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D A N B U R Y B A P T I S T
A S S O C I A T I O N,
H O L D E N A T S U F F I E L D,
S E P T. 17th, and 18th, 1794.

I. The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder CALVIN HULBERT,
from Ephesians, ii. 8.

Elder SETH HIGBY was chosen Moderator; Elder STEPHEN ROYCE
Clerk.

III. Letters from the several Churches were read, and the following List
taken.

N. B. Ministers names in capitals; from Churches marked with a dash, we
received no Letters. Dashes denote no settled Minister.

CHURCHES.

MINISTERS, &c.

		Added.	Dismissed.	Excomm.	Died.	Number.
SUFFIELD,	{ JOHN HASTINGS,	2	—	2	1	106
	{ Ephraim Robins,					
	{ Judah Phelps,					
	{ Joshua Leavitt, Daniel Better.					
WESTFIELD,	{ Israel Dewey,	—	—	—	—	85
	{ Jonathan Hays.					
1st DANBURY, † 2d DANBURY,	DANIEL WILDMAN.	—	—	—	—	51
	{ Joseph Kellogg,	2	—	—	1	50
CANAAN,	{ Joseph Wadsworth,	—	—	—	—	29
	{ Joel Cows.					
	{					
1st WALLINGFORD,	{ Jeduthun Higby,	1	2	—	—	26
	{ John Hall.					
2d WALLINGFORD,	{ ASHBEL HOSMER,	3	2	—	1	29
	{ Caleb Todd.					
TERRINGTON,	{ CALVIN HULBERT,	—	—	1	1	44
	{ Ebenezer Hawley,					
	{ Daniel Griffith.					
LITCHFIELD,	{ AMOS TUTTLE,	10	—	—	1	26
	{ Joel Flumston,					
	{ Jonathan Woodworth.					
STRATFIELD,	{ STEPHEN ROYCE,	7	7	1	—	138
	{ Robert Wilson,					
	{ David Treadwell.					
TORRINGTON, †		—	—	—	—	50
ROMBURY,	{					32
	{ Isaac Fuller.	3	8	—	—	
WARREN, †		—	—	—	—	41
AMENIA-TOWN,	ELIJAH WOOD.	1	—	—	1	23
WATERTOWN,	{ Amos Brockitt,	—	—	—	—	28
	{ Adin Todd.					
NEW-HARTFORD,	{ EPAPHRAS THOMPSON,	10	—	—	—	74
	{ John Lewis,					
	{ Zechariah Watson,					
	{ Aaron Merrill.					
	Carried forward,	39	10	4	6	822

CHURCHES.

MINISTERS, &c.

		Added.	Dismissed.	Excomm.	Died.	Number.
	Erought forward,	39	19	4	6	832
NEW-MILFORD, †	_____	1	—	—	—	33
SHARON,	{ Hezekiah Carter, Ebenezer Hanchit.	4	—	—	—	42
SIMSBURY,	{ _____ Jared Mills	—	—	—	—	—
COLEBROCK,	— BABCOCK.	—	—	—	—	25
2d SANDSFIELD,	{ BENJAMIN BALDWIN, Jonah Bradley.	—	—	—	—	60
PAULINGSTOWN,	{ SETH HIGBY, Benjamin Allis.	—	—	—	—	36
EAST-HARTFORD,	{ STEPHEN SHEPARD, Daniel Swetland, Parmer Lad, Isaac Bellows.	—	—	—	—	57
		44	19	4	6	1071

N. B. The Church, known by the name of The first Baptist Church in Waterbury, is now called The Baptist Church in Litchfield; likewise that called The Baptist Church in South-Britain, is called The Baptist Church in Roxbury: also, the four last mentioned Churches were cordially received into this Association, at our present Session.

Voted, That the Elders and Messengers present from other Associations, be invited to sit with us in council.

IVth. Received a letter and minutes from the Shaftsbury Association, by Elders Gray and Vining; also a letter and minutes from the New-York Association; likewise a letter and minutes from the Stonington, by Elder Rathbun and brother Gallup.

Vth. Elder Wildman, according to appointment, brought forward the Circular Letter, which was read and referred to a committee for revival.

VIth. Appointed Elder Hofner to write to the Stonington, brother Robins to the New-York, and brother Mills to the Shaftsbury Associations.

Adjourned till 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, 8 o'Clock, A. M. Met, according to adjournment.

Meeting opened, and a sermon delivered by Elder Sam. Whelpley, from John i. 17

VII. The Circular Letter written by Elder Daniel Wildman, and examined by the committee, was by vote received.

VIII. Elder Hofner's letter to the Stonington, brother Robins's to the New-York and brother Mills's to the Shaftsbury Associations, were read and approved.

IX. Appointed as messengers from this Association, Elders Thompson and Babcock to Stonington, Elders Higby and Baldwin to Shaftsbury, and Elders Wildman and Royce to New-York Associations.

X. Appointed Elder Royce to write the Circular Letter for the ensuing Year.

XI. Appointed Elder Hofner to write our Corresponding Letter to the Shafisbury Association, Elder Wildman to the Stonington, and brother Robins to the New-York, against our next annual meeting.

XII. Appointed Elder Wildman to superintend the printing of the Minutes.

XIII. SUPPLIES for destitute CHURCHES.

Simsbury, Brother Tuttle,	last Lord's Day in October,	
Hulbert,	2d do.	May,
Hastings,	2d do.	June,
Hofner,	2d do.	October,
Shepard,	2d do.	December,
Thompson,	2d do.	January,
Winchel,	2d do.	February.
Watertown, Brother Tuttle,	3 rd do.	November,
Thompson,	2d do.	do.
Hofner,	2d do.	December,
Shepard,	1st do.	July.
Westfield, Brother Babcock,	1st do.	June,
Baldwin,	2d do.	February,
Ealdwin,	1st do.	July,
Shepard,	1st do.	February,
Hastings,	2d do.	November.
Roxbury, Brother Wildman,	2d do.	October,
Tuttle,	1st do.	January,
Thompson,	1st do.	June,
Hofner,	2d do.	do.
Sharon, Brother Wood,	1st do.	January,
Babcock,	last do.	February,
Higby,	last do.	May,
Tuttle,	1st do.	do.
Hofner,	2d do.	August,
Hastings,	1st do.	before Association.
Canaan, Brother Wood,	1st do.	May,
Wood,	1st do.	September.

XIV. Voted, That our next Association be holden at Dover, in Elder Higby's Meeting-House.

XV. Appointed Elder Hastings to preach the Introductory Sermon ;—in case of failure, Elder Royce.

XVI. We recommend it to the Churches in our connection, not to receive any man as a preacher of the Gospel, unless he is regularly recommended as a member in good standing, in some Church, and has the approbation of said Church as a Preacher.



C I R C U L A R L E T T E R.

The Elders, and Messengers which compose the Danbury Association, met in Suffield, Sept. 17th and 18th, to the Churches they represent, send Greeting.

DEAR BRETHREN.

IT hath pleased the great head of the Church, to permit us once more to meet at the time, and place appointed. And now at the close of our meeting, we rejoice that we are able to inform you, that we met together in peace, and that brotherly love and union have attended us, in all matters which came before us.

It affords us great pleasure, to hear by letters from our Churches, that harmony still prevails so generally among them, and that in some places, God is carrying on his work, and adding to the Church, such as shall be loved. For further particulars we refer you to our minutes.

And now brethren, since it becomes us as Christians, to manifest our allegiance to our Divine Sovereign, by keeping all his commandments, and following him in his examples, that we may declare his glory, engage others by our good works to do the same and enjoy the comforts of religion ourselves; permit us to call your attention particularly, to that important duty enjoined on us, in St. Paul's exhortation to the Ephesians, Chapt. 6, verse 18, *Praying always, with all prayer, and supplication in the spirit.*

That it is the duty of all men to pray, no one can deny who attends to the sacred oracles. But it is the peculiar privilege of God's people, as well as a duty they owe to him, to address him by prayer. To this end he declares that *his ears are open to the prayers of the righteous, and attentive to their cry.* From the exhortation we learn, that prayer is the duty of all christians; that they are constantly to practice it, that they are to ask for every thing they need, that they are to perform it in all appointed ways, so far as they have received the gift; and that it may be performed acceptably, it is to be done in godly sincerity through the assistance of the holy spirit.

We are taught in the scriptures to pray for all men, and religion doubtless leads us to desire the happiness of our fellow creatures, as well as of ourselves. From this divine direction, we have an unquestionable warrant to pray, not only for civil rulers, that we may be favored with the quiet and peaceable enjoyment of our rights, but also for the everlasting salvation of sinners. Our Savior has set us the example, by praying for his murderers. Stephen the martyr did the same; and Paul's earnest desire and prayer to God for Israel after the flesh was, that they might be saved: it is likewise said of Zion, that when *she travailed she brought forth her children;* and we may expect that God will still carry on his work in this way.

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