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MINUTES

OF THE

Sturbridge Association,

AT WILBRAHAM,

SEPTEMBER THE 25th and 26th, A. D. 1805.

WEDNESDAY, September 25th.

1. **A**T 2 o'clock brother Cornell preached the introductory Sermon from 2. Tim, II. 3.

2. Chose brother Waters Moderator and brother Leonard Clerk.

3. Read the letters from the churches, and took the following accounts.

N. B. The names of ordained ministers in capitals. Ministers with this mark * not present. Licensed Preachers in italics.

<i>Churches.</i>	<i>Elders and Messengers.</i>	<i>Add.</i>	<i>Dis.</i>	<i>Excl.</i>	<i>Di'd.</i>	<i>Num.</i>
Sutton,	SAMUEL WATERS	o.	o.	1.	1.	82.
	Johnathan Holman,					
	Solomon Marble,					
	Moses Putnam,					
Leicester,	* PETER ROGERS,	o.	o.	o.	1.	55.
	David Livermore,					
	David Bryant,					
Charlton,	JAMES BOOMER,	2.	2.	1.	1.	65.
	David Bates,					
	Daniel Bacon,					
Woodstock,	ROBERT STANTON,	o.	4.	o.	o.	38.
	Samuel Crawford,					
	David Howard,					
S. Brimfield,	* ELIJAH CODING,	o.	2.	o.	1.	102.
	John Munger,					

Belcherstown,	SAMUEL BIGELOW, 0.	0.	2.	2.	36.
	JEREMIAH HASKEL, <i>Seth Edson</i>				
Sturbridge,	ZENAS L. LEONARD, 1.	0.	0.	3.	24.
	Samuel Cheever,				
3 Ashford,	* DANIEL BOLTON, 0.	0.	1.	0.	25.
	Ephraim Howard, Benjamin Owen,				
Shutesbury,	JOSEPH SMALLIDGE, 2.	2.	0.	1.	110.
Wilbraham,	SETH CLARK, 0.	0.	0.	0.	228.
	<i>Ezekiel Terry, Seth Clark, Jr. Elisha Cleaveland,</i>				
2 Ashford	JOHN RATHBUN, 0.	0.	0.	2.	52.
	Roswell Brown, William Johnson, Clark Robbins,				
Hardwick,	EBENEZER BURT, 3.	0.	0.	1.	45.
	JACOB WHIPPLE, Moses Winchester, Reuben Cooley,				
Thompson,	PARSON CROSBY, 1.	0.	3.	0.	108.
	Thomas Day, Joel Wakefield,				
2 Woodstock,	AMOS WELLS, 3.	2.	0.	2.	165.
	JAMES GROW, Robert Baxter, William H. Manning,				
1. W. Spring.	JESSE WIGHTMAN, 42.				
	John Porter, Daniel Munger,				
2. W. Spring.	THOMAS RAND, 32.				
	Austin Goodyear,				
2 Wilbraham,	STEPHENS SHEPARD, 75.				
	Israel Bennet, Aaron Chapin, Nathan Pease,				

12. 12. 8. 15. 1433.

The three last churches were added this session.

4. Voted to adjourn till to morrow 10, o'clock A. M. There was preaching in several parts of the town in the evening.

THURSDAY September, 20.

Met according to adjournment.

1. Brother Cornell preached from Matt. 10. 16.

2. With gladness of heart we received brother Cornell a messenger from the Warren Association, and the minutes of last year. (Brother V. W. Rathbun being present was invited to take a seat with us :)—also brother Asa Hobard from the Leyden, with their minutes: also brother Asa Bennett from the Stonington: also brother Stephen Shepard from the Danbury, with their minutes.

3. The circular letter, prepared by brother Crosby, and the corresponding by brother Bolton, were read and approved, (being previously revised by a committee chosen for the purpose.)

4. Query from the Church at South-Brimfield. We desire an explanation of Mark 4. 12. Answer. This question involves a very important point of doctrine (viz) Sovereign grace. We recommend it, as a subject for our next circular letter.

Queries from the Church in Belcherstown.

1. Does this Association fellowship the conduct of a Church in allowing her itinerant ministers to administer the ordinance of the Lord's Supper to congregational Churches? Answer. No.

2. Has a Church a right to a seat in this Association which allows unbaptized persons to commune with them at the Lord's table, or allows their members to commune with unbaptized persons? Answer. No.

3. Has any Church a right to a seat in this Association which has not communed at the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper for the term of three or four years?

Answer. This Association claims no right to inspect particular Churches, with regard to their state, and travel, so long as they conform to the rules of the Association, by representing themselves by messengers and letters annually; and appear to hold the sentiments they professed, when they joined this body.

If one Church is jealous that another Church is deficient in duty, they have a right to enquire into their conduct. And if satisfaction is not obtained they may unite in mutual council. And the result of said council may be presented to the association as a guide to their future conduct toward that Church.

5. Chose brethren Leonard, Wells and Rand to the Warren Association; Wightman, Shepard and Crosby to the Stonington; Smallidge, Ben and Leonard to the Leyden; and Wells to the Danbury.

