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OF THE

STURBRIDGE ASSOCIATION,

HOLDEN AT

STURBRIDGE,

SEPTEMBER 30th, & OCTOBER 1st.

1807.

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# MINUTES, &c.

WEDNESDAY, September 30.

1. AT two o'clock brother Blood preached from 1 John ii, 28.
2. Chose brother Wells moderator and brother Leonard scribe.
3. Read the letters from the Churches, and made the following minutes.

N. B. Names of ordained Ministers in SMALL CAPITALS; Ministers with this mark \* not present.

		Added.	Dism.	Excl.	Died.	Num.
Sutton,	SAMUEL WATERS, Moses Putnam, Rufus Bacon, Caleb Torrey.	1	0	0	0	82
Leicester,	PETER ROGERS, Samuel Green, James Sprague, David Livermore, David Parker, Jacob Bond.	0	0	0	2	51
Charlton,	JAMES BOOMER, Daniel Bacon, jun, Abijah Lamb, David Bates, Robert Fitts,	0	0	0	3	94
1. Woodstock,	BIEL LEDOYT, Samuel Crawford, Penuel Corbin, Samuel Crawford, jun,					
2. Woodstock,	AMOS WELLS, Robert Baxter, Henry Wells, Jeremiah Wheaton.	1	0	0	1	148
South-Brimfield,	ELIJAH CODING, John Munger.	0	1	0	2	123
Belchertown, Sturbridge,	*JEREMIAH HASKELL, ZENAS L. LEONARD, Henry Filke, John Phillips, Stephen Haskell.	3	1	0	0	35 94

		Added.	Dissm.	Excl.	Died.	Rem.
2. Ashford,	*JOHN RATHBUN, Stephen Chapman, William Snell, jun.	8	0	0	1	72
3. Ashford,	William Palmer, David Corbin, Ephraim Hayward.	8	1	0	0	32
Shutesbury,	JOSEPH SMALLIDGE, Ebenezer Lyfcom.	0	10	0	1	95
Wilbraham,	STEPHEN SHEPARD, Israel Bennett, Nathan Knowlton, Aaron Chapin, Bela Bennett.	3	0	3	0	72
Hardwick,	EBENEZER BURT, Seth Willis, Benjamin Rider.	0	1	0	0	53
Thompson,	PARSON CROSBY, Thomas Day, James Brown, Afa Jacobs, Joseph Town, jun.	2	0	2	2	117
1. W. Springfield,	JESSE WIGHTMAN, Daniel Munger.	0	0	0	0	54
2. W. Springfield,	THOMAS RAND, Joseph Howard.	2	0	0	0	40
Westfield,	AZARIAH HANKS. Benjamin Hastings.	-	-	-	-	47
Pomfret,	JAMES GROW, Jeremiah Field, Pardon Kingsley.	-	-	-	-	36
Enfield,	GEORGE ATWELL, David Pease, Aziel Pease.	-	-	-	-	76

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N. B. The three last Churches were added this year.

4. Adjourned till to-morrow morning nine o'clock. Brother Whitman preached in the evening from Isaiah lxiii. 1.

THURSDAY, October 1.

Met according to adjournment.

1. With heart-felt satisfaction, we receive our brethren from Corresponding Associations, viz: SAMUEL ABBOT, from the Warren; minutes from the Leyden; and NATHANIEL COLLE, from the Stonington.

2. Voted to send our Minutes to the Woodstock, Shaftsbury, and Saratoga Associations, to open a correspondence with them in the exchange of Minutes.

3. The Circular letter, prepared by brother Waters, and the corresponding by brother Leonard, were read and accepted.

4. Query from the second Church in Woodstock, "Is baptism a door into the visible Church?" Voted to postpone an answer until the next Association, that there might be opportunity for further consideration upon the subject.

5. The committee, appointed by the Association last year to enquire into the state of the first Church in Wilbraham, reported, "there was not the visibility of a Church there," Voted to accept the report, and drop them from our Minutes.

6. Chose brethren Waters and Rand messengers to the Warren Association;—brethren Ebenezer Lyscom and Rand to the Leyden;—brethren Hanks and Wightman, to the Stonington;—brethren Whitman, Rand, Hanks, Atwell and Shephard, to the Danbury.

7. Chose brother Rand to write the circular letter, and brother Atwell the corresponding, for the next year.

8. Voted to recommend to the Churches composing this Association, a contribution in April next for missionary purposes. Chose brethren Leonard, Waters, Wells, Crosby and Rand, a committee to receive monies contributed, and to lay them out as they may think proper.

9. Chose brethren Waters, Ledoyt and Leonard a committee to visit and enquire into the state and practice of South-Brimfield Church, relative to open communion, and report to the Association next year.

10. Voted that our Association meet next year at Leicester, on the last Wednesday of September, at two o'clock P. M. Brother Atwell to preach the introductory sermon, in case of the failure of brother Burt.

11. Voted that brother Waters superintend the printing of the minutes.

12. Voted to recommend to the Churches to meet on the first Tuesday of every quarter, beginning with the first Tuesday of October 1807, for the purpose of uniting in solemn prayer to the throne of grace, for blessings on Zion and a ruined world.

## CIRCULAR LETTER.

*The STURBRIDGE ASSOCIATION, to the several CHURCHES which we represent,  
wisheseth grace, mercy and peace to be multiplied among you.*

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN;

WE find it difficult, upon this occasion, to address you upon any thing new, as former circular letters have embraced almost every subject.—But since our Lord has enjoined upon all his creatures, the great duty of Love, permit us to address you on *this* subject.—He, who demands our

