin,	JOHN PATTEN.						50
	Total.	55	15	20	21	36	2332

4. Our Brethren Morgan J. Rhees, William Davis, Jacob Fitz Randolph; and, John Evans, lately from Wales, being present, were invited to take a seat with us.

The Moderator concluded by Prayer.—Adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, October 4th.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Business was opened with Prayer by Brother David Jones.

5. A Letter and Minutes were received from the Warwick Association. Minutes were also received from those of New York, Stonington, and Shaftsbury; but no Messenger from either of these Associations.

6. Received a Letter from a Church at Opehon Creek, Berkeley County, Virginia, requesting admission among us—Appointed our Brethren, David Jones, Samuel Jones, and Thomas Memminger, a Committee to write to the Ketrockton Association, and to the Church at Opehon Creek, on the subject.

7. A Letter was received from part of the Brandywine Church, respecting existing difficulties. Agreed that our Brethren, Samuel Jones and John Holmes, from Lower Dublin; David Jones and Daniel Cornog, from Great Valley; and Thomas Fleeceon and Josiah Phillips from Vincent, be a Committee to endeavour to accommodate said difficulties, and report thereon to the next Association.—The Committee to meet at the Upper Meeting House, on Wednesday, November 8th, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

8. Read the Circular Letter. Our Brethren, William Staughton, Morgan J. Rhees, together with the writer, Brother Thomas Memminger, were appointed a Committee to revise the same.

9. Resolved, That those Churches who omit sending a Messenger, or Letter, to this Association for three years successively, shall be dropped from our Minutes, and considered as excluded.

10. Brother Ustick having informed us that Minutes from several corresponding Associations remain in Philadelphia, in consequence of the calamitous visitation, is requested to distribute them among the Churches, when he may return to that now afflicted city.

Brother Alexander M'Gowan concluded with Prayer.—Adjourned until 1 o'clock, P. M.

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

Brother Benjamin Hedger opened with prayer.

11. The Association recommend it to the churches to observe the first Tuesdays in January, April, July, and October, at 2 o'clock, P. M. to unite in Prayer to Almighty God that he would be pleased to pour out his spirit on the churches.—It is also recommended to observe the 3d Thursday in the present month, as a day of humiliation and Prayer, on account of the manifold sins and iniquities too prevalent among ourselves, and the present calamitous visitation on the city of Philadelphia.

12. Brother Benjamin Bennet is appointed to write to the Warwick Association.

13. The Moderator and Brother Ustick are requested to answer the Letters from the corresponding Associations, which may have been left in Philadelphia, and designed for this Association.

14. Brother Samuel Jones to whom was referred the revision and amendment of our System of Discipline, brought forward and read the same—Agreed that a member be appointed by each church belonging to this Association to meet on the 2d Tuesday in December next, at 2 o'clock P. M. in the city of Philadelphia, to take it into consideration, and make such alterations as unto them may appear proper. And in case any malignant, or contagious disorder should render their meeting in Philadelphia unadvisable, the said committee are to convene in Southampton, Bucks County.

Concluded with Prayer by Brother Jacob Fitz Randolph.

Adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

[Sermon at 4 o'clock, P. M. by Brother William Staughton, from Acts xvii. 22, 23.]

THURSDAY, October 5th.

Met pursuant to Adjournment.

Opened with Prayer by Brother Thomas Fleeson.

16. Brother Samuel Jones who was appointed last year to proceed with all expedition in obtaining a Charter for the incorporation of this Association, having succeeded in the business brought forward the same which was read.

The Trustees of the said Incorporation met this morning agreeably to the Charter, and chose the following Officers, Samuel Jones, of Lower Dublin, President, George Ingels, of Philadelphia, Treasurer, and William Rogers, of Philadelphia, Secretary.

17. The Circular Letter, being revised by the Committee was produced and unanimously adopted.

18. Brother David Jones is appointed to write the Circular Letter for the next year.
19. Whereas the last Will and Testament of James Honeywell of Suffex County, New Jersey, appointed as Trustees of said Will, Benjamin Miller, and Isaac Stelle, of New Jersey, together with Samuel Jones, of Lower Dublin, Pennsylvania, and also empowered the Baptist Association of Philadelphia, to fill up all vacancies occasioned by death or otherwise, and whereas Benjamin Miller, and Isaac Stelle, are deceased, and this Association taking the matter into consideration, do appoint Gabriel Ogden, and Daniel Pridmore, of Suffex County, New Jersey, to supply those vacancies.
20. Brother Burgifs Allison is appointed to preach the introductory Sermon next Association, and in case of failure Brother Thomas Memminger.
21. Agreed that the next Association be held in Philadelphia the first Tuesday in October next, at 3 o'clock P. M. : and in case that any malignant disorder should then exist in the city, the Association are to meet at New Mills, in New Jersey.
22. Brother Peter Wilson is appointed a Messenger to the New York Association, and Brother Peter Groom to that of Shaftsbury. The Moderator is requested to give each of them a Certificate of their appointment.
23. Brother Thomas Ustick is desired to superintend Printing the Minutes of this Association, and to send them to the several Churches in connection with us and to the corresponding Associations.
24. The Moderator concluded the business of this Association by solemn exhortation and Prayer.
- [Sermon at 3 o'clock, P. M. by Brother William White, from John's Gospel iii. 16.]

NOTE. The reason why Brother Ustick has not made returns to the Association of the Collections for distant Churches, ordered into his hands is, that he had not with him the necessary papers and receipts, having no preconception, when he left the City, that the Association would be held elsewhere.

(CIRCULAR LETTER.)

The ELDERS and MESSENGERS of the Churches belonging to the PHILADELPHIA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, met in Association at LOWER DUBLIN, in the County of PHILADELPHIA,

TO THE CHURCHES THEY REPRESENT, SEND CHRISTIAN SALUTATION.

DEARLY BELOVED,

IN the course of his Providence, it hath seemed good unto the Lord again to visit the City of Philadelphia with the rod of his chastisement in sending among the inhabitants a malignant Fever; in consequence of which, it has been thought right that this Association should be held in some place free from the disease from whence we now address you by this our Letter.

We rejoice in the Lord that we, as the spared monuments of his mercy, have been permitted to meet each other by the respective Messengers of the churches; from whom we have been glad to hear of the general welfare of Zion, and return thanks unto the great head of the church for the unanimity and brotherly love which have existed among us while in Association.

