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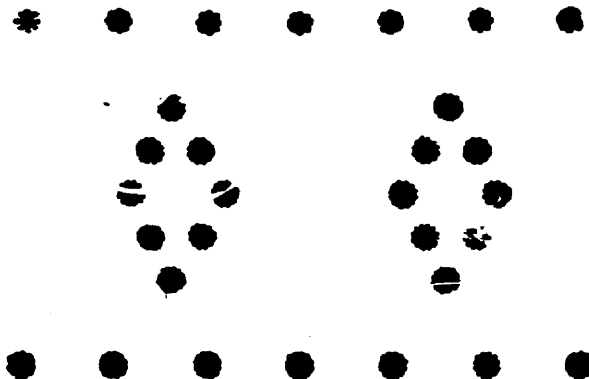
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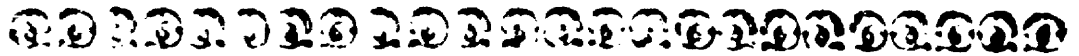
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# MINUTES, &c.

WEDNESDAY, October 6.

At two o'clock, p. m. elder Peter Werden preached the introductory sermon, from Heb. xiii, 2. *Be not forgetful to entertain strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.*

2. Proceeded to business; chose elder Werden moderator, and brother Sylvanus Haynes clerk.

3. letters were received and read from the several churches, and the following accounts taken of those who have been added, dismissed, excluded, or died the year past, and the number in each church.

N. B. Ordained ministers names in italic. Dashes denote no settled ministers.

<i>Churches.</i>	<i>Messengers.</i>	Add.	Dis.	Exc.	Dic.	To.
1	Clarendon, <i>Isaac Beall</i> , Lewis Walker,	4	2	5		38
2	Manchester, <i>Joseph Cornell</i> ,		13	1	1	57
3	Granville, <i>Jordan Dodge</i> , deacons Benjamin Baker, Joshua Corkins, _____	35	1		1	114
4	Middletown, Sylvanus Haynes, Caleb Smith, John Sunderland, _____	3	1	3		32
5	Habarton, Nathaniel Culver, Abner Ashley, _____					23
6	Wallingford, <i>Henry Green</i> , deacon Randle,	8	3		1	62
7	Ira, Reuben Baker, Rufus Bates, _____	4		2		45
8	Orwell, <i>Elzathan Phelps</i> , Eber Murray, Samuel Wheeler,	73	1		1	109
9	Pittsford, Deacon Handy, deacon Preston.	1		2	1	48
10	Brandon, <i>Isaac Webb</i> , Edward Cheney, Thomas Tuttle,	3				67
11	Kingsbury, <i>Hazakiah Eastman</i> , Ezekiel Smith,					93
12	Salem, Joseph Wood, Silas Estee, _____					34
13	Pawlet, Solomon Brown. _____					18

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The three last churches were received the present year.

Adjourned till to-morrow morning nine o'clock.

THURSDAY, *October 7.*

Met pursuant to adjournment.

A sermon was delivered by elder Jordan Dodge, from Psalms cxxxiii, 1. *Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.*

1. Received and read the letters from the different associations, and desired their messengers to take a seat with us, viz. elders Werden and Blood from the Shaftsbury, elders Hebbard and Peak from the Woodstock, and brother Haynes from the Warren.

From the Woodstock association members, we received an extraordinary account of the outpouring of the spirit of God upon the hearts of sinners, causing many, as it is hoped, to believe in Christ, to the salvation of their souls, and sanctification of their lives. This work (as we hear) is north and east from this place.

2. Chose brother Haynes to write a letter to the first church in Westfield, Newyork.

3. Received, read and approved the same, which signified, that the door was open for their reception, if application is made.

4. Chose elder Beal to write a letter to the several sister associations.

5. Received, read and approved the same,

6. Received, read and approved also the circular letter prepared (according to appointment) by elder Beall.

7. Query from Hubbardton church: *How and in what manner ought heads of families to deal with their households in regard to feasting?* Answer, It is the opinion of this association, that such a practice is contrary to the oracles of God, and ought to be restrained

strained by family government ; but the different circumstances attending such practices, renders it difficult to be more particular.

8. Received information from the church in Granville, that they had a messenger with letters from those worthy fathers and brethren in the ministry,\* belonging to the Warren association, who had recommended elder Jordan Dodge, agreeable to our advice the last year ; with a request still for our advice, whether we think the church in Granville may safely proceed and settle elder Dodge as their pastor, without making any further enquiries into the conduct of the church at *Sturbridge* towards him ? It is the opinion of this association, that as the above said church has received their answers from those worthy ministers before mentioned, with their fullest approbation of elder Dodge's character, together with the testimony of worthy councils who have been on the spot, that there is no danger in their receiving him, as a worthy minister in good standing.

9. Elder Werden being necessitated to leave us, on account of previous engagements, elder Blood was chosen to succeed him in moderatorship.

Voted to adjourn till tomorrow morning 9 o'clock.

FRIDAY, *October 8.*

Met according to adjournment ; opened the meeting by prayer ; and proceeded to business.

1. Chose elders Cornell and Dodge as our messengers to the Shaffsbury association ; elder Cornell and brother Haynes to the Warren association ; and in behalf of this association to request and claim in fellowship and correspondence with them ; elders Beall and Green to the Woodstock association ; and to enquire into their faith and order, and if said brethren have

fellowship

\* Doctor Manning, elder Ledwith, Thompson, and Pitman.

fellowship therewith, they are empowered to join in fellowship and correspondence with them.

2. Chose elder Webb to write a circular letter for the next year.

3. Chose brethren Dodge and Haynes to superintend the printing of these minutes.

Agreed on the following supplies for vacant societies.

#### Society in Wells.

Elder Thomas Skeel, last Lord's day in January.

Elder Jordan Dodge, first Lord's day in February.

Elder Isaac Beall, last Lord's day in June. Elder Henry Green, second Lord's day in August.

#### Salem church.

Brother Solomon Brown, first Lord's day in Nov.

Elder Joseph Cornell, third Lord's day in December.

Elder Jordan Dodge, first Lord's day in January.

Elder Henry Green, second Lord's day in June. Elder Isaac Webb, last Lord's day in June.

#### Hubbarton church.

Brother Silvanus Haynes, last Lord's day in Nov.

Elder Henry Green, last Lord's day in December.

Elder Joseph Cornell, third Lord's day in February.

Elder Isaac Webb, first Lord's day in May. Elder Isaac Beall, second Lord's day in May.

4. Voted that this association convene in Orwell, on the first Wednesday in October next, at 2 o'clock p. m.

5. Voted elder Dodge to preach the introductory sermon; in case of failure, elder Beall.

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### CIRCULAR LETTER.

Dear beloved,

**A**LTHOUGH it has not been our former practice of addressing you by a circular letter, yet, considering the melancholy times in which we live, of so many who profess godliness, but deny the *power*, by  
 lives

