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M I N U T E S.

WEDNESDAY, *June* 4, 1788.

AT two o'clock P. M. elder Nicholas Cox, preached the introductory sermon, from *Romans* viii, 17.

2. Proceeded to the choice of a Moderator and Clerk.

3. The letters were read from the several churches, and the following list was taken of the members added, dismissed, excluded, or who have died since the meeting of the last Association.

N. B. Ministers names in Italics. Those marked thus §; not present. From the Churches marked thus*, we received no letters. Dashes denote no ministers.

Churches.	Messengers.	Add.	Dis.	Exc.	Died	No
* Pittsfield,	§ <i>Valentine Ratbun,</i>					24
* Stephentown,	— — — —					32
Stillwater,	<i>Lemuel Powars,</i> <i>Ahab Sayles,</i> <i>David Irish,</i> <i>John Andrews,</i>	6				61
West Shaftsbury,	— — — <i>Thomas Mattisor,</i>					46
East Shaftsbury,	— — — <i>Ebenezer Willoughby,</i> <i>Ephraim Wilmath,</i>	5				37

Churches.	Messengers.	Add.	Lit	Prd.	Died.	No
Wallingford,	Henry Green, Edward Bumpus,	6				51
Adams,	Peter Werden, Jonathan Richardson, Gideon Hinman, Daniel Comes,	4	2	4	1	83
* New Bethlehem,	— — —					30
Sandisfield,	Joshua Morse,	1				50
* Washington,	§ John Nichols,					97
Battskill,	§ Nathaniel Tanner, Robert Kinnion,	20				106
* Chesterfield,	— — —					33
Little Hoosick,	Justus Hull, Joseph Bates, Joseph Care, (<u>Case?</u>)	16	1		1	61
Hallifax,	Obed Warren, Edward Harris,	15		1		37
* 2d. Ch. Hancock,	§ John Hammond,					16
Hillsdale,	Stephen Gano, James Martin.					32
						9

16 Chrs. 11 Ministers 711 31 51 21803

The last of these churches was cordially received into our fellowship the present year: 3d. Received letters and minutes from the several Associations. From that of Stonington there were no messengers: Those from the Warren are elders Nathaniel Green, Isaac Beals and Caleb Blood: From the Woodstock Association, deacon Joseph Call: From the Vermont Association, Elders Joseph Cornell, and Hezekiah Eastman: From the Philadelphian Association, elder Stephen

Stephen Gano ; each of whom we received to set and act with us in our consultations.

We rejoice at the reception of such favorable intelligence from various parts of this continent, and in a special manner from the Southern Associations, may the great head of the church spread his kingdom, and gather in his elect from the four winds.

4th. Appointed elders POWERS, GANO, and BEALS to draw the circular letter to the sister Associations.

5th. Adjourned till 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

T H U R S D A Y, June 5th.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

6th. We were agreeably entertained, with a discourse from Rev. xvi. 15. by our much esteemed brother, Joshua Morse ; whose coming was like the coming of Titus.

7th. Read and approved the letter to the sister Associations.

8th. Voted that Wallingford Church may for the future, associate and join with the *Vermont Association.*

9th. Appointed elder *Stephen Gano*, and brother *David Irish* our messengers to the *Philadelphian Association*, which is to meet at Philadelphia the first Tuesday in October, 1788. Elders *Werden, Blood, Powers, Morse* and *Warren* to that of *Warren*, which is to
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be held at Sturbridge, the Tuesday after the first Wednesday in September, at two o'Clock, P. M. Elders *Powers* and *Warren* to the Woodstock Association, which is to be held at Marlow, on the first Wednesday in October, one o'Clock, P. M. Elder *Hull* brother *Bates* and brother *John Andrews*, to that of Vermont, which is to be held at Middletown, on the first Wednesday in October, one o'Clock, P. M. Brother *David Rathbun*, and Deacon *Robert Kinnion*, to the Stonington Association, which is to meet at Elder *Abel Palmer's* Meeting-House in Colchester, the third Tuesday in October at 10 o'clock, A. M.

10th. As a number of our churches belonging to this body have omitted sending letters and messengers for several years together, Elder *Werden*, is appointed to write letters to Pittsfield, Stephentown and Chatterfield Churches, to enquire into the causes of their neglect; and elder *Powers* to write to the church in White Creek to enquire as above.

Adjourned untill two o'Clock, P. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

11th. Whereas the intention of this Association, in the first and third queries in the minutes of the last Association, was not fully understood, by our brethren at a distance; therefore

therefore voted that it is expedient to communicate our ideas in the following manner:

1st. Whether all men or any part of them, are actually discharged from the condemnation of the law, by the Atonement of Christ; without the special application of that atonement by the holy spirit?

Answer in the negative.

2d. Whether the benefits of the great Atonement, as they respect the eternal salvation of man, are applied to any except the Elect.

Answered in the negative.

12th. Appointed elder *Caleb Blood* to superintend the Printing our minutes.

13th. Elder *Blood*, is appointed to draw the circular letter to the churches, for the next year.

14th. The next Association is to be held at elder *Stephen Gano's* Meeting-house in *Hilldale*, *Columbia County*, state of *NEW-YORK*, on the first *Wednesday* in *June* next at 2 o'clock P. M.

Introductory sermon to be preached by Elder *Peter Werden*, and in case of failure by Elder *Justus Hull*.

By order of the Association,

CALEB BLOOD, Moderator;

DAVID RATHBUN, Clerk.