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MINUTES,

OF THE

VERMONT BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HOLD IN THE

BAPTIST MEETING-HOUSE

IN

ADDISON,

OCTOBER 1 & 2, 1817.

WITH THE

CIRCULAR AND CORRESPONDING

LETTER.



**MIDDLEBURY, VT.
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MINUTES &c.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1817.

1. At 10 o'clock, A. M. Elder SYLVANUS HAYNES preached the introductory Sermon, from 2 Sam. xxiv. 24, which was not only appropriate to the object of the Association, but also to the dedication of the new Meeting-House in Addison.—It was a good sermon.

2. Made choice of Brother Kendrick, moderator, and Brother Rowley, clerk: then adjourned till 1 o'clock, P. M.

Met according to adjournment, and opened with prayer by Elder Green.

3. Messengers from Corresponding Associations were invited to sit with us.

4. The letters from the churches were read. The following is an account of their messengers, alterations and present numbers.

N. B. The names of ordained ministers are in SMALL CAPITALS; licentiates in *italics*. Ministers marked thus (*) were not present; from churches marked thus (†) we had no information this year, and have given their numbers as when last represented. Vacant churches are distinguished by a dash (—).

CHURCHES.	MESSENGERS.	Add. by Rep.	Add. by Let.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.
Hubbardton,	{ JOSEPH W. SAWYER, Seth St. John,	47	10	0	1	0	88
Brandon,	{ Dea. Jon. Meriam, John Conant, Isaac Meriam,	58	5	8	0	0	147
Whiting,	{ JOHN STEARNS, Salmon Foster, Alanson A. Peck,	1	0	2	0	1	35
Pittsford,	{ WM. HERRINGTON, Arza Lee,	4	8	7	0	0	129

Roulety,	{ CLARK KENDRICK, Dea. Elijah D. Webster, Elisha Ashley,	99	6	6	1	3	169
Monkton,	{ Edward W. Martin, Nathan Douglass, Robinson Mumford,	9	6	11	0	0	46
Rupert,	{ W. P. REYNOLDS, Jesse Shaw, Jonathan Jennings,	53	10	2	4	0	157
Middleton,	{ SYLVANUS HAINES, Levi King,	53	1	3	2	5	230
Bridport,	{ HENRY CHAMBERLIN, Dea. Caleb Smith, Levi Baldwin, Jun.	13	1	6	2	0	86
Cornwall,	{ HENRY GREEN, Dea. Ezra Allen, Dea. Pain Converse,	11	3	0	2	0	183
Bristol,	Amos Stearns,	2	0	2	2	1	44
Charlotte,	{ JOHN HOWARD, Stokely Wescoat, Elijah Gray,	10	3	1	0	1	43
Granville,	{ SANCEL ROWLEY, Ransom Hervey,	69	11	2	4	0	261
Dorset,	A Letter,	12	2	0	0	0	31
Orwell,	{ Dea. Eber Murry, Myron G. Peck,	5	1	4	2	3	73
Hinesburgh,	{ Dea. Asa Moon, Edmond Baldwin, Lyman Beecher,	44	5	0	0	0	69
Middlebury,	{ William H. Barnes, Hiram Langdon,	21	4	2	0	4	79
Storeham,	{ JOHN SPALDING, David Wilcox, Hopkins Rowley,	26	10	2	4	2	115
Benson,	{ No messenger named in their Letter.	7	1	7	0	0	62
Ira,	{ WM. M'CELLER,* Dea. Hez. Horton,	63	2	0	1	2	208
Panton,	{ JEREMY H. DWYER, Silas Pond, Jesse Grandy,	10	3	4	3	0	75
Addison,	{ ABEL WOODS, Dea. Rufus Smith, Levi Hanks,	93	13	0	0	0	174
West Clarendon,†							43
West-Haven,	{ ISAAC SAWYER, Azal Cone,	21	5	1	0	0	38
Hampton,	{ ELIHU MILLER,* Dea. Ransom Harlow,	40					113
Ferrisburgh,	{ EPHRAIM BUTLER, Benjamin Carpenter, Ashbel Fuller,	82		7			102
New-Haven & Weybridge.	{ Dea. Daniel Bennet, Amos Marsh,						31
27 Churches, 17 ordained ministers, 3 licentiates.		266	107	76	28	22	2849

The four last mentioned Churches joined this year.

5. The Circular and Corresponding Letter, prepared by brother Herinton, were read and referred to a committee for examination.

6. Read the Corresponding Letter of the Boston Association, recommending that exertions be made to promote the education of pious Brethren actually in, or about to enter the ministry. Referred the subject to the missionary board as a committee. Adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. There was preaching in the evening in different parts of the vicinity.

Thursday Morning, Oct. 2.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by brother Herinton.

7. Read communications from corresponding Associations.

Associations.

Messengers.

Warren,	Letter,	JONATHAN GOING.
Woodstock,	Letter and Minutes,	
Shaftsbury,		DANIEL TINKHAM.
Leydon,	Letter and Minutes,	
Fairfield,	Letter and Minutes,	
Essex,	Letter and Minutes,	
Saratoga,	Letter and Minutes,	
Black River,	No account,	
Boston,	Letter,	JONATHAN GOING.
Danville,	No account,	
Otsego,	Letter and Minutes.	

8. Voted to open a correspondence with the Hudson River Association, and appointed Brethren S. Rowley and C. Kendrick, messengers for that purpose.

9. The Circular and Corresponding Letter recommended by the committee, was adopted.

10. The committee on the education of young men for the ministry, reported that they cordially approve the general object and recommend that a committee be appointed to devise and mature some eligible place for carrying into effect the contemplated object: And whereas there are among us, several brethren, who eminently need some assistance in prosecuting their studies: Resolved, That subscriptions be opened the present year in the churches, for their benefit; and

that a committee be appointed to superintend the appropriation of such money as may be so raised.

Voted, to accept the report, and appointed Elders Kendrick, Green, Rowley, Haynes, and Isaac Sawyer, for the above purposes.

11. Read and accepted the report of the Board of Directors on Domestic Missions.—The following is an extract :

Brother Clark Kendrick made acceptable returns of his mission of six weeks, to the Scroon.

Brother Isaac Sawyer gave a very satisfactory account of his tour of eight weeks to the St. Lawrence.

Brother Joseph W. Sawyer received an appointment last February, and performed a successful tour of 3 1-2 weeks to the St. Lawrence.

Brother Starkweather has not made any returns, and brethren N. Kendrick and H. Green, have not performed their tours.—For the year to come, we have appointed brother Samuel Rowley on a tour of six or eight weeks to the St. Lawrence; and brother John Spalding six weeks to the north part of Vermont.

There were in the treasury Oct. 1816,	\$ 137 99
Rec'd in contributions to Missionaries	14 25
Amounting in all, to	152 24
Paid out to our Missionaries,	87 50
Discounted by error in the settlement with the former treasurer,	16 50
Leaving a balance of	48 24
Received of the Churches this year,	49 98
Contribution in Addison, this year,	17 50
Total in the Treasury,	115 72

By order, HENRY GREEN, President.

SAMUEL ROWLEY, Secretary.

Addison, October 2, 1817.

12. Report of the Board of Directors on Foreign Missions.—October 3, 1816 —

Then in funds,	238 55
Interest on Cash in funds,	16 31
Paid by agents and donations, this year,	174 95
In all.	<u>429 81</u>

Appropriated for foreign Missions, by vote of the Board this year,	100 00
Loss in Glass factory money,	4 00
Balance in the hands of our Treasurer,	325 81
October 2, 1817.	

HENRY GREEN, President.

SAMUEL ROWLEY, Secretary.

The Board of Directors hold their next meeting at Elder Kendrick's in Poultney, on Tuesday preceding the first Wednesday in October next, 6 o'clock P. M.

13. Appointed Messengers to Corresponding Associations.

Warren, JONATHAN GOING, & CLARK KENDRICK; Woodstock, SYLVANUS HAYNES, & W. M. HERINTON; Leyden, to forward our minutes; Fairfield I. W. SAWYER, BUTLER, & STEARNS; Essex, WOODS, DWYRE, & I. W. SAWYER; Saratoga, REYNOLDS, ROWLEY, HERINTON, & HAYNES; Black River, *Edward W. Martin*; Boston, KENDRICK, GOING, & John Conant; Danville, EPHRAIM BUTLER; Otsego, W. M. HERINTON; Shaftsbury, KENDRICK, I. W. SAWYER, & Elisha Ashley.

14. Appointed JOHN SPALDING to write the Circular and Corresponding Letter for next year.

15. Voted to hold the Association next year in Poultney, the first Wednesday in October, 10 o'clock A. M. Brother Woods to preach the introductory Sermon; in case of failure Brother Green. Elder Going then preached a good sermon at the close, from 1st Cor. ii. 2.

Monies contributed for Domestic Missions.

By the church & congregation in Bradon,	\$ 3 67
do. Pittsford,	4 50
do. Poultney,	9 72
do. Monkton,	2 98
do. Cornwall,	5 00
do. Charlotte,	2 50
do. Granville,	5 00

do	Shoreham,	3	23
do.	Benson,	1	83
do.	Panton,	2	00
do.	Addison,	6	98
do.	Westhaven,	1	32
By Brother Barns,	Middlebury,	1	00
Lemuel Phelps,	New-Haven,		25

Monies raised for Foreign Missions.

Brother St. John,	\$ 1 00	Dea. Flowers,	\$ 1 00
John Conant,	1 00	Lemuel Phelps,	1 00
In Brandon,	2 75	Dea. Lewis,	1 00
Whiting,	4 00	Elder Marsh,	1 69
Poultney,	5 50	Elder Isaac Sawyer,	1 00
Corwall,	11 25	Dea. Eber Murry,	1 50
Granville,	15 00	Rev. R. Mears, agent,	5 92
Orwell,	4 25	Mr. Chase, agent,	3 00
Hinesburgh,	2 00	Rev. R. Mears, dona.	1 00
Benson,	1 82	Judge Farnsworth,	6 50
Hampton,	4 33	Middletown,	4 00
Addison,	9 00	P. W. Reynolds,	1 00
Pittsford,	7 00	Doct. Peck,	1 00
Nat. Kendrick,	8 25		
Brandon female Mite Society,		\$ 14 45	
Bridport female Mite Society,		6 65	
Granville female Mite Society,		8 00	
Shoreham female Cent Society,		12 00	
Panton female Mite Society,		15 22	
Orwell do.		8 87	



TO THE VERMONT BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

RESPECTED BRETHREN,--At the meeting of the Convention of the Baptist Board for Foreign Missions, the following resolution was unanimously passed.

“That the thanks of this Convention be presented to the Associations, Societies and Churches that have

contributed to the funds of the Institution, with a view of aiding in the diffusion of the knowledge of the Lord Jesus. The Corresponding Secretary is requested to communicate to them this resolve, accompanied with the hope and persuasion that they will continue to abound in the service."

With the liveliest satisfaction this Resolution is offered for your affectionate acceptance. The Report of the Convention and Board, now in the press, will be forwarded as early as practicable. Your zeal and piety will provide the earliest and most efficient channels for its circulation.

Among the articles which the Report will more particularly exhibit, you will be gratified to learn, that the meeting of the Convention has been distinguished by an uninterrupted and exalted harmony, by the fervor of prayer, and jealousy for the Lord of the church.

Our sister Wine, who accompanied brother Hough and family to India, is married to Rev. Mr. Rowe of the Serampore mission, and is settled at Digah, nearly 400 miles up the river Ganges, where she superintends a growing and important female seminary. Brother Hough and family have arrived at Rangoon, to the joy of brother and sister Judson. Two additional young missionaries from New England, have been appointed to go out and join them. Brother Ranaldson has been chosen a missionary to officiate in New-Orleans and its vicinity, and brethren Peck and Welch to commence a western mission to be extended as providence shall direct, to the Indian tribes. Its commencement will be at or near St. Louis, on the western banks of the Mississippi. Brother Rice has requested the sentiment of the convention as to the propriety of his sailing immediately for India. The opinion was unanimous and decided, that owing to the high importance of his services, he ought to remain longer in the United States.

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Should he visit you, you will, I am convinced, receive him as a brother beloved for the Saviour's sake.

Relying on the "God of our salvation" for ultimate success, who is "the confidence of all the ends of the earth and of them that are afar off *beyond* the sea,"

I am your brother and servant,

WM. STAUGHTON,

Corresponding Secretary of the Board.

PHILADELPHIA, May 23, 1817.



CIRCULAR AND CORRESPONDING LETTER.

*The Vermont Association to the Churches we represent,
and the Associations with whom we correspond.*

DEARLY BELOVED IN THE LORD,

It is with emotions of joy, that we are once more permitted to address you in a Circular and Corresponding Letter. Various subjects have occupied our letters for a number of years past. Some of them, we humbly trust, have been instructing, and others comforting to the saints of God.

In this, we will turn your attention to the prosperity of the Redeemer's kingdom in the world. Great exertions have recently been made for the spreading of the gospel light in the dark and benighted corners of the earth: And we trust that these exertions have been blessed of the Lord to this glorious end—Missionary and Bible Societies have been formed in Europe and America; the former to send able ministers of the new testament, and the latter to send the holy scriptures to the kingdoms of the earth in their own language. In Europe and America, the bible is read, and the gospel is preached to the inhabitants in their mother tongue.

In Asia and Africa the scriptures are in translation, and the word of life is communicated to them in the

languages of the east. God hath so wonderfully crowned the exertions of our European brethren, that through their instrumentality, the holy scriptures are read, and the gospel trumpet is sounding even amongst those that for many centuries have sat in the region and shadow of death; and many are rallying round the standard of the cross.

In America bibles are put into the hands of many without money and without price, and the gospel is freely preached to those that have not ability to purchase the former, nor support the latter. And from the consideration that about ten thousand have been added to the several associations in the United States the year past, and in the county of Washington, in the state of New-York, there has been about two thousand added to the Baptist churches: and from the refreshing showers of divine grace, that many churches in this association have experienced, we are ready to exclaim what hath the Lord wrought?

There has been added to the churches composing this association, by Baptism, the year past, eight hundred and sixty one.

The limits of a short letter, will not admit of our entering into a detailed account of the glorious things which God hath done through the name of his holy child Jesus, in the northern climes. Yet we humbly trust and firmly believe, that all the glorious things spoken in the scripture of the city of God will be accomplished: And being thus confident, we feel disposed to be found workers together with God.

We are desirous to maintain our correspondence with our sister associations, having often been refreshed by their letters and messengers.

And now, dear brethren, we commend you to God, and the word of his grace, that is able to keep you and us through faith unto salvation, ready to be revealed at the last time.

Our present session has been harmonious and interesting. A spirit generally prevails to promote

the public concerns of the gospel, in the education of young men for the ministry, in the circulation of the scriptures, and in aiding the great object of missions.

May the blessings of heaven attend all the pious labors of the children of God, to promote his kingdom.

By order of the Association,

CLARK KENDRICK, Moderator.

SAMUEL ROWLEY, Clerk.