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BAPTIST ASSOCIATION :

HELD AT THE

Second Baptist Meeting-House,

IN

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SEPTEMBER 28th & 29th, 1814.



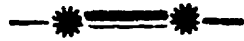
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Wednesday, September 28, 1814.

1. At 10 o'clock, a Sermon was delivered by Brother Joseph Cornell, from Coll. **Q.** 2; after which, had a collection for the widows of deceased Ministers.

2. Chose Brother Zenas L. Leonard, Moderator, and Brother Augustus Bolles, Clerk.

3. Adjourned for half an hour.

4. Met according to adjournment, and after solemn prayer by the Moderator, proceeded to read the letters from the churches, and took the following account of the members added, dismissed, excluded, and deceased the past year, and the present number in each Church.

N. B. The names of ordained ministers, are in SMALL CAPITALS; licensed preachers, in *italics*. Those ministers with this mark *, were not present. Churches not heard from, are distinguished by this †; and vacant Churches by a dash —.

Churches.	Elders and Messengers.	Added,	Disn.	Excl.	Died,	Total.
Sutton,	SAMUEL WATERS,* AMASA SMITH, Solomon Marble, Rufus Bacon, Peter Sibley, Jacob Goodnough.	22		1	4	191
Leicester,	— — — <i>Buckley Waters,</i> David Bryant, Samuel Green, Jona. Cuningham.			1		66
Charleton,	JAMES BOOMER, <i>Job B. Boomer,</i> Daniel Bacon, Lemuel Green.	3			4	52

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1st. Woodstock, ———	Nicholas Branch, Samuel Crawford, Pennuel Corbin, Henry Howard.	1	1			62
2d. Woodstock,	GEORGE ANGEL, William H. Manning, Robert Applen, Ephraim Tucker.	12	9	3	8	114
S. Brimfield,	ELIJAH CIDDING,* Elijah Wales,				1	75
Belchertown,	DAVID PEASE, Thomas Barret.*	6	1	2	3	122
Sturbridge,	ZENAS L. LEONARD, John Miner, Joshua Fisk, Walter Lyon,	1			2	106
2d. Ashford,	————— Benjamin Converse, William Snell,				2	70
3d, Ashford,	————— Ephraim Howard.	2		1		31
Shutesbury,†	JOSEPH SMALLIDGE,					150
Wilbraham,	ALVIN BENNETT, Ebenezer Curtis.	3		1	2	100
and Monson,						
Hardwick,	EBENEZER BURT.					112
Thompson,	PEARSON CRUSBY, Thomas Day, Stephen Crosby.	12				253
Pomfret,	JAMES GROW, Res. 3 Jeremiah Field, Artemas Bunce, Simeon Allen,	25			4	85
Enfield, Long- meadow, & Wilbraham,	EZEKIEL TERRY,				4	137

<i>Churches,</i>	<i>Elders and Messengers.</i>	<i>Adm.</i>	<i>Disin.</i>	<i>Excl.</i>	<i>Dead.</i>	<i>Total.</i>
Killingly,	CALVIN COOPER, Levi Aldrich, Silas Slater, Jr.	32				148
Tolland,	AUGUSTUS BOLLES, Ichabod Hinkley, Jeduthan Cobb.	2	1	2		60
1st. Stafford, †	— — — — —					45
2d. Stafford,	SAMUEL BLOSS, Jr.* Samuel Alden.	2	1		1	38
Dana,	— — — — — Ellis Peackham, Edmond Rogers.			1		50
Shrewsbury } & Boylston, }	LUTHER GODDARD.	14				55
<i>Total,</i>		<i>232,</i>	<i>12,</i>	<i>24,</i>	<i>34,</i>	<i>1937</i>

Voted, That ministering brethren present, who are not members of the Association, be invited to take a seat, and act with us

5 Called for the Minutes and Messengers, from corresponding Associations, and received as follows:—

<i>Associations.</i>	<i>Letter & Minutes.</i>	<i>Messengers.</i>
Warren,	Letter and Minutes,	Wm. Bentley.
Stonington,	do. do.	— — — — —
Hartford,	do. do.	— — — — —
Westfield,	do. do.	— — — — —
Boston,	— — — — —	— — — — —
Leyden,	Letter and Minutes,	Jacob Bachelder.

6 Chose Messengers to corresponding Associations, as follows:—

To the Warren, Brethren Pease and Branch.
Stonington, Brethren Grow, Terry, Bennett, & Bolles.
Leyden, Brother Jacob Bachelder.
Westfield, Brother Terry.
Hartford, Brother Bolles.
Boston, Brother Smith, Cooper, and Putnam.

7. *Voted*, That Brother Pease be appointed to write the Circular, and Brother Angel the corresponding letter, for next year

8. *Voted*, That the next Association be held with the Church in Belchertown on the last Wednesday of September next at 10 o'clock, A.M

9 *Voted*, That Brother Angel be appointed to preach the introductory Sermon, and Brother Leonard in case of failure.

10. *Voted*, To hold prayer meetings in the several churches, on the first Tuesday of October next, and so, quarterly, through the year, at 1 o'clock, P. M. on each day.

Query, from the church in Sutton What is proper to be done, in the case of members removed to so great a distance, that we hear not from them in many years! In answer to this query it was—

11 *Voted*, That we advise the churches not to return them to the Association, as a part of their members, but still to retain their names in the roll of the church, and make a diligent search after them, to do with them as the case may require, when found out.

12. *Voted*, That Brother Bolles, Bennet, and Pease, be a committee to superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes.

13. Adjourned till tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock. Closed with prayer by Brother Goddard.—Preaching in various places, in the vicinity, this evening.

September 29th.

Met according to adjournment—Prayer introductory to business, by Brother Boomer.

14. The Circular Letter, prepared by Brother Burt, was read and accepted.

15. The Corresponding Letter, prepared by Brother Bolles, was read and accepted.

16 *Voted*, That Brethren Pease and Crawford, be a committee, to distribute money to widows of deceased ministers.

Received and read a Letter from Brother Luther Rice, on the subject of Foreign Missions : whereupon it was,

17. *Voted*. That we cordially approve of the design of the Baptist Board of Foreign Missions, and with plea-